

Rainhill Parish Council



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Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 3rd August 2020, in the Teak Hall 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.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KE Adamson', written on a light-colored background.

Kathryn Adamson
Clerk to Rainhill Parish Council



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RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
3rd August 2020

1. Election of Chairman for 2020/2021
2. Election of Deputy Chairman for 2020/2021
3. To receive apologies for absence
PUBLIC SESSION The public may speak on any matters of concern, but the Council may not make any lawful decision during this session
4. To receive declarations of interest from members
5. To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2nd March 2020
6. To receive Police monthly statistics – for information only
7. To note the contents of the Clerk's Report– for information only
8. To consider the following Planning Applications and note any actions taken:
 - P/2020/0132 Certificate of lawfulness for proposed side/rear extensions Sandy Carr Farm Farmhouse Hall Lane
 - P/2020/0159 Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey rear extension 7 Dunbeath Avenue
 - P/2020/0167 Installation of 3no external flues to rear |Victoria Hotel 507 Warrington Road
 - P/2020/0166 Clifflen Norlands Lane Demolition of existing garage and rear extension; the erection of single storey side and rear wrap around extension along with single storey front extension with minor alterations to front elevation and raising of roof height- Planning Withdrawn
 - P/2020/0181 Single storey rear extension projecting 6m from the rear, 3.5m high overall, and 2.4m to the eaves. 36 Norcliffe Road
 - P/2020/0193 Certificate of lawfulness for proposed extension of existing rear dormer. 8 Railton Close
 - P/2020/0207 Part two storey part first floor extension over existing garage at the side.1 Briars Close
 - P/2020/0208 Change of use from 2no first floor flats to beauty salon. Flat 1 And Flat 2 24 Victoria Terrace
 - P/2020/0209 Single storey rear extension projecting 6.75m from the rear, 4m high overall and 2.41m to the eaves Clifflen Norlands Lane
 - P/2020/0210 Single storey side extension. Clifflen Norlands Lane
 - P/2020/0236 Erection of first floor rear extension along with rear porch. Sandy Carr Farm Farmhouse Hall Lane
 - P/2020/0237 Single storey side extension. 53 Vincent Road
 - P/2020/0238 Demolition of existing garage and rear extensions and erection a part two storey, part single storey front, side and rear extension.180 Rainhill Road
 - P/2020/0221 Two storey rear extension.16 Tarlton Close
 - P/2020/0225 Erection of first floor rear extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension. 11 The Meadows
 - P/2020/0247 Replacement flat roof with lantern on existing single storey rear extension. 45 Longton Lane
 - P/2020/0248 Certificate of lawfulness for single storey rear extension.19 Stonecross Drive
 - P/2020/0265 Land to the West Of 74 School Lane rection of a stable block, outdoor manege, creation of a new access road and track along with the erection of a 2.0m fence on the north boundary A letter of objection submitted 23.04.2020
 - P/2020/0293/TPO | Works to assorted trees covered by a tree preservation order. 31 View Road
 - P/2020/0294| Erection of first floor side extension. 45 Vincent Road
 - P/2020/0335 First floor rear extension. 389 Warrington Road
 - P/2020/0352 Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a new outbuilding. 1A The Meadows
 - P/2020/0377 Single storey rear extension projecting 4.5m from the rear, 4m high and 3m to the eaves. 589 Warrington Road
 - P/2020/0381 Retrospective application for alterations to dormer roofs from pitched to flat. | Valluga Old Lane
 - P/2020/0395 Works to trees covered by a Tree Protection Order | Commercial Business Centre 9 Victoria Street
 - P/2020/0371TPO Works to assorted trees covered by a Tree Protection Order. 22 Fairlie Drive
 - P/2020/0427/HHFP Single storey rear extension. 38 Stephenson Grove
 - P/2020/0437 Listed building consent for the installation of 3 no. platform validators. Rainhill Railway Station Objection submitted
 - P/2020/0456/HHFP Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension. 2 Fairclough Road
 - P/2020/0465/HHFP Single storey rear extensions along with a single storey front extension and alterations to roof. 2 Swale Avenue
9. To authorise the accounts payable (list included in report)
10. To approve the annual governance statement 2019/20 see appendix 1 & appendix 2
11. To approve the 2019/20 accounts for external audit, the Annual Governance and accountability Return & bank reconciliation see appendix 3
12. To consider approving Council Documents i Standing Orders ii Financial Regulations iii Asset Register
13. To consider postponing undertaking a tour of public open spaces
14. To consider request for using a public area/ parks for delivery of small group football and exercise sessions
15. To note Councillor Larner's resignation
16. To consider appointment / replacement of members to Committees and Representatives to External Bodies
17. To approve a new Rainhill Parish Council website
18. To approve ECO garden maintenance
19. To approve signage and dog waste bin dog exercise area
20. To consider participation in Local Neighbourhood Plan
21. To consider postponing Merchant Navy Day ceremony
22. To consider the preparation of Emergency plan for future
23. To note the actions of Rainhill Covid 19 Community Support Group (For information only) see appendix 4
24. To consider support for the Millennium centre
25. To consider the progress of CCTV & broadband (For information only)
26. To receive progress reports on Youth Ambassadors (For information only)
27. To receive reports on Local Group Updates
28. To consider residents comments and complaints
29. To consider Future agenda items
30. Date and time of next meeting (For information only)

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND YOU MUST CONFIRM TO THE CLERK BY THE 2ND AUGUST 2020 BY EMAILING rainhillpc@hotmail.com or telephone 07565524414

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES **2nd March 2020**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd March 2020 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: G. Barker, A. Daniels, I. Brown, D. Hendrick, A. Howitt, G Roberts, M. Rothwell, S Roscoe, K. Stevenson-Black, G Ward, W Williams and Youth Ambassadors I. Scotson, E. Jackson.

Mr Berry from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and Inspector Drennan of Merseyside Police was in attendance. 5 members of the public were also present.

Prior to commencement of business the meeting was adjourned to allow members of public to raise any concerns. None reported:

The meeting was recommenced.

20.23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: D. Greaves, A. Lerner, J. Tasker

20.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

20.25 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 20th JANUARY 2020

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th January 2020 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

20.26 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

The Parish Council received a report from Inspector Drennan of Merseyside Police. It was reported that burglaries are up by 5 and 8 crimes of criminal damage to vehicles in Derwent Close and Weaver Avenue whilst being individually allocated to 8 different officers it has been acknowledged by Merseyside Police the need to be coordinated together.

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Cllr Daniels raised the issue of drugs in Ratcliffe Place and the impact on a resident. Cllr Daniels to pass details to Ins Drennan and contact to be made without visiting the resident's homes. Cllr Stevenson-Black raised issue of incidents around Oct/Nov with unacceptable youth behaviour. Ins Drennan reported there is legislation in place to put ABCs in place (acceptable behaviour contracts). Ins Drennan advised the need for names and for the information to be reported via email, telephoning 101, d.communityhub or Facebook.

