



13th June 2017

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 19th June 2017, in the Elm Room at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

I attach an agenda, relevant minutes, and the Clerk's Report.

Please find time to read through the information before the meeting, making any notes you need to against each item. If you have any queries prior to the meeting please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to remind you that a tour of open spaces has been arranged for Saturday 8th July, at a time to be agreed at the meeting, assembling on the Village Hall Car Park. I would be grateful if you could indicate your attendance either before or at the meeting on 19th June.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Pinder'.

G. Pinder
Clerk to the Council



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RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
19th June 2017

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest from members
3. To consider and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2017
4. To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th May 2017
5. To receive Police monthly statistics report – for information only
6. To note the contents of the Clerk's Report– for information only
7. To consider the following Planning Applications and note any actions taken:
 - P/2017/0388 121 Stoney Lane, demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side extension.
 - P/2017/0382 Fairchild Farm, Foxs Bank Lane Demolition of existing barn and erection of stable block comprising of 6no stables with viewing mound and new wc block to form a riding school along with cladding of existing open barn.
 - P/2017/0384 Former Cranford Site, 637 Warrington Road, 4 x 4 bedroomed detached properties.
 - P/2017/0441 44 Knowsley Road Two storey side extension
 - P/2017/0385 22 View Road, Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to crown lift and thin 4no beech.
 - P/2017/0389 Offices 456 Warrington Road creation of a new doorway to a commercial premises
 - P/2017/0418 Site Of Former Greencroft Mill Lane Erection of 2no detached eco-friendly dwellings
 - P/2017/0425 11 Owen Road, Replacement dwelling
 - P/2017/0438 Railway Cafe, 3A Station Road Re-siting of existing flue for extraction system
 - P/2017/0442 13 Ritherup Lane Two storey extensions to front and side elevations.
 - P/2017/0451 158 Rainhill Road, erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.
 - P/2017/0470 232A Rainhill Road, prior notification for change of use of existing office building to 9 self-contained flats at first and second floor.
 - P/2017/0478 14 Lawton Road, works to assorted trees in a conservation area.
 - P/2017/0474 37 Dee Road, erection of a two storey side and a single storey rear extension, outbuilding at the rear along with a new porch and canopy roof along with insertion of window at first floor to the front elevation.
 - P/2017/0481 31 View Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to crown lift and reduce 1 beech (T18) and 1 sycamore (T19).
 - P/2017/0482 31 View Road, works to assorted trees in a conservation area.
8. To authorise the accounts payable (list included in report)
9. To consider tree planting scheme on roads and verges
10. To consider the future of the Parish Council's Facebook page
11. To review the Police Community Compact
12. To consider a request for Neighbourhood Watch funding
13. To consider the actions of the Rocket 190 Group – for information only
14. To consider the potential loss of delivery of the St.Helens Star
15. To consider request for access to Rainhill Recreation Club across Albert Fellowes Playing Fields
16. To consider project to erect commemorative plaques
17. To consider residents comments and complaints
18. To receive reports from member representatives on local organisations:
 - a) Public Open Spaces
 - b) Village Hall Management Committee
 - c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
 - d) Merseyside Association of Local Councils
 - e) Rainhill Gala
 - f) 4F Centre
19. Date & Time of Next Meeting:

24th July 2017, 7.30pm

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
15th May 2017

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 15th May 2017 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present: Cllrs: J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, D. Long, P. Long, C. Moore, and W.M. Wood.

1. It was proposed that Cllr. P. Long be Chair for the 2017/2018 year. Being no other nominations it was resolved that Cllr. P. Long be elected Chair and sign the Acceptance of Office form.
2. It was proposed that Cllr. L. Glover be Deputy-Chair for the 2017/2018 year. Being no other nominations it was resolved that Cllr. L. Glover be elected Deputy-Chair and sign the Acceptance of Office form.
Thanks were given both from and to the outgoing Chair.
3. Apologies were received from Cllrs: B. Almond, M. Donovan, J. Fulham, B. Heydon, and B. Grunewald.
4. **Appointment of Committees and representatives to External Bodies:**

It was resolved that the 2017/2018 representatives would be as follows:

