

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
29th JULY 2019

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 29th July 2019 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: I. Brown, A. Daniels, D. Greaves, D. Hendrick, A. Howitt, A. Larner, M. Rothwell, J. Tasker, W. Williams.

2 members of the public were present.

19.75 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: G. Barker, G. Roberts, S. Roscoe, K. Stevenson-Black, and G Ward.

19.76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

19.77 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 17th JUNE 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th June 2019 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

19.78 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. However, Cllr Greaves acknowledged that this was not a true reflection of the incidents occurring, as residents were unable to report all incidents.

19.79 CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted. It was requested that the Merchant Navy Day ceremony also include remembrance of Latour-en-Woëvre.

19.80 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/2019/0431 Cladding of existing building to cover render, Rainhill Guide House, Old Lane.

P/2019/0468 Single story rear extension, 5 Allendale Avenue.

P/2019/0470 Single storey rear extension projecting 6m from the rear, 4m high overall, and 2.4m to the eaves, 391 Warrington Road.

P/2019/0486 Listed building consent for replacement windows, Deans House Farm, Blundells Lane.

P/2019/0490 Single storey rear extension, 34, St Winifred Road.

P/2019/0505 Single storey extension to side and rear elevation, 28 Knowsley Road.

An objection had been submitted to the following applications:

P/2019/0442 Works to crown lift 3no trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order, 20 Owen Road.

P/2019/0472 Single storey rear extension to the existing attached garage, 5 Badgers Close.

P/2019/0487 Demolition of existing garage and erection of 2no cabins, Loyola Hall, Warrington Road.

P/2019/0528 First floor side extension, single storey rear extension along with conversion of existing garage into a habitable room, 28 Goldsworth Fold.

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19.81 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
Water Plus	AFP Playing Fields – July	112.58	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields – July	6.33	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - July	41.00	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (AF Park) - July	10.00	STO
Parish & Town Training, Lancashire	New Cllrs Workshop x2	126.00	087
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - July (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1190.26	
	Photocopying	4.25	
		1209.51	TFR384
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – July	332.08	TFR385
Alpha Metals	3 Train Screens for Houghton Street	450.00	TFR386
Science Museum	Loan of Rocket Locomotive	792.00	TFR387
St. Helens Council	Election Expenses	8004.84	TFR388
Water Plus	AFP Playing Fields – Aug	112.58	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields – Aug	6.33	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Aug	41.00	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (AF Park) - Aug	10.00	STO
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - Aug (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1190.26	
		1205.26	TFR389
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Aug	332.08	TFR390

19.82 TO CONSIDER ACTIONS ON OPEN SPACES

Resolved that discussion on the following items be deferred to the Open Spaces Working Group and returned to a future meeting:

- A tree planting project;
- Provision of play equipment at Albert Fellowes Park;
- Provision of a dog play area;
- Provision of a multi-use games area;
- Any actions arising from the tour of open spaces; and
- Provision of allotments.

The following would be invited onto the working group, Cllrs: Brown, Daniels, Hendrick, Howitt, Roberts, Tasker, Ward, and Williams, with Cllr Williams taking the lead on organising a date.

19.83 TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO HIRE HOLT LANE PLAYING FIELDS

Resolved that an application to use Holt Lane playing fields for boot camp training be accepted. An initial trial period to the end of December 2019 would be considered to allow for assessment of the impact. A registration fee of £15.00 would be charged.

19.84 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM RAINHILL UNITED FOR LONG TERM LEASE AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

Resolved that subject to conditions concerning the maintenance of the area as public open space and no additional maintenance costs being transferred to the Parish Council, that the

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Parish Council confirmed it has no objection to agreeing a long-term lease for pitch hire at Albert Fellowes Park with Rainhill United. Cllrs: Greaves, Hendrick and Tasker were nominated to represent the Parish Council on Rainhill United's Board.

19.85 TO CONSIDER THE CRITERIA FOR THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Resolved that the following recommendations of the Good Citizenship Award Group be approved:

- That two new categories be introduced promoting nominations for young people of primary school age and for secondary school age;
- That the eligibility criteria for nominees be extended to any person either living in, or outside Rainhill; and
- That those excluded from nomination be restricted to existing Parish and Borough Councillors plus paid employees of the Parish Council.

19.86 TO CONSIDER THE PARISH COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK AND WEB PAGES

Resolved that the existing Facebook and Webpages be closed and any relevant content added to the new site. Guidance for the use of social media sites would be returned to the October meeting.

19.87 TO CONSIDER NEW SIGNATORIES FOR TSB BANK ACCOUNT

Resolved that the Cllrs Hendrick and Rothwell be authorised to be signatories to the TSB Bank Account.

19.88 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

The Council reviewed the current budgetary position and bank reconciliation, and resolved to approve the report.

19.89 TO CONSIDER REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS TO AMEND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resolved that Standing Order No.11 be amended to incorporate a period of public participation at the beginning of each meeting.

19.90 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR NEW CONTAINER AT HOLT LANE

Resolved that Rainhill Rockets be invited to a meeting with the Open Spaces Working Group to discuss further detail.

19.91 TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO RECOMMISSION THE SHOWERS AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK PAVILION

Resolved that Rainhill Town be invited to a meeting with Cllrs Rothwell, Tasker and Williams to investigate costs and alternative solutions.

19.92 TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A 'MENTAL HEALTH & DISABILITIES' WORKING GROUP

Resolved that Cllrs Hendrick, Howitt, Roscoe, Rothwell, Tasker and Williams form a working group to raise awareness of mental health and disability issues and investigate how the Council could support sufferers. A report would be returned to the September meeting regarding Invisible Disabilities Week.

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19.93 TO CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF A VE DAY COMMEMORATION

Resolved that Cllrs Barker, Daniels, Hendrick, Howitt, Larner and Tasker form a working group to discuss how the Parish Council could help local groups celebrate the VE Day Commemoration in May 2020, and report back to a future meeting.

19.94 TO CONSIDER INVITING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE A YOUTH AMBASSADOR FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

Resolved that the Parish Council would invite representatives from Rainhill High and Tower College to be Youth Ambassadors, to contribute to Parish Council agendas and attend meetings.

19.95 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints in the agenda report be noted and:
The issue of neighbour disturbance caused by children playing at Swan Farm Gardens be noted. Whilst the disturbance is acknowledged the Parish Council would not seek to discourage play on open fields.

A letter had been received from several residents regarding the position of a bollard in a communal courtyard. The Parish Council have no jurisdiction over private land and could not intervene in the issue.

Cllr Greaves encouraged residents to claim recycling rewards, through St.Helens Council, which provide benefits for the community. Residents need to log on through the Council website to receive benefits.

Cllr Williams requested Council support to promote the national 'Refill' scheme. The Council were pleased to support this scheme and Cllr Williams would visit businesses in Rainhill to encourage participation.

19.96 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

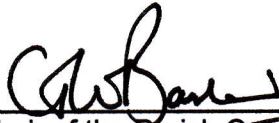
Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: All items had been discussed on the agenda.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllrs Daniels, Hendrick and Tasker would be attending a meeting on 12th August.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Tasker reported that the group had organised a summer trip and other events were planned.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: No meetings had taken place
- Rainhill Gala: Cllr Larner would attend the next meeting due in September.
- 4F Centre: Cllrs Greaves and Tasker reported that paperwork was now being sorted to change bank accounts, etc. Planned improvements to add security lighting and CCTV were underway. There was to be a tightening of standards for users, with access permitted only 30mins before a session. The Centre remained financially stable.

19.97 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 2nd September 2019, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.


Chair of the Parish Council
2nd September 2019