Mr Berry from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office reported the St Helens Community Safety Team has undergone improvements and Jerry Harris is in post as ASB Manager. Mr Berry recommended RPC to meet with Jerry Harris and will forward contact details. Mr Berry reported recently funding had been given to Apex Trust and Danny Fox Foundation. PCC will set the budget for the force. 23 million has been identified for 500 police officers with no indication where they will go but school officers identified as a priority. 3 being in place to date at Rainhill, Cowley and St Cuthberts.

Mr Berry reported Dane Court closed as part of cuts, but College Street station confirmed to be retained, but in new location. Mr Berry raised the importance of co-locating with community services with community engagement more important for collecting intelligence. 500 more police officers will mean less PCSO's who will apply for the police officer roles, these will be replaced. Funded 2 community events. Proceeds of crime funding and put back into community work. Mr Berry to forward community payback contacts to RPC.

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20.27 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK’S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk’s report be noted. It was agreed the telephone kiosk to be planted(5.3) With possible red white and blue colour scheme Cllrs Stevenson-Black to take lead with Cllrs Rothwell, Hendrick, Barker and Roberts to support.

20.28 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved to note the following actions taken in relation to planning applications:
A representation had been submitted to the following application outlining concerns:
P/2020/0117 Erection of detached two storey garage, Sandy Carr Farm Farmhouse Hall Lane

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

- P/2020/0038 Demolition of existing garage along with the erection of single storey rear extension and single storey side extension 6 Francis Close
- P/2020/0045 Erection of 3no detached dwellings with associated landscaping and parking Land Site Of Former Cranford House 637 Warrington Road
- P/2020/0062 Removal of first floor pebble dashing, rendering of front elevation, replacement shop front and retention of existing roller shutter. 576 Warrington Road
- P/2020/0066 Part two storey, part single storey front and side extension along with a single storey rear extension 71 Mooreway
- P/2020/0075 Single storey side and rear extension with alterations to roof on existing garage. 40 Railton Avenue
- P/2020/0092 Outline application for the erection 1 one detached bungalow with all matters reserved except access, layout and scale, 1 Ansdell Villas Road
- P/2020/0116 Single storey rear extension projecting 6m from the rear, 4m high overall, and 2.80m to the eaves (to replace existing extension), 389 Warrington Road
- P/2020/0118 Conversion of existing garage to habitable room and erection of single storey front extension, 9 Allendale Avenue

Representations were requested on the following applications.

P/2020/0123 and 0124 Change of use from C2/C2a Institutional use to mixed use C2/C2a Institutional and B1 office business use, Crossley Manor (Formerly Briars Hey) Mill Lane

P/2020/0061 Hybrid Planning Application for the following development (major development); (i) Full Planning Permission for the erection of a B8 logistics warehouse, with ancillary offices, associated car parking, infrastructure and landscaping; and (ii) Outline Planning Permission for Manufacturing (B2) and Logistics (B8) development with ancillary offices and associated access infrastructure works (detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale are reserved for subsequent approval), at Land To The West Of Omega South & South Of The M62 Bold St Helens.

Noted Cllr Roberts left the meeting at during discussion on next item.

20.29 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Clerk’s Salary - March	504.65	
	Home Office Allowance	860.00	
	Photocopying	7.00	
	New computer	574.88	
	Valuation of Rose Bowl	40.00	

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	Transfer of Clerks Cupboard	61.00	
	Cable Ties D Hendrick	12.36	
	GCA Buffet	86.66	
	VE Day Bunting /Flags	461.26	
		2607.81	TFR421
K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - March	1098.35	
	Telephone @ 18.99/month	18.99	
	Laptop Bag	17.99	
	Home Office Allowance	215.00	
	Book 6 x 1 st Class stamps	4.20	
		1354.53	TFR422
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Mar	264.35	TFR424
HMRC	Tax & NI (Jan - Mar)	907.86	TFR425
Rainhill Village Hall	Contribution	3344.90	TFR426
St Helens Council	Grounds Maintenance – Eco Garden	489.77	TFR423
SLCC	Annual Subscription	161.00	TFR427
Direct Fire & Protection	Lighting at 4F Centre	205.20	TFR428
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
LALC & NALC	Annual Subscription	1118.00	094
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
April Scheduled Payments			
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
St Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground	0.50	TFR430
St Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground	0.50	TFR431
St Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens	1.00	TFR432
St Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park	4.00	TFR433
LDS Ltd	Annual Report Distribution	600.00	TFR434
EWS Colour Print	Design & Printing of Annual Report	1145.00	TFR435
S.137 Payments			
CPRE	Donation	25.00	TFR429
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	TFR429
G Pinder	GCA Buffet	86.66	TFR421

20.30 TO CONSIDER THE AUTHORISATION OF INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERA IN WEAVER AVENUE

Resolved that the quote for the provision of a CCTV camera in Weaver Avenue be approved. Cllr Ward confirmed Paul Molyneux had provided quote costs at £4695 + VAT Total £5634. Parish Clerk to confirm order.

20.31 TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF CPRE

Resolved that membership of CPRE be renewed and payment authorised and a donation of £25 be made.

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20.32 TO APPROVE THE 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 10% of £1118.00 or less.

20.33 TO CONSIDER THE PLANTING OF THE BARRIER BASKETS FOR THE 2020/21 SEASON

Raised as not being good value for money. Cllr Howitt advised the cost relating to maintenance and Cllr Daniels raised point they were expensive but enhance the village. Resolved that planting of the 13 barrier baskets be approved for the 2020/21 season carried through with majority.

20.34 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ROCKET 200 GROUP

Cllr Barker reported he would become Project Manager from May 2020 and that a meeting with Network Rail to discuss 195 is planned. Resolved that the Council noted the reports

20.35 TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROLS

Resolved that the report on arrangements for Internal Control presented at the meeting was approved.

20.36 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO CLEAN THE WAR MEMORIAL

Resolved that the works be undertaken. The Parish Clerk to obtain 2 more quotes and due to time constraints in time for VE Day to delegate authority to the executive committee to select a contractor to undertake the works

20.37 TO CONSIDER UPDATE ON PROVISION OF FIBRE BROADBAND

Cllr Ward reported legal entity not required and “deemed red”. Costings are due from Openreach to confirm vouchers will be able to be reclaimed. Hoping that progress will be in the near future. Thanks, were expressed to Cllr Ward for his diligence and leadership in taking this forward. Resolved that the report be noted.