Public Open Spaces:	Cllrs. J. Carroll, S. Glover.
Village Hall Management Committee:	Cllr. C. Moore.
Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society:	Cllr. W.M. Wood.
Merseyside Assoc. Local Councils:	Cllr. W.M. Wood.
Rainhill Gala	Cllr. B. Grunewald.
4F Centre:	Cllrs. J DeAsha, L. Glover, S. Glover.
ECO Garden	Cllr. W.M. Wood, Clerk (G. Pinder).
Children's Playground Charity:	Rainhill Parish Council.
Planning Applications Advisory Group:	Chair (Cllr. P. Long), Deputy Chair (Cllr. L. Glover), Cllrs. B. Heydon.
Good Citizenship Award Group:	Cllrs. J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, C. Moore.
LALC AGM and Conference:	Cllr. W. Wood.
Clerk's Appraisal Group:	Chair (Cllr. P. Long), Cllrs. J. DeAsha, B. Heydon, C. Moore.
Executive Committee:	Chair (Cllr. P. Long), Deputy Chair (Cllr. L. Glover), Cllrs. J. DeAsha, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, B. Heydon. D. Long.
Finance Committee	Full Council
Rainhill Trials 200 Working Group:	Cllrs. B. Heydon, D. Long.
Twinning Group:	Cllrs. J. DeAsha, B. Heydon, D. Long.
Armed Forces Community Covenant Working Group:	Cllrs. J. DeAsha, B. Heydon, D. Long.

Subsequent to the meeting the Clerk was able to confirm that the representatives nominated in their absence were happy to accept the role.

5. Resolved that the Council has reviewed and approves the following documents:
 - i. Standing Orders
 - ii. Financial Regulations
 - iii. Asset Register
 - iv. Risk Assessment

Being no further business the meeting closed at 7:35 pm.

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
15th May 2017

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.35pm on Monday 15th May 2017 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, D. Long, P. Long, C. Moore, and W.M. Wood

The Events Officer from St.Helens Council was also in attendance.

903. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs: B. Almond, M. Donovan, J. Fulham, B. Heydon, and B. Grunewald.

904. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared by Cllrs. J. DeAsha, S. Glover and D. Long – Members of Borough Planning Committee. Cllrs. D. Long, P. Long and W. Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding a request by Rainhill Riders.

905. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 6th MARCH 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th March 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

906. TO RECEIVE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Concern was expressed at the rise in anti-social behaviour.

907. CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted. It was agreed that Insp. Drennan be informed that the shadowing exercise would not be pursued.

908. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that the following actions be noted in relation to planning applications:

It was resolved that the following applications be left to neighbourhood consultation and that no additional comments be submitted:

P/2017/0181 - 235 Longton Lane, part two storey part single storey side extension.

P/2017/0187 - 35 View Road, re-rendering of dwelling.

P/2017/0224 - 494 Warrington Road, part two storey and single storey side extensions with alterations to raise roof ridge height.

P/2017/0237 - Telecommunications Mast North Of M62 Foxs Bank Lane, prior notification for a replacement 18m high telecommunications mast and ground based equipment.

P/2017/0239 - 9 Mooreway, certificate of lawfulness for single storey rear extension with mono pitched roof, and single storey side extension with dual pitched roof.

P/2017/0271 - 29 Galston Avenue, demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

P/2017/0291 - 20 View Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to thin, crown lift lower branches and reduction in height by 1-2m on 3no Beech trees.

P/2017/0293 - Fair View East, Mill Lane, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to 1 ash (T2) and 1 beech (G12).

P/2017/0303 - 35 View Road, replacement of existing tarmac driveway with cobbles, setts, stone paving.

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P/2017/0314 - 820 Warrington Road, erection of two storey side, and single storey rear extension and front porch

P/2017/0317 - Longton Lane Community Primary School, Longton Lane, installation of steel powder coated canopy play area with roller shutters, and external alterations to infants department.

P/2017/0355 - Rainhill Railway Station, Station Road, installation of new ticket vending machine within existing waiting room on platform 1, along with installation of 2 no seat benches to platforms 1 and 2 (4 in total).

