

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 4th March 2019 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, B. Heydon, D. Long, P. Long, and W.M. Wood

13 members of the public were also present.

**19.22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: J. Fulham and C. Moore.

**19.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on behalf of Cllrs: J. DeAsha, B. Grunewald, D. Long & P. Long – Borough Councillors in relation to planning and contract matters; and D. Long, P. Long and W. Wood as residents of The Meadows.

**19.24 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2019**

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**19.25 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT**

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted.

**19.26 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT**

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted.

**19.27 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was resolved to note the following actions taken in relation to planning applications:

The following applications were left to neighbourhood consultation and no additional comments submitted:

P/2019/0009 - 92 St James Road, removal of condition 10 and variation of condition 2 to update design elevations on approval P/2015/0902/FUL

P/2019/0011 - Briars Hey Residential Home, Mill Lane, erection of a 2m high profiled, rigid mesh fence and access gates within the grounds of Crossley Manor.

P/2019/0012 - Briars Hey Residential Home, Mill Lane, Listed Building Consent for above.

P/2019/0027 - Valluga, Old Lane, Variation of Condition 2 on approval P/2018/0683/FUL to increase the size of the first floor windows along with rendering of gable walls.

P/2019/0028 - 100A Blundells Lane, retention of boundary fence to front elevation adjacent to highway.

P/2019/0039 - 55 Old Lane, erection of new boundary wall with railings and gates.

P/2019/0051 - 517 Warrington Road, works to multiple trees in a Conservation area.

P/2019/0052 - 21 Old Lane, single storey side extension.

P/2019/0053 - Victoria Gardens, Victoria Terrace, single storey rear extension.

P/2019/0058 - 7 Kirkman Fold, demolition of existing garage and conservatory and erection of a part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension.

P/2019/0068 - Deans House Farm, Blundells Lane, Listed Building Consent for the replacement of various windows and doors.

P/2019/0076 - 324 Warrington Road, works to tree covered by a tree preservation order to fell one weeping willow (TPO 75)

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P/2019/0086 - 39 The Meadows, single storey side/rear extension; single storey rear extension; two storey front extension; erection of rear dormers along with raising of ridge height to facilitate loft conversion.

P/2019/0093 - 2 Sherman Drive, single storey side and rear extension.

P/2019/0095 - 40 Old Lane, single storey rear extension projecting 4m from the rear, 4m high overall, and 2.4m to the eaves.

P/2019/0131 - Land In Rainhill Village, erection of 6 heritage plaques.

P/2019/0143 P And S Self-drive Station Road, Change of use to funeral directors.

P/2019/0148 566 Warrington Road, Demolition of existing two storey rear extension and the erection of new two storey rear extension.

An objection had been submitted to the following applications:

P/2019/0118 - 3 Fairlie Drive, first floor infill extension to the front elevation, extension to front porch, single storey rear extension and dormer window to the rear

P/2019/0122 - 411 Warrington Road, resubmission of P/2018/0877 for the erection of a part two storey, part single storey side extension.

**19.28 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was resolved that the following items were approved for payment:

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
Direct Fire & Protection	Electricity Testing at 4F Centre	212.40	TFR351
G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month	16.48	
	Clerk's Salary - March	1159.85	
	Home Office Allowance	1008.00	
	Posters for Rocket 190	40.00	
	Flyers for Rocket 190	15.00	
	Photocopying	10.00	
	Mouse	13.99	
	Posters & Flyers for Rocket 190	50.00	
	GCA Buffet (see below)	90.57	
	Plan Fee	36.54	
	Planning App	231.00	
		2671.43	TFR352
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Mar	325.57	TFR353
HMRC	Tax & NI (Jan - Mar)	778.62	TFR354
Rainhill Village Hall - ABM	Alarm Maintenance	598.94	
Rainhill Village Hall	Contribution	2672.87	
		3271.81	TFR355
Paul Welsh	Carpet Tiles at 4F Centre (Main Hall)	1349.10	TFR356
St Helens Council	Grounds Maintenance – Eco Garden	479.90	TFR358
SLCC	Annual Subscription	156.00	TFR359
Darwin Electrical Services	Lighting at 4F Centre	2376.00	TFR360
Paul Welsh	Carpet Tiles at 4F Centre (Toilets)	797.00	TFR361
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	22.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
<b>April Scheduled Payments</b>			
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Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
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Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
St Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground	0.50	TFR362
St Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground	0.50	TFR363
St Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens	1.00	TFR364
St Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park	4.00	TFR365
LDS Ltd	Annual Report Distribution	600.00	TFR366
EWS Colour Print	Design & Printing of Annual Report	1695.00	TFR367
EWS Colour Print	Printing of 800 flyers	32.00	TFR367
<b>S.137 Payments</b>			
CPRE	Donation	25.00	TFR357
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	TFR357
J&C Catering	Catering for GCA	138.00	083
G Pinder	GCA Buffet	90.57	TFR352