20.38 TO CONSIDER GRANT AID FOR THE GALA

Cllr Tasker raised at last meeting to contribute £350.00 to road closure for Transport festival and Gala Committee. Decision Deferred and that Cllr Tasker and Cllr Lerner should be present

20.39 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and to contact St Helens traffic enforcement officers regarding parking complaint to monitor situation outside schools. Cllr Taskers complaint deferred for further info.

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20.40 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Mersey Forest were requested to attend this meeting to discuss a tree planting project unfortunately commitments to ongoing projects prevented a representative attending. However details of all Parish Council Open Spaces have been forwarded to Mersey Forest and they have confirmed the information will be collated with the other information already provided and they will get in touch after Easter to arrange site visits on the sites with the greatest potential. Permission may be required from St Helens Council once sites have been confirmed.
- Village Hall Management Committee: CCTV being upgraded and rewiring of lights completed. Bank account healthy and bookings are up. Funding for emergency lighting and stage repairs required. Possible suggestion for Garrick Society to crowdfund. Tree to neighbours causing complaint but quotes needed. Improvement done in 2000 now require redoing as quality poor.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Internet and website improvements that have been needed have been set up with the help of Cllr Williams Thank you.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr M. Rothwell reported he attended and there was a good mix of Councillors and Clerks. Good for networking with no political element. Meetings take place once a month on the 1st Wednesday. Cllr Stephenson-Black and Williams to support if Cllr Rothwell not able to attend.
- Rainhill Gala: No Report
- 4F Centre: Going really well although lost one group bank account is healthy and a grant from the Rotary has been applied for. Cllr Greaves looking to have a fundraising event around Easter. A rent review is taking place.

20.41 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MOMOs Victorian Event being held on August Bank Holiday, Cllr Williams attending meeting at Town Hall. VE Day update. Update on Social Media Policy, Cllrs Williams, Rothwell, Stephenson-Black and Barker to meet before next meeting. Consideration should be given to grant aid for the Gala. Updates should be provided on Cllr Taskers resident complaint.

20.42 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Wednesday 22ND April 2020, in the Teak Room at Rainhill Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

Resolved that Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th May 2020, 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 9.00 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
3rd August 2020

Area:
Rainhill D24
Month: March 2020

	2019	2020	Diff	% Diff	Description
Burglary Business & Community	0	0	0	0	
Burglary Residential	1	3	2	200	1)Accused male seen entering shed - nothing stolen - Owen Road 2)Boulder used to smash rear conservatory door - watches & I pad stolen from bedroom- School Lane 3)Items including wheelie bin stolen from shed - Heskin Close
Criminal Damage	5	9	4	80	1)Unknown offender has damaged the rear passenger door - Derwent Close 2)Unknown offender has damaged a vehicle - Weaver Avenue 3)Male identified on CCTV damages vehicle – subsequently arrested by police - Derwent Close 4)Unknown offender has damaged a vehicle - Weaver Avenue 5)Unknown offender has damaged a vehicle - Weaver Avenue 6)Resident sees 4 unknown males - one throws a brick which damages a window - Warrington Road 7)Industrial bin at rear of business premises set alight by unknown persons - Dane Court 8)Side garden fence damaged by unknown persons - Old Lane 9)Unknown offender has smashed the rear window of victims parked vehicle - Vincent Road
Drugs	1	2	1	100	1)Smell of cannabis following stop check of vehicle – male in vehicle warned - Warrington Road 2)Smell of cannabis following stop check of vehicle – male in vehicle warned - Warrington Road
Other Theft	3	3	0	0	1)Unknown offender steals mobile phone from premises - Warrington Road 2 Fuel put into vehicle - no attempt to pay – vehicle on false plates - Shell - Warrington Road 3)Fuel put into vehicle - no attempt to pay – Texaco - Warrington Road
Public Order	8	4	-4	-50	1)Threats from one neighbour to another over dog barking - Longton Lane 2)Threats from unknown older male youth to younger male - Stapleton Avenue 3)Suspected male shoplifter verbally abusive to female staff member - Warrington Road 4)Ex partner shouting & abusive at informants home address - Ratcliffe Place
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0	
Robbery Personal	0	1	1	100	1)Robbery of females phone by two males reported by third party - no victim complaint - Longton Lane
Theft Bike	1	1	0	0	1)Pedal cycle stolen from school cycle shed - Warrington Road
T.F.M.V.	1	1	0	0	1)Vehicle number plates removed from vehicle when parked - School Lane
Theft Shop	0	2	2	100	1)Male took items and exited the store without making any attempt to pay - Warrington Road 2)Male & 2 females took items, exited the store without making any attempt to pay - Warrington Road

					1)Unknown offenders have stolen parked vehicle & crashed it a short distance away - Chatsworth Road
T.O.M.V.	0	1	1	100	
Vehicle Interference	0	1	1	100	1)Unknown offenders attempted to gain entry to vehicle by trying car door handles - St Davids Close
Total	20	28	8	40	
ASB	5	14	9	180	

Brief Description of ASB

- 1)Large gathering - no social distancing - Manor Farm P.H.Mill Lane –moved on by police 27/3/20
- 2)Approximately 8 youths on field smoking cannabis – Warburton Hey - 27/3/20
- 3)Youths trying garage doors - details taken from 1 youth –others made off from police - Meade Close 7/3/20
- 4)Neighbour dispute - Ratcliffe Place - 18/3/20
- 5)Group of males setting fire to paper - Penny's Pit field – Warburton Hey - 18/3/20
- 6)Large group of male & female youths in the road - students leaving Rainhill High - View Road - 20/3/20
- 7)Approximately 20 youths in Rainhill Village - some using silver canisters - Warrington Road - 20/3/20
- 8)Youths kicking a football against doors & windows & ringing the doorbell - Ratcliffe Place - 22/3/20
- 9)Group of youths not adhering to social distancing – Victoria P.H.car park Warrington Road - 23/3/20
- 10)Male kicking the door of a business premises - Warrington Road - 21/3/20
- 11)Group of approximately 10 youths drinking outside St Ann's church - Warrington Road - 25/3/20
- 12)Approximately 5 youths believed to be drinking outside St Ann's primary school - View Road - 25/3/20
- 13)Four males not social distancing - Coylton Avenue - 26/3/20
- 14)Motorcycle with 2 males on board not wearing helmets - School Lane - 26/3/20