P/2017/0364 - 674 Warrington Road, single storey side extension

It was noted that objections had been submitted to the following applications:

P/2017/0265 - 70 Holt Lane, siting of a portacabin for additional office space, to ensure the long-term maintenance of the cabin;

P/2017/0270 - land at corner of Warrington Road/Longton Lane, Application for prior approval for siting of 15m telecommunications mast, 3 no antennas, 2 no diameter dishes, 2 no equipment cabinets and 1 no meter, considered to be intrusive and incongruous.

P/2017/0302 - Manor Croft, Mill Lane, two storey side extension.

909. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
Stone Central	Removal of graffiti from War Memorial	360.00	TFR224
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - April (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.52	
	Photocopying – March	15.75	
	Photocopying - April	12.40	
		1129.67	TFR231
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – April	301.53	TFR232
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - April	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - April	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – April	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – April	6.33	STO
St.Helens Council	13 Barrier Baskets Winter 2016	632.27	TFR225
St.Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground	0.50	TFR226
St.Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground	0.50	TFR227
St.Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens	1.00	TFR228
St.Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park	4.00	TFR229
LDS Ltd	Annual Report Distribution	442.98	TFR230
EWS Colour Print	Design & Printing of Annual Report	1095.00	TFR233
Topcoat	Painting Telephone Kiosk	260.00	TFR234
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - April	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park - April	52.00	STO
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - May (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.32	
	Printer Inks	17.39	
		1118.71	TFR235
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – May	301.53	TFR236
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - May	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - May	6.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – May	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – May	6.33	STO

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Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - May	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park - May	52.00	STO

910. TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE VILLAGE

The Events Officer from St.Helens Council attended to discuss upgrading the Christmas decorations for the village. Resolved that the issue be delegated to Executive Committee, with other members welcome to attend, and a response be sent to St.Helens Council before the end of August 2017.

911. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2016/17

Resolved that the Annual Governance Statement be approved for signing by the Chair on behalf of the Council.

912. TO APPROVE THE 2016/17 ACCOUNTS FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT & BANK RECONCILIATION

It was resolved that the accounts presented by the Clerk, having been scrutinised by internal audit, be approved and that the Annual Return be signed by the Chair and Clerk on behalf of the Council, and the Bank Reconciliation be approved for signing by the Chair.

913. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

Resolved that the actions of the Rocket 190 Group be noted. Authorisation to open a bank account, and the details of a constitution to formalise the Rocket 190 Group, be delegated to Executive Committee, following agreement on the financial commitment being made by the Council.

914. TO CONSIDER HERITAGE ACTION ZONE FUNDING & HERITAGE ISSUES

Resolved that advice be sought on the refurbishment of the railway plinth at Houghton Street, and brought to a future meeting. Further resolved that authority be delegated to the Executive Committee to hold discussions with Rainhill Civic Society on heritage issues.

915. TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Following discussion it was resolved that the Council would withdraw the current page from Facebook. The proposed Social Media Policy was not considered necessary.

916. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR SPONSORSHIP OF RAINHILL RIDERS CYCLING CLUB

Resolved that the request for £67 sponsorship from Rainhill Riders be approved.

917. TO CONSIDER UNDERTAKING A TOUR OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

Resolved that a tour of Public Open Spaces be undertaken on Saturday 8th July, and all members be invited to attend.

918. TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO REVIEW THE POLICE/COMMUNITY COMPACT

Resolved that the Police/Community Compact be reviewed every year, to be discussed at the next meeting.

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919. TO CONSIDER SUB-LEASING OF PLAYING FIELD AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

Following discussion it was agreed that insufficient detail was known of the potential impact to consider it's acceptability. Cllr. S. Glover offered to investigate the legal position and report to a future meeting.

920. TO APPROVE A FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR WORKS AT HOLT LANE

Resolved that the Clerk obtain a quote for the proposed feasibility study, and no work should proceed until the quote is approved. Authority be delegated to the Executive Committee to consider the quote received.

921. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted.

Cllr. D. Long offered to pursue Riverside Housing Association regarding the mosaics at Rainhill Road. It was agreed no further action was needed in relation to the car park at the Commercial Hotel.

Cllr. J. Doyle reported complaints regarding the cost of collection of the green bins, and the increase in parking charges in St.Helens. These were both borough matters.