**19.29 TO CONSIDER THE ST.HELENS LOCAL PLAN 2020-2035 SUBMISSION VERSION**

Resolved that the Clerk prepare a letter of representation indicating that whilst no additional development was proposed in Rainhill before 2035, if in a future review of the plan, the safeguarded land at Eccleston Park Golf Course were brought forward for development the concerns previously raised should be taken into consideration.

**19.30 TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF CPRE**

Resolved that membership of CPRE be renewed and payment authorised.

**19.31 TO CONSIDER THE CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP OF SLCC**

Resolved that the Clerk's membership of SLCC be renewed for a further year, and payment of the subscription be authorised.

**19.32 TO APPROVE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO NALC/ LALC**

Resolved that the annual subscription to NALC/LALC be authorised.  
 Authority be delegated to the Clerk and two Councillors to pay the NALC/LALC annual subscription subject to it being within 5% of £1176.00 or less.

**19.33 TO CONSIDER PLANTING THE BARRIER BASKETS FOR THE 2019/20 SEASON**

Resolved that planting of the 13 barrier baskets be approved for the 2019/20 season.

**19.34 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO DIG BOREHOLES AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

Resolved that retrospective permission for borehole tests on Albert Fellowes Park be granted and a copy of the agronomist's report be requested.

**19.35 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ROCKET 190 GROUP AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE ON PUBLICITY**

Resolved to note the actions taken and authorise the additional costs associated with publicity of the Rocket 190 event. Authority to incur additional expenditure up to £5,000 to meet costs associated with the event was delegated to Executive Committee and the Clerk.

**19.36 TO CONSIDER AUTHORISING ADDITIONAL COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES**

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Resolved that an additional plaques be funded from Parish Council resources for erection in Houghton Street taking the total to five.

**19.37 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Resolved that the complaints detailed in the agenda report be noted and:

Cllr S. Glover had investigated the possibility of a dog exercise area and had visited a similar facility in Halton. Together with identifying an area specifically for dog exercise, Halton Council had at the same time introduced byelaws across the whole borough to prohibit unrestricted dog exercise everywhere else. The initiative in Halton had been funded by Heritage Lottery money. The benefits of introducing such a scheme were appreciated but it would require a borough wide initiative with appropriate enforcement. The Parish Council would not have sufficient finance to fund such a scheme as a more comprehensive approach was required. The Clerk was instructed to write to St Helens MBC outlining the policies of Halton MBC regarding dogs and requesting that St Helens MBC considering the mirroring of these policies for our borough.

A request for new play equipment at Albert Fellowes Park was supported and it was resolved that authority be delegated to Executive Committee to consider a costed scheme for the replacement of two pieces of play equipment at Albert Fellowes Park.

A response had been received from Marie Rimmer MP in relation to a complaint regarding the broadband speeds in Rainhill. Openreach had confirmed that funding was not available to upgrade cabinet 13.

**19.38 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:


- Public Open Spaces: Cllr S. Glover reported that a presentation had taken place to the winner of the Eco Garden photography competition. The Eco Group were making every effort to ensure the garden was looking its best during the forthcoming Rocket 190 event. An inspection of all open spaces would be organised in early summer.
- Village Hall Management Committee: no report
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr W. Wood reported that the scheduled meeting had been cancelled.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr W. Wood reported that contact had been re-established and a meeting would be held on 6.3.19. The Parish Council were allowed to send three delegates one of which could be the Clerk.
- Rainhill Gala: Cllr B. Grunewald had been unable to attend the most recent meeting.
- 4F Centre: Cllr J. DeAsha reported that the Centre had undertaken a number of improvements which had been well received. Thanks were expressed for the hard work of the volunteers and thanks had been passed back to the Parish Council for funding the improvements.

**19.39 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019, in the Teak Room at Rainhill Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

Resolved that Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall and the that next ordinary meeting will immediately follow the APCM.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

  
Chair of the Parish Council  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2019