Area: Rainhill D24 Month April 2020

	2019	2020	Diff	% Diff	
Burglary Business & Community	0	0	0	0	
Burglary Residential	0	1	1	100	1. Unknown offender causes damage to the garage lock. Police attend and offender makes off in vehicle leading to pursuit, however, vehicle is lost.
Criminal Damage	5	4	-1	-20	1. Neighbour dragged outside lights down from next door neighbours wall causing damage resulting in them no longer working. 2. During a family argument, son picked up a brick and hit the windscreen of the family car causing it to smash. It also caused damage to the second family car resulting in that having scratches and chips on the rear nearside window. Resolved by community resolution. 3. Unknown offenders have kicked the near side wing mirror causing damage. 4. Unknown offender has broken the Telecoms Site Galvanised Fence.
Drugs	2	0	-2	-100	
Other Theft	3	3	0	0	1. Neighbour has stolen a set of lights from her garden. 2. Unknown offender refuels his vehicle before driving off making no attempt to pay. 3. Unknown offender dispenses £15 worth of petrol and drives off making no attempt to pay.
Public Order	7	4	-3	-42.9	1. Victims ex partner threatens to spit on her. 2. Offender shouts abuse at the victim causing her to feel harassed, alarmed and distressed following an altercation about the offenders' dog. 3. Verbal argument between two brothers which becomes physical and caused mother to fear violence and call the police. 4. Guests who have attended a house party where outside acting aggressively, shouting and swearing and threats heard. This has caused the victim to feel harassed, alarmed and distressed.
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0	
Robbery Personal	0	0	0	100	
Theft Bike	0	0	0	0	
T.F.M.V.	2	3	1	50	1. Unknown offender has stolen fog light and both grills from vehicle whilst parked on driveway. 2. Unknown offender has removed the VRM plates from vehicle parked on driveway. 3. Unknown offender has entered the vehicle and stolen a pair of glasses within.
Theft Shop	1	1	0	0	1. Three unknown offenders enter the store - Two distract staff member whilst the other goes behind the counter, removes 10 sleeves of cigarettes, puts them under his arm and leaves the store making no attempt to pay.
T.O.M.V.	0	2	2	200	1. Suspect has hired a vehicle and not paid for a further hire period when contract ended. Hire company have had no success making contact with them and attempts made to recover vehicle at hirer's address. 2. Motorcycle stolen overnight which was recovered by owner nearby. Damage had been caused to motorcycle.
Vehicle Interference	0	1	1	100	1. Unknown offender enter vehicle via insecure drivers door and force plastic cowling from steering column by unknown means and expose ignition wires.

					No property taken.
Total	20	19	-1	-5	
ASB	12	22	10	83.3	

Brief description of ASB in April 2020

1. Ongoing issues with neighbour who informant said are intimidating her.
2. Report of a youth on a motorbike who is under age and has no license and is riding with another youth on the back.
3. Elderly lady being abusive to staff.
4. Reports of neighbour hosting party in garden with family and friends breaching lockdown.
5. Reports of a neighbour hosting a house party approx 10 people breaching lockdown.
6. Reports of 8 males approx aged 16-18yo smoking cannabis on Pennys Pit Park.
7. Reports of two youths in possession of a motorbike.
8. Reports of youths on scrambler bikes with passengers on the back going down Two butt Lane.
9. Reports of 6/7 males playing golf on Blundells Hill Golf Club breaching lockdown.
10. Reports of a large number of groups on Two butt Lane field breaching lockdown.
11. Reports of 9 youths in the park area between Stapleton Road and Two Butt Lane smoking cannabis and not social distancing.
12. Reports of neighbour partying all night.
13. Group of youths gathering smoking cannabis on Stapleton Road
14. 5 youths outside informants address not social distancing.
15. Large groups of adults loitering outside and address on Stapleton Avenue which happens every evening.
16. Youths congregating at the rear of the Victoria Pub.
17. Report of a group of teenagers gathered not from the same house/family
18. Reports of a family meeting up in the beer garden of Manor Farm having a picnic.
19. Report of a large number of people parking up and walking dogs down towards the dream breaching social distancing.
20. Ongoing neighbour issues.
21. Report of 10 youths on the field behind Stapleton Road not social distancing and smoking drugs
22. Report of large gathering of youths on Two Butt Lane.

Area: Rainhill D24
 Month: May 2020

	2019	2020	Diff	% Diff	
Burglary Business & Community	0	0	0	0.0	
Burglary Residential	13	1	-12	-92.3	1. Unknown offender(s) gain entry by attacking the lock of the rear door and make untidy search in the kitchen and living room before making off undetected.
Criminal Damage	4	4	0	0.0	1. Unknown offender(s) damage front windscreen of a vehicle that was located in the car park of a Public House on Warrington Road. 2. Using a chunk of wood, offender has smashed the front windscreen of a vehicle. 3. Offender deliberately set fire to and destroyed clothing belonging to victim. 4. Unknown offender breaks glass panel in the bathroom.
Drugs	4	3	-1	-25.0	1. Male found in possession of cannabis after stop search. Formal warning for possession of cannabis issued. 2. Mother of offender calls police after her son has had drug induced episode. Mother hands police a small bag of white powder and another small bag was also found in his room following section 32 search. 3. Small bag of white powder found by staff of care home after two packs of cigarettes were sellotaped together.
Other Theft	3	4	1	25.0	1. Two unknown offenders enter grounds of private dwelling and one offender removes solar security light from side of door. Offenders make good their escape. 2. Male fills up vehicle with £10.04 worth of petrol and drove off making no attempt to pay. 3. Offender fills up his vehicle with fuel and drives away without paying. 4. Offender fills up his vehicle with fuel and drives away without paying.
Public Order	2	4	2	100.0	1. Verbal threat made to victim after he is waiting in his vehicle at a petrol station. Victim sounded his horn as another driver was blocking the pump when the threat was made. 2. Victim has gone to visit her son when girlfriend of ex partner becomes verbally and makes indirect threat "If you don't abusive keep your mouth shut, you'll know about it." 3. Victim was driving along M62 when a driver of another vehicle began to shout and threw a can at her vehicle. 4. Victim has been at work in his store. Youth has entered the store and has started to argue with the victim. The suspect has picked up a packet of crisps, thrown the money on the counter. The suspect has then started to verbally abuse the victim calling him a "Cheeky Paki bastard." The suspect has then left scene.
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0.0	
Robbery Personal	0	1	1	100.0	1. Report of a vulnerable person in company with 3 females who appear to be searching his pockets. Police attend and make x3 arrests

Theft Bike	3	0	-3	-100.0	
T.F.M.V.	5	0	-5	-100.0	
Theft Shop	3	1	-2	100.0	1. Male enters store and conceals bottle of alcohol in clothing and leaves store without offering payment.
T.O.M.V.	1	0	-1	100.0	
Vehicle Interference	0	0	0	100.0	
Total	38	18	-20	-52.6	
ASB	10	37	27	270.0	