922. REPORTS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr. S. Glover reported that the Eco Garden Group work continued without problems.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr. Moore reported on two Management Committee meetings: A new sign had been ordered, a replacement Treasurer had been found, the volunteers responsible for maintenance were thanked for their sterling work, the redecoration was ongoing and had been appreciated by users, the Civic Society had offered to organising planting in the grounds, a fund raising committee was suggested to facilitate further redecoration. The Fire Officer had experienced difficulty accessing essential areas and groups were requested to rectify, the new Treasurer was now in post, a replacement boiler was needed, volunteers were being sought for the redecoration task.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr. Wood reported that the latest speaker was from the Bibby Line. The summer outing had been arranged for 8th July to Severn Valley. The programme for the next 12 months activities was being drawn up and there would be no autumn quiz.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr. Wood requested that other Councillors consider attending the MALC meeting. Cllr. P. Long indicated she would attend if time allowed. Following attendance at the LALC Annual Conference, Cllr. Wood recommended that the Council invite a speaker from Dementia Friends to address a future meeting. The Clerk was instructed to arrange.
- 4F Centre: Work was progressing, there were no issues to report.

923. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 19th June 2017, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
19th June 2017

Police Report

Merseyside Police Report for Rainhill Parish Council Meeting Monday 19th June 2017

Area: Rainhill Month: May 2017

	2016	2017	Diff	% Diff	Description
Burglary Business & Community	1	4	3	300	1) French window forced to gain entry - slot machine coins stolen overnight - Mill Lane 2) Fire door damaged with a crow bar - no access gained - business premises Warrington Road 3) Access gained to business premises - unsure if anything stolen - Warrington Road 4) Unknown offender goes behind counter of business premises - no access to till gained - Warrington Rd
Burglary Residential	0	11	11	1100	1) Three garden sheds accessed to unoccupied property - empty cider bottles left at scene - Warburton Hey 2) Offender gains access to shed - power tools stolen - Croston Avenue 3) Offender has used hook & cane method to access - V.W.Golf car keys & car stolen - Stapleton Road 4) Offender gains access - Astra car keys & car stolen - King Edward Road 5) Rear door lock broken to access home - alarm activated - offenders fled - Warrington Road 6) Rear window smashed - Fiesta car keys & car stolen - car crashed - offenders made off - Chapel Lane 7) Offender gains access via rear kitchen window - alarm activated - nothing stolen - Longton Lane 8) Offenders gain access through insecure front door - Fiesta car keys & car & handbag stolen - Severn Rd 9) Offender gains access - keys on table by front door - Mercedes car keys & car stolen - Second Avenue 10) Attempt burglary - no entry gained - Severn Road 11) Attempt burglary - 3 different points of damage including lower side window smashed - Warburton Hey
Criminal Damage	1	5	4	400	1) Drunken male bends rear number plate of vehicle - Stoney Lane 2) Empty beer glasses smashed by youths - Station Street 3) Damage to property & building materials stolen while working on premises - Rainhill Road 4) Tyre punctured by neighbour - Longton Lane 5) Window smashed by unknown persons - Warburton Hey
Drugs	1	0	-1	-100	

Other Theft	5	13	8	160	1) Fuel put in vehicle - drivers make off without payment x 8 - false number plates at times - Warrington Rd 9) Ornamental tree taken from outside front door - Stephenson Grove 10) Unknown males make off from taxi without paying fare - Derwent Close 11) Watch stolen from coat in locker room - Warrington Road 12) Documents stolen from residential address - no forced entry - Victoria Place 13) Garden ornaments stolen from front garden - First Avenue
Public Order	0	1	1	100	1) Racial abuse to staff & ASB - Longton Lane
Robbery Personal	0	1	1	100	1) Older youth approaches younger youth & forcibly takes pedal cycle - Stapleton Avenue
T.F.M.V.	5	1	-4	-80	1) Front & rear number plates stolen from vehicle - Warrington Road
Theft Shop	2	2	0	0	1) Laundry items & crisps put into bag - no attempt to pay - Warrington Road 2) Known offender has taken alcohol without paying - offender arrested for offence - Warrington Road
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	1	1	0	0	1) Vehicle towed away without consent - Longton Lane
Vehicle Interference	0	1	1	100	1) Vehicle broken into overnight - nothing appears to be stolen - Norlands Lane
Total	16	40	24	150	
ASB	17	21	4	24	

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL - CLERK'S REPORT
JUNE 2017**

The Clerk's report is in two parts:

- The first part relates to actions that have already been taken. These items will not have a corresponding Agenda item and shouldn't need any further discussion.
 - The second part relates directly to Agenda items and is intended to assist any discussion of Agenda items. These notes are for information only and should only be discussed as each Agenda item is reached.
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PART 1 - ACTIONS TAKEN

6. CLERKS REPORT

All actions resulting from resolutions made at the 15th May ordinary meeting have either been completed or are in progress. Additionally I can report the following:

6.1 OPEN SPACES TOUR

The tour of open spaces will take place on 8th July, at a time to be agreed. I would be grateful if members could let me know if they will be attending.

6.2 SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL RETURN

The Annual Return has been submitted to BDO for external audit. A period of elector's rights commence on 13th June and will run until 24th July. Notices have been placed on the noticeboard and on the web site to comply with regulations.

6.3 MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FOR MANCHESTER

A letter of condolence was sent to the office of the Mayor of Greater Manchester following the terrorist attack on 22nd May.

6.4 DEMENTIA FRIENDS SESSION

The application form for an information sessions on key information about dementia has been forwarded to Dementia Friends. Those who expressed a preference regarding the timing of the session indicated that prior to a Parish Council meeting would be most convenient. I have submitted our meeting dates, requesting a 6.15pm start time and will update you when a response is received.

PART 2 - AGENDA ITEMS – SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been assessed and comments submitted as indicated:

An objection has been submitted to the following applications:

P/2017/0388 121 Stoney Lane, demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side extension.

P/2017/0382 Fairchild Farm, Foxs Bank Lane, demolition of existing barn and erection of stable block comprising of 6 stables with viewing mound and new wc block to form a riding school along with cladding of existing open barn.

P/2017/0384 Former Cranford Site, 637 Warrington Road, 4 x 4 bedroomed detached properties.

P/2017/0441 44 Knowsley Road, two storey side extension

No comment has been submitted for the following applications and the closing date for comments will have passed at the time of the meeting:

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P/2017/0389 Offices, 456 Warrington Road, creation of a new doorway to a commercial premises.

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P/2017/0425 11 Owen Road, replacement dwelling.

P/2017/0438 Railway Cafe, 3A Station Road, re-siting of existing flue for extraction system.

P/2017/0442 13 Ritherup Lane, two storey extensions to front and side elevations.

No comment has yet been submitted for the following applications, the closing date for comments will still be open at the time of the meeting:

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The Council should note the actions taken.

8. TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - June (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.52	
	Photocopying – May	31.90	
	Postage	14.52	
		1147.94	TFR237
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – June	301.53	TFR238

HMRC	Tax & NI – April-June	616.40	TFR239
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - June	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - June	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – June	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – June	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - June	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park - June	52.00	STO
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	STO
Village Hall	Heating Engineer; Intruder Alarm Maintenance; HMRC and Electrical works	3047.41	TFR240

The Council should consider approving the above payments.

9. TO CONSIDER TREE PLANTING SCHEME ON ROADS AND VERGES

A request was submitted by Cllr J Fulham that the Council consider investment in a comprehensive multi-year tree planting scheme on some of our roads, verges, etc. Whilst possibly too late to plant in summer, it is suggested that perhaps funds could be identified, perhaps in concert with the Borough's CIF, then we can look to planting when the seasons change.

Possible sites include: Warrington Road, Rainhill Road, the perimeter of the many parks and playing fields, The village – even in the recesses slightly off Warrington Road, e.g. Junction with Weaver Ave/Exchange Place and Station Street (including by the station – maybe Network Rail/Northern Rail can contribute), Victoria Street, Old Lane, Longton Lane, junction of Holt Lane with Warrington Road, and Holt Lane with Council Street.

This item has been included to facilitate discussion.

10. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK PAGE

At the last meeting the issue of a Facebook page was discussed, with the resolution that the Council would withdraw the current page from Facebook. This has not yet been carried out but I can report the following. The Clerk has now been added as an administrator to the page, and has monitored all activity. The Clerk has the ability to delete or 'unpublish' the page.