Brief description of ASB in May 2020

1. Reports of 3 builders not adhering to social distancing.
2. Reports of a football training session with 8 children and 2 adult coaches - In breach of lockdown.
3. Report of Rainhill Fish Bar not adhering to Social Distancing.
4. Reports of a scrambler bike on Norlands Lane
5. Reports of a quad bike being ridden up and down Two Butt Lane with a child pillion.
6. Reports of electronic bikes being ridden up and down Two But Lane for 4 nights in a row.
7. Neighbour issues - Longton Lane
8. Report of a male walking past Two Butt Lane with a black face mask and no helmet on a motorbike
9. driving on the footpath.
10. Reports of groups gathering on the field on Martin Close with blankets.
11. Report of around 7 male youths weaving in and out of the road on bikes on Blundells Lane
12. Report of 4 male youths in the park on Martin Close that had jumped over the fence as the park was closed
13. Report of a gathering of around 10 people behind Manor Farm.
14. Neighbour issues on Bishopdale Drive.
15. Report of approx 20 youths drinking and playing loud music on the field near Blundells Hill Farm.
16. Nuisance bikes on Longton Lane.
17. Neighbour issues - Longton Lane.
18. Report of three separate families on the street had a BBQ together.
19. Reports of scrambler bikes on Cronton Lane
20. Neighbour issues - Longton Lane
21. Report of a number of youths hanging around in the communal garden on Lincoln Way playing football and smoking.
22. Report of a group of 6 teenagers all sitting on the grass breaching lockdown rules.
23. Report of youths sat at the back of the flats on Lincoln Way not social distancing.
24. Reports of youths trying to start a fire on Eccleston Park Station
25. Report of a dozen people playing football on Deepdale Drive.
26. Report of a gathering of around 7 male youths smoking on the forecourt of Shell Garage.
27. Reports of a strong smell of cannabis coming from a property.
28. Report of a number of youths on Old Lane field smoking cannabis.
29. Reports of people partying on Two Butt Lane.
30. Reports of multiple families gathered on Pennys Pit Park.
31. Reports of people congregating on the car park on Two Butt Lane playing loud music.
32. Reports of people gathering at the rear of Manor Farm drinking.
33. Reports of ASB on Two Butt Lane car park - Youths playing football, drinking, smashing bottles and making lots of noise.
34. Report of 10 males in the park on Deepdale Drive playing football.
35. Report of gathering on Two Butt Lane car park. Approx 30 people.

36. Report of 7 cars on the car park of Two Butt Lane and around 15/20 people gathered.
Drinking, BBQing and playing loud music.
37. Reports of around 3/4 cars gathered on Two Butt Lane car park - Loud music from cars.
38. Report of youths gathering near Rainhill Train Station and the back of Victoria Pub

Area: Rainhill D24

Month: June 2020

	2019	2020	Diff	% Diff	
Burglary Business & Community	0	1	1	100.0	1. Unknown offender has attempted to gain entry to the property on Warrington road via the rear door. they have attempted to jemmy the door open; this has damaged the rear door, but no entry gained. door now repaired, no working CCTV and no witnesses, no obvious signs of forensics.
Burglary Residential	4	2	-2	-50.0	1. Victim has accidentally left his garage door open and unknown offender/s have entered the garage on weaver ave and stolen a box of beer from within and made their escape on foot. 2. Offender forces entry to property on Warburton hey and steals £10 from victim.
Criminal Damage	2	5	3	150.0	1. Unknown offender has punctured the n/s front and rear tyres of the victim's van on Ellaby road with large nails. 2. Support worker reporting that a male at the location has smashed a bedroom window with a baseball bat. incident being dealt with in house. 3. Unknown person(s) have smashed a window to the rear of the socialclub on Warrington road. 4. Unwitnessed criminal damage to windowpane on Caxton road. 5. Unknown offender has cut through the perimeter fence of the school.
Drugs	1	0	-1	-100.0	
Other Theft	3	2	-1	-33.3	1. female claims to have left her phone and handbag in the taxi and doesn't know the vrm of the taxi or the male. 2. unknown offender has overnight accessed garden on mill lane by damaging gates and has stolen £2500 worth tubs of render.
Public Order	5	5	0	0.0	1. Victim walking home from shops. offender shouts threats towards him. 2. Threats made via phone and in the street. 3. Victim attends garage to collect his vehicle when threats were made towards him. 4. Verbal altercation between two males when one threatens the other with violence. 5. Verbal abuse given to shop owner.
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0.0	
Robbery Personal	0	0	0	0.0	
Theft Bike	0	0	0	0.0	
T.F.M.V.	2	0	-2	-100.0	
Theft Shop	3	0	-3	-100.0	
T.O.M.V.	0	0	0	100.0	
Vehicle Interference	0	0	0	100.0	
Total	20	15	-5	-25.0	
ASB	11	30	19	172.7	

Brief description of ASB JUNE 2020

1. Nuisance neighbour - Honiston Avenue.
2. Youths gathering on Old Lane field and suspects them to be doing drugs
3. Youths setting fire to bins - Dane Court.
4. ASB issues - Two Butt Lane - Youths gathering making noise
5. Report of youth kicking the fence to the swing park on Deepdale Drive
6. Youths gathering breaching lockdown
7. Youths setting fire to bins - Warrington Road
8. ASB issues - Two Butt Lane - Youths gathering making noise
9. Youths causing a nuisance on View Road
10. ASB issues - Two Butt Lane - Youths gathering making noise
11. Youths gathering breaching lockdown.
12. Group gathering in a beer garden breaching lockdown
13. Group gathering in a beer garden breaching lockdown
14. Youths gathering at the rear of a pub on Warrington Road breaching lockdown
15. Youths swerving across the road on push bikes on Warrington Road
16. Reports of a group football training on Warburton Hey breaching lockdown
17. ASB issues - Two Butt Lane - Youths gathering making noise
18. ASB issues - Two Butt Lane - Youths gathering making noise
19. Youths setting fire to bins - Warburton Hey
20. Report of house party on Park Avenue
21. Large group of males breaching lockdown on Lee Close
22. Report of 20 people gathered having a picnic on Deepdale Drive
23. ASB issues - Two Butt Lane - Youths gathering making noise
24. Report of a house party on Longton Lane
25. ASB issues - Two Butt Lane - Youths gathering making noise
26. ASB issues - Two Butt Lane - Youths gathering making noise
27. Large number of people gathering on Old Lane field
28. Nuisance bike - Cumber Lane.
29. ASB issues - Two Butt Lane - Youths gathering making noise
30. Youths gathered on Warburton Hey playing football in breach of lockdown.

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL - CLERK'S REPORT

3rd August 2020

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

7. CLERKS REPORT

All actions resulting from resolutions made at the 2nd March ordinary meeting have either been completed or are in progress. Additionally I can report the following:

7.1 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WAS DUE TO BE HELD ON 22nd APRIL 2020

Due to Covid 19 and restrictions in place the Annual Parish Meeting was not able to take place. Local Government regulations came into place on 4th April 2020.