As Facebook may be the preferred social media for many residents, it is considered there is merit in the Parish Council having a presence on Facebook, even in this limited capacity, i.e. to use as a noticeboard and point users to the website. Also, by holding the rights to the page it prevents others from erroneously posting information as though they were the Parish Council.

On an individual's Facebook page, the rights to add information (posts) can be restricted to the user only. However this does not appear to be the case with community organisation pages, to the best of my knowledge.

If the Council wishes, the possibility of opening a Facebook page for the Council as an individual – then locking it down can be investigated. If the Council would prefer to continue with the decision to withdraw from Facebook the Clerk now has the ability to undertake this action.

The Council should consider if it wishes to have a presence on Facebook.

11. TO REVIEW THE POLICE/COMMUNITY COMPACT

At the last meeting it was resolved that the Police/Community Compact should be reviewed on an annual basis. A copy of the original document is attached at appendix 1.

The compact had 5 elements which were reviewed in 2016 as follows:

- RPC to provide a location in Rainhill, such as the 4F Centre, where the PCSO will be for a given period in a day - possibly with a locker and the opportunity for a surgery and secure storage

Initially this service was provided in the 4F Centre, but this did not prove successful and the service was moved to the library. In 2016 all local organisations contacted by the Clerk to assess level of interest in attendance of PCSO at their meetings. The few responses received were forwarded to the Police.

- RPC to offer structured (i.e. agreed frequency) communications for the Police to our residents via the website, annual meeting and possibly the annual report, in return for formal briefing /attending a Parish Council meeting say, every quarter

In 2016 Police started promoting MerseyNow as new communication tool, details were forwarded to all organisations and added to our web site. The Police attend meetings periodically.

- RPC to agree with the Police a schedule of key places considered to be vulnerable which would benefit from regular visits during a quarter for visibility purposes

No change in 2016, RPC can suggest problem sites and Police will patrol.

- PCC or Area Commander would be invited to speak at next Rainhill Annual Parish meeting

Inspector Matt Drennen attended 2017 Annual Parish Meeting.

- A joint review of ways to enhance crime prevention in the village

Our last meeting with the Police was March 2016, we continue to receive monthly statistics.

The Council should consider if any review of the compact is necessary.

12. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FUNDING

An email was received from Insp. Drennan to assess the possibility of funding for Neighbourhood Watch signage. Requests have been made by local residents in Rainhill to set up Neighbourhood watch schemes. In the past, signage has been erected by St.Helens Council, attached to lamp posts, this would have been funded by the residents themselves. The proposal now is to use lamp post stickers, not requiring clearance heights or erection by the Council.

The A4 size stickers cost £1.16 each, there are currently 30 Home watch schemes in Rainhill that already have 2 signs each that will need replacing, as some have been up for some time. Then there is the possibility of new schemes in the future.

The Police have estimated that 80 signs would be required for the Rainhill area which would work out at £92.80.

The Council should consider if it wishes to contribute to funding Neighbourhood Watch stickers.

13. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

The Rocket 190 Group met with Northern Rail on 31st May 2017, to clarify the level of support they are able to provide. Northern have committed to: sponsorship of the proposed football tournament; help with publicity; a train naming event; use of the Railway Station waiting room for display of exhibition; scheduling of extra trains if needed; and potential involvement in reuse of the currently vacant part of the station buildings.

A series of meetings are now being arranged with local organisations to confirm commitments previously made, and assess how these will be funded.

A constitution has been drawn up for the group which, when finalised, will facilitate applications for funding. A bid for funding from the Gala Committee is proposed and a similar one will be considered to Rotary.

This item is included for information only.

14. TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL LOSS OF DELIVERY OF THE ST.HELENS STAR

Information has been circulating that free delivery of the St.Helens Star newspaper is to be ceased in Rainhill and Eccleston. Further information has been sought from Newsquest Media Group, but no response has been received to emails, telephone calls, or online forms. Cllr Donovan has requested that a letter be forwarded to Newsquest to express our disappointment at this proposal, given that the population of Rainhill has many elderly residents for whom the St.Helens Star is their only contact with events in the area, and who would find it difficult to collect papers from a newsagent.

The Council should consider whether to write to Newsquest request safeguarding of the delivery service.

15. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO CRICKET CLUB ACROSS ALBERT FELLOWES PLAYING FIELDS

A request has been received from Rainhill Cricket Club to allow access for plant and machinery across the playing fields on Albert Fellowes Park to Rainhill Recreation Club. The Cricket Club have been successful in securing funding from Sport England to improve drainage, however, the equipment needed to undertake the work cannot gain access to the Club along Victoria Terrace.

The park is owned by St.Helens Council but is leased to ourselves. Initial concerns include potential damage to the fields, safety during the operations, and responsibility for repairs. The contractors have confirmed the following:

- 1) the size/weight of the vehicles to be used;

the bulk of the traffic to/from site will be 8 wheeler, rigid delivery vehicles (not artics) which weigh approx. 25 tonnes fully laden and bring gravel and sand/soil to site and possibly removal of some material off-site. We would normally look to take the wagons to the contractor's storage area which is likely to be inside the Club's ground but this would mean trafficking across the corner of the football pitch. If material has to be tipped at the entrance to the park, the contractor will most likely use 5 tonne dumpers to carry the material to their compound.

2) the number of vehicles involved;

difficult to say at the minute until the work to be undertaken is fully established. Further details to be provided.

3) the time period involved;

mid September 2017 for 3-4 weeks maximum, although the majority will be in weeks 1 & 2.

4) the route these vehicles would take and how this would be controlled

entering the site, all vehicles will travel between the first pitch and the scrub land to the south west. They will have to travel over the corner of the football pitch nearest to RRC unless permission can be granted by the scrub land landowner to cross the corner and avoid the football pitch (I understand this is unlikely). We would look to segregate the access route, once on site, by using high-viz fencing or possibly block and mesh type fencing although the latter would be very expensive and add considerable cost to the project.

5) what safeguards will be needed to prevent public access to the area affected;

mainly fencing as above with a banksman deployed at the entrance point to the park during the peak delivery times of the first couple of weeks.

6) what provisions would be in place to repair any damage if needed, and how quickly repairs would be undertaken.

It will be the contractor's responsibility to protect and reinstate any damage at the end of the project (mid October at the latest). The amount of damage is difficult to say as it will depend on weather/ground conditions at the time of the works.

If the contractor were to bring 25 tonne vehicles through, it could render the football pitch adjacent to the Cricket Club, regularly used by Rainhill Town, unplayable for up to 2 months. If members are minded to grant consent to cross the pitch, it would be advisable that the pitches should not be rented out for the whole season, which may be considered unacceptable.

I have sought advice from Grounds Maintenance at St.Helens Council who have advised:

"At the time of year proposed, a dumper would be the best way of getting the materials to site. Any work would be better carried out between football closed season - June to Late August, and any re instatements would be carried out and rectified prior to commencement of the season, however if vehicles stay to the boundary of the fields it may not be an issue."

I have requested the following information from the contractor:

Can the works be completed before commencement of the football season, and if not will the pitches be playable at weekends? A response had not received at time of writing but any information received will be circulated when received and reported at the meeting.

If the contractor can confirm that the pitches would be playable, so that they can be leased to Rainhill Town, then subject to suitable safeguards being in place, and completion of an indemnity form, would the Parish Council have any objections to access being granted?

If, however, the contractor cannot guarantee full use of the pitches, how would the Parish Council wish to proceed?

The Council should consider whether they wish to grant a right of access across Albert Fellowes Park.

16. TO CONSIDER PROJECT TO ERECT COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

Councillor DeAsha forwarded the following information from a St.Helens resident:

"I am initiating a Project to commemorate people, places, events, and other things from the major to the important trivia from all around the fifty square miles of our Borough (and maybe just across our borders), that it's good not to forget.

There are not many plaques and interpretation boards in the 50 square miles of this Borough? Yet from these, new generations and tourists learn our history.

I wish to recruit your own knowledge of your ward to recommend people, places, events, and other things that should not be forgotten about your Ward (or outside your Ward).

My first step is to compile a list of all possible candidates, from Soap Aid when TV Soap stars from all over the country came to Boundary Road, to the Sankey Navigation, to Geoff Duke, to George Formby's first stage appearance, to Rick Astley.