4.(1) In respect of a reference in any enactment to a meeting of a local authority, that authority may, as they may determine—

- (a) hold such meetings and at such hour and on such days; and
- (b) alter the frequency, move or cancel such meetings, without requirement for further notice.

(2) Where an appointment would otherwise be made or require to be made at an annual meeting of a local authority, such appointment continues until the next annual meeting of the authority or until such time as that authority may determine.

7.2 CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 it states Regulation 4 (2) carries the current appointment of chairman on until the Annual Meeting in May 2021 although councils may elect a chairman at earlier meeting should they wish to.

7.3 CLERKS HOLIDAYS

The Clerk is on holiday 14th August 2020 – 27th August 2020. A volunteer is requested to be a telephone/email point of contact for any emergencies. The out of office will be set and any non-emergency enquiries dealt with on my return.

7.4 INTERNAL AUDIT

Internal Audit was held on 20th January and the 13th July 2020 and the Council's accounts and financial processes were inspected and reviewed. No problems were highlighted, and the internal audit section of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was completed and signed off as fully meeting all requirements.

7.5 CLERKS CILCA QUALIFICATION

The Clerks CiLCA course has been postponed. Payment has already been made.

7.6 WILDFLOWER PLANTING

St Helens Council Notified that the wildflower planting would not be taking place this year due to the weather conditions.

7.7 ROTARY CLUB BEER FESTIVAL

Thankyou letter received & notification of 2020 cancellation of event

7.8 VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

It was confirmed due to Government advice all planned events were to be postponed. All involved notified and suppliers cancelled. The flags ordered were used for shops to decorate their premises and a competition was held for residents to decorate their houses. 3 were chosen and a £10 gift voucher for a local business given as a prize. Cllr Daniels Paid for the Vouchers. £10 for the Blue Mango & Hallmark Something Special and as one of the winners wished for the £10 prize to be donated to the British Legion the £10 was sent to Tommy Blackburn.

7.9 CHANGES TO AMOUNTS AGREED FOR PAYMENT

These had all been agreed for payment at 2nd March 2020 meeting but amounts now changed			
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	Was 160.70 Now 112.58	STO
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	Was 22.00 Now 30.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	Was 8.00 Now 10.00	DD

7.10 SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM

Debra Brown ASB Outreach Team has requested a meeting once we are able to. Cllr Roscoe has made contact discuss the Boroughs position to knife crime awareness and possible marketing and communication campaigns in the near future

PART 2 - AGENDA ITEMS – SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

An objection has been submitted to the following applications:

P/2020/0123 Change of use from C2 and C2a (Orchard House as confirmed by P/2010/0091 to C2 and C2a (Orchard House as confirmed by P/2010/0091) and B1 use of the site together with minor internal works. | Crossley Manor (Formerly Briars Hey)

Rainhill Parish council received a reply from representatives for Crossley Manor (Briars Hey) - ref P/2020/0123 and their response forwarded to all Councillors

20/00102 erection of convenience store (use class a1); retention of public house (use class a4) and demolition of outbuilding; replacement of freezer store and resiting of smoking shelter and beer garden together with alterations to car park and vehicular access from holt lane holt hotel 285 Warrington road

P/2020/0041 Erection of restaurant with associated parking. Land Adjacent to Rainhill Station Station Road - Refused

Re P/2020/0061 Land to west of Omega South and south of M62

Hybrid Planning Application for the following development (major development); (i) Full Planning Permission for the erection of a B8 logistics warehouse, with ancillary offices, associated car parking, infrastructure and landscaping; and (ii) Outline Planning Permission for Manufacturing (B2) and Logistics (B8) development with ancillary offices and associated access infrastructure works (detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale are reserved for subsequent approval)

P/2020/0117 Erection of detached two storey garage, Sandy Carr Farm Farmhouse Hall Lane- Refused

P/2020/0265 Land to The West Of 74 School Lane rection of a stable block, outdoor manege, creation of a new access road and track along with the erection of a 2.0m fence on the north boundary - Refused

P/2020/0437 Listed building consent for the installation of 3 no. platform validators. Rainhill Railway Station

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

P/2020/0132 Certificate of lawfulness for proposed side/rear extensions. Sandy Carr Farm Farmhouse Hall Lane

P/2020/0159 Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey rear extension 7 Dunbeath Avenue

P/2020/0167 Installation of 3no external flues to rear Victoria Hotel

P/2020/0166 Cliflen Norlands Lane Demolition of existing garage and rear extension; the erection of single storey side and rear wrap around extension along with single storey front extension with minor alterations to front elevation and raising of roof height 19.03.20 withdrawn planning application

P/2020/0181 Single storey rear extension projecting 6m from the rear, 3.5m high overall, and 2.4m to the eaves. 36 Norcliffe Road

P/2020/0193 Certificate of lawfulness proposed extension of existing rear dormer. 8 Railton Close

P/2020/0207 Part two storey part first floor extension over existing garage at the side.1 Briars Close

P/2020/0208 Change of use from 2no first floor flats to beauty salon. Flat 1 And Flat 2 24 Victoria Terrace

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P/2020/0209 Single storey rear extension projecting 6.75m from the rear, 4m high overall and 2.41m to the eaves. Cliflen Norlands Lane
P/2020/0210 Single storey side extension. Cliflen Norlands Lane Rainhill St Helens
P/2020/0236 Erection of first floor rear extension along with rear porch. Sandy Carr Farm Farmhouse Hall Lane
P/2020/0237 Single storey side extension. 53 Vincent Road
P/2020/0238 Demolition of existing garage and rear extensions and erection a part two storey, part single storey front, side and rear extension.180 Rainhill Road
P/2020/0221 Two storey rear extension. 16 Tarlton Close Rainhill
P/2020/0225 Erection of first floor rear extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension. 11 The Meadows
P/2020/0247 Replacement flat roof with lantern on existing single storey rear extension. 45 Longton Lane
P/2020/0248 Certificate of lawfulness for single storey rear extension.19 Stonecross
P/2020/0293/TPO Works to assorted trees covered by a tree preservation order. 31 View Road
P/2020/0294 Erection of first floor side extension. 45 Vincent Road
P/2020/0335 First floor rear extension. 389 Warrington Road Rainhill
P/2020/0352 Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a new outbuilding. 1A The Meadows
P/2020/0377 Single storey rear extension projecting 4.5m from the rear, 4m high and 3m to the eaves. 589 Warrington Road
P/2020/0381 Retrospective application for alterations to dormer roofs from pitched to flat. | Valluga Old Lane
P/2020/0395 Works to trees covered by a Tree Protection Order | Commercial Business Centre 9 Victoria Street
P/2020/0371TPO Works to assorted trees covered by a Tree Protection Order. 22 Fairlie Drive
P/2020/0427 Single storey rear extension. 38 Stephenson Grove
P/2020/0456 Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension. 2 Fairclough Road
P/2020/0465 Single storey rear extensions along with a single storey front extension and alterations to roof. 2 Swale Avenue

The Council should note the actions taken.

9. TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

A number of payments have been made in April, May & June relating to Clerk's salary and pension payment. Whilst already completed they are included in the table of authorisations.

APRIL 2020			
Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
K Adamson	Clerk's Salary – April	1060.79	TFR438
	Telephone @ 18.99/month	18.99	
	Printing Feb Agenda	5.95	
	Printing for Covid posters Wil Williams	20.00	
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - April	299.67	TFR437
Rainhill Village Hall	CCTV installation -from their annual amount	1,900.00	TFR439

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Rainhill Village Hall	Payroll Software & Furlough application	545.00	TFR440
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The Council should consider approving the above payments.

MAY 2020			
Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
K Adamson	Clerk's Salary – May	1015.85	TFR442
	Telephone @ 18.99/month	18.99	
	Stationary a4 paper & file & Dividers	9.58	
	Printer Ink	17.39	
		Total	1061.81
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – May	299.67	TFR443
	Eccleston Golf Club A4 Leaflet Distribution		TFR444
LDS Ltd	Is being reimbursed by RSOG	210.00	
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	112.58	STO
Water Plus	Water – Holt Playing Fields	19.06	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	30.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
JUNE 2020			
K Adamson	Clerks Salary – June	1015.85	TFR445
	Telephone @ 18.99/month	18.99	
	Book of 6 stamps	4.56	
	2 x 4 drawer filing Cabinets	200.00	
	2 x pack of 20 a4 suspension files	22.00	
HMRC	Tax & NI April – June 2020	351.33	TFR446
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS June	299.67	TFR447
Water Plus	Water-Rainhill Park	112.58	STO
Water Plus	Water- Holt Playing Fields	30.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
Npower	Electricity -Holt Playing Fields	41.00	DD
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
JULY 2020			
K Adamson	Clerks Salary – July	1015.85	TFR448
	Telephone @ 18.99 / month	18.99	
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS July	299.67	TFR449
Water Plus	Water-Rainhill Park	112.58	STO
Water Plus	Water- Holt Playing Fields	30.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
Npower	Electricity -Holt Playing Fields	41.00	DD
AUGUST 2020			
K Adamson	Clerks Salary – August	1015.85	TFR450
	Telephone @ 18.99 / month	18.99	

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	Cllr Daniels reimburse for Vouchers & Donation	30.00	
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS July	299.67	TFR451
Water Plus	Water-Rainhill Park	112.58	STO
Water Plus	Water- Holt Playing Fields	30.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
Npower	Electricity -Holt Playing Fields	41.00	DD

The Council should consider approving the above payments.

INCOME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
APRIL 2020		
St Helens Council	1 st Precept Payment	34,170
JUNE 2020		
St Helens Council	2 nd Precept Payment	34,170
HMRC	VAT Reclaim	1,586.07
Water Plus	Credit	113.04
JULY 2020		
RSOG	Payment of monies for delivery of leaflet drop	210.00

For information only.

10. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20

The Annual Governance Statement Forms Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return documentation for submission for External Audit, and must be approved before Section 2 - the Accounting Statements. The Governance Statement is signed each year by the Chair, and simply confirms that the Parish Council acknowledge their corporate responsibility for ensuring a sound system of internal control and have followed all appropriate regulations in its practices and the preparation of its accounts.

In order to respond positively to the assertions made in the Governance Statement members should read the report at Appendix 1.

A copy of the Governance Statement is attached in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return at Appendix 2.

The Council should consider the Annual Governance Statement and consider approval for signing by the Chair on behalf of the Council.

11. TO APPROVE THE 2019/20 ACCOUNTS FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT & BANK RECONCILIATION

As the Governance Statement has now been approved, Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Accounting Statement can be considered. A copy of the main page of the submission is attached together with accounts summary, separate spreadsheet extracts of income and expenditure, and a bank reconciliation to the end of March 2020. Following the successful completion of the Internal Audit on 13th July 2020, the External Audit submission is ready for approval by the Council and signing by the Chair. Appendix 3

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The timetable for all the stages in this process is as follows:

Approve Accounts at this meeting

Submit to External Auditors by August

Display All Notices on notice board and web by 4th August 2020

Make Accounts Publicly Accessible 4th August – 4th September 2020

Publicise Audited Accounts by 30 November

The last step is dependent on the External Auditor approving the submission.

The Council should consider approval of the Accounts; the Annual Governance and Accountability Return; and Bank Reconciliation for signing by the Chair on behalf of the Council.

12. TO REVIEW, CONSIDER AMENDMENTS, AND APPROVE COUNCIL DOCUMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

- i. Standing Orders – no amendment.
- ii. Financial Regulations – no amendment.
- iii. Asset Register – reviewed, figures now agree with Annual Governance and Accountability Return. Assets bought in 2019/20 added

If anyone wishes to see documents copies can be made on request.

Copies of the documents have been circulated electronically and a paper copy will be available at the meeting

The council should consider approving these documents.

13. TO CONSIDER POSTPONING UNDERTAKING A TOUR OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

Each year the whole Council is invited to undertake a tour of open spaces. Last year a number of issues were identified during the tour and subsequently resolved. In previous years the tour has been held on a Saturday, meeting on the Village Hall Car Park at 10.00 am. Given the current guidance on maintaining social distance it is recommended that the tour be postponed for this year.

The Council should consider if the tour is to be postponed.

14. REQUEST FOR USING A PUBLIC AREA/ PARKS FOR DELIVERY OF SMALL GROUP FOOTBALL AND EXERCISE SESSIONS

A request has been received for permission to use the parks within Rainhill to deliver single person and small group football and/ or exercise classes. When referring to the parks we would like you consider use for the following: Rainhill Park (Albert Fellowes) The Quarry (off Ashton Ave) Old Lane Park (Football sessions only) Holt Lane.

The Council should consider if it wishes to pursue this request further and if so, what actions would the Council like to take? It should be noted that The Quarry is not leased by the Parish Council.

The Council should consider what action it would like to take.

15. COUNCILLOR LARNER RESIGNATION

Cllr Lerner resigned as Rainhill Parish Councillor for West Ward on 19/03/2020. An advert was placed on Rainhill Parish Council Website advising of vacancy until the 27/04/2020. No written requests for an election were received. Rainhill Parish Council can now proceed with a move to Co- Option. Cllr Lerner was on the Committees & Representatives to External Bodies for Rainhill Gala and the Executive Committee.