Of course at this stage we don't know to whom we will be applying for funding, etc., but the more support and input the better.

The second step will be to publish the full list to invite comments and correct omissions, in Coffey Time and in my email newsletters.

The third step will be to publish a booklet with every entry plus an explanatory paragraph. Then comes the discussions as to which will be selected for the first funding application.

I am pleased that local artist Bernadette Hughes has agreed to help me. Other artists of all genres can contribute. Of course it is not just the wording, but the look of the plaque or interpretation board, its design, its pull to attract passers-by, (even in wheelchairs!), and how it is appropriate to its immediate environment. Other artists of all genres, (poets, musos, etc.), are welcome to contribute."

The information has been forwarded to the Civic Society for their consideration.

This item is included to facilitate discussion.

17. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

The Clerk has dealt with correspondence including those relating to:
The unauthorised erection of signage at 4F Centre; condition of Church Terrace Newsagent; signage at the Coop; and statistics for Rainhill Ward. If you would like further details please ask.

Support for Armed Forces Veterans

A complaint was received that insufficient action is being taken on behalf of veterans, to secure homes and services, contrary to the aims of the Armed Forces Community

Covenant. Following a newspaper report on the plight of ex-servicemen, the complainant considered that the Covenant had no value. I clarified that the Parish Council had not been made aware of any specific problems and indicated that details of how help could be provided be forwarded for consideration. The complaint was forwarded to St.Helens Equality Officer who drafted a response. The letter and attachments were sent to the complainant last Wednesday.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Longton Lane

The following complaint was received regarding anti-social behaviour:

“Teenagers hang around the corner of Longton Lane and Warburton Hey. They then move onto the Pennies Pit Park where houses backs onto and congregate around the perimeter so they cause disturbance to the residents with their loudness, foul language and antics. On occasions I have witnessed them drinking alcohol and throwing their glass bottles onto the park where children play and dogs walk with their owners. One Friday they threw an empty glass bottle of wine over the entry at the back of houses on Longton Lane and it smashed. Children of the houses use this entry. I challenged them, to be told "I will throw as many as I want". They are a nuisance. I have lived in Longton Lane for two years and have never seen a police officer or community offer in this area.”

The issue was referred to the Police and PCSO have been requested to patrol the area more frequently. The complainant was asked to forward details of incidents to Ken via email. Cllr DeAsha had referred the issue to Cllr L Preston (community safety) who had spoken with relevant officers in St Helens making them aware of this. Would the Parish Council wish to take any further action in relation to the complaint.

18. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUPS

- a) Public Open Spaces
- b) Village Hall Management Committee
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
- e) Rainhill Gala
- f) 4F Centre

19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

24th July 2017, 7.30pm

4th September 2017, 7.30pm

Rainhill's Police/Community Compact

Rainhill is a large and growing community with specific needs, such as a much older population who need to feel the Police will continue to serve the community - visibility and accessibility are key aspects of that service.

To work towards a safer, more secure Rainhill for our residents, we propose that:

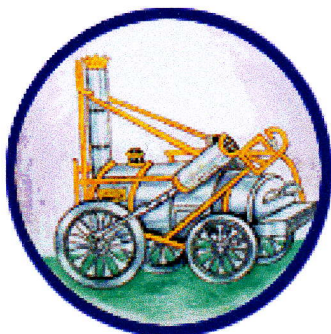
- Rainhill Parish Council and Merseyside Police develop a Police Community Compact to build on the innovative work on policing already present in St Helens

The compact would be an organic partnership which would develop over time. The initial components are:

- RPC to provide a location in Rainhill, such as the 4F Centre, where the PCSO will be for a given period in a day - possibly with a locker and the opportunity for a surgery and secure storage
- RPC to offer structured (i.e. agreed frequency) communications for the Police to our residents via the website, annual meeting and possibly the annual report, in return for formal briefing /attending a Parish Council meeting say, every quarter
- RPC to agree with the Police a schedule of key places considered to be vulnerable which would benefit from regular visits during a quarter for visibility purposes
- PCC or Area Commander would be invited to speak at next Rainhill Annual Parish meeting
- A joint review of ways to enhance crime prevention in the village

Signed


on behalf of Rainhill Parish Council



Signed

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on behalf of Merseyside Police