The Council should note Cllr Lerner's resignation

16. TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL BODIES

Each year at the Annual Parish Council Meeting Councillors are appointed to represent the Parish Council on local organisations. Below are those appointments made last year. If any amendments are to be made, they should be approved.

Public Open Spaces:	Cllrs. J. Tasker, W. Williams, I. Brown, G. Ward, G. Roberts.
Village Hall Management Committee:	Cllr. A. Daniels.
Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society:	Cllr. D Hendrick, G. Ward.
Merseyside Assoc. Local Councils:	Cllr. M. Rothwell.
Rainhill Gala Committee:	Cllr. A. Lerner.
4F Centre:	Cllrs. D. Greaves, J. Tasker, S. Roscoe.
ECO Garden	Cllr. S. Roscoe, Clerk K Adamson.
Children's Playground Charity:	Rainhill Parish Council.
Planning Applications Advisory Group:	Deputy Chair (Cllr. A. Howitt) Cllrs. I. Brown, S. Roscoe, G. Roberts
Good Citizenship Award Group:	Cllrs. D. Greaves, W. Williams, K. Stevenson-Black, S. Roscoe.
LALC AGM and Conference:	Chair (Cllr. G Barker).
Clerk's Appraisal Group:	Cllrs J. Tasker, M. Rothwell.
Executive Committee:	Chair (Cllr. G. Barker), Deputy Chair (Cllr. A. Howitt), Cllrs. A. Lerner M. Rothwell.
Finance Working Group:	Full Council
Rainhill Trials 200 Working Group:	Cllrs. D. Greaves, G. Roberts.
Twinning Group:	Deputy Chair (Cllr. A. Howitt), Cllr. K. Stevenson-Black.
Armed Forces Community Covenant Working Group:	Cllrs. G. Ward, D. Hendrick

The Council should consider replacements and appointments of representatives to local organisations.

17. TO APPROVE RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

These new regulations, known officially as The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 build on existing obligations to people who have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 (or the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 in Northern Ireland). These regulations state that all UK service providers must consider 'reasonable adjustments' for disabled people.

- vision – severely sight impaired (blind), sight impaired (partially sighted) or colour-blind people
- hearing – people who are deaf or hard of hearing

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- mobility – those who find it difficult to use a mouse or keyboard
- thinking and understanding – people with dyslexia, autism or learning difficulties

When we think of these impairments, we then start to think how they may affect how people interact with a website. This may include the ability to:

- use a keyboard instead of a mouse
- change browser settings to make content easier to read
- use a screen reader to 'read' (speak) content out loud
- use a screen magnifier to enlarge part or all of a screen
- use voice commands to navigate a website

There is a £1000 identified in the budget for the website to be updated.

The Council is requested to authorise Netwise to review Rainhill Parish Council Website.

18. TO APPROVE ECO GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Rainhill parish council agreed to the costs of this year's maintenance April 2020 to March 2021 by St Helens Council. The maintenance includes cut grass on 23 occasions, treat obstacles – cobbles, flail, treat, scavenge wildflower area after flowering season. Cost 448.87 + VAT 89.77 Total 538.64. If at the end of the season/contract period, certain tasks have not been able to be fulfilled, this will be reflected in the final invoice.

The Council are asked to authorise payment.

19. TO APPROVE DOG EXERCISE AREA

Signage

Quote (Used by St Helens Council) Local company to

Supply only 1off 600 x 400mm sign panel with full digital print and laminate overlay @ £35.00 + VAT

Supply and fit 1off 600 x 400mm sign panel with full digital print and laminate overlay @ £60.00 + VAT

Dog Waste Bin Supplied by St Helens Council

The cost for new bin and insulation £397.00 + VAT

The cost to empty for 12 months £167.27 + VAT

There will be an annual cost to empty the bin and this will be charged for on a 24 month basis.

If the bin becomes damaged or rots it will up to yourselves to replace the bin or it will be removed. The life expectancy for a bin is 5 years.

The Council are asked to authorise payment for signage for the dog exercise area together with the dog waste bin.

20. TO CONSIDER LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Rainford Parish Council were contacted to see how their Neighbourhood Plan has been developed. Their group can see definite advantages in working together with Rainhill in the future as there will be common areas, particularly in relation to the local plan and St Helens Council. The Local Plan seems to be on hold at the moment as the current leadership of the council wants to overhaul the plan, so there may be some major

changes. As a Neighbourhood plan has to dovetail into a Local Plan, any alterations may be relevant for Rainford and/or Rainhill.

The Council should consider if this is to be developed and also consider the desirability, funding, and identify a working group.

21. TO CONSIDER MERCHANT NAVY DAY

Rainhill Parish Council held a ceremony on 3rd September 2019 to support the Merchant Navy Day Campaign. This year's Merchant Navy Day campaign is on September 3rd 2020.

Given the current guidance on maintaining social distance it is recommended that the ceremony be postponed for this year.

The Council should consider postponing the ceremony.

22. TO CONSIDER EMERGENCY PLAN FOR FUTURE

It has been suggested to Rainhill Parish Council by Cllr Greaves for Rainhill Parish Council to have an emergency plan.

The Council should consider if they wish to prepare a plan for the future.

23. TO NOTE RAINHILL COVID 19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

For Information only see appendix 4

The Council should Note the actions of Rainhill Covid 19 Community Support Group.

24. TO CONSIDER MILLENNIUM CENTRE HOW PC CAN OFFER SUPPORT

Cllr Howitt requested it to be added to the agenda for discussion on how the Millennium Centre be supported.

The Council should consider how the Millennium Centre can be supported

25. TO CONSIDER THE PROGRESS CCTV & BROADBAND FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr Ward to provide an update on the installation of CCTV and the Broadband progress.

The council should note the update

26. TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS ON YOUTH AMBASSADORS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr Roscoe to provide an update on the Youth Ambassadors

The Council should note the update

27. TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON LOCAL GROUP UPDATES

4F Centre Cllr Roscoe
ECO Garden Cllr Roscoe

The Council should note the reports.

28. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

The Clerk has dealt with correspondence including those relating to:
A complaint was received regarding increased dog fouling in Kendal Drive on 29.04.2020. A reply was sent 29.04.2020 advising the Complaint needs to be reported by the 'first person', they would not take a report from a third party. You can contact the Dog Wardens on 01744 676299 or email@sthelens.gov.uk.
If St. Helens are to take action, they need a witness statement, they can then issue a fixed penalty notice to the offender. However, they do need that initial help. A full description of person and dog, approximate time, location, frequency, etc.

A complaint was received by a resident regarding cycling on footpath. Advice sought from the police and following response given by email on 03.06.2020. It is illegal to ride on a pavement and if you are caught by the police you could be fined. If residents witness people riding on pavements and it is causing concern, then they should contact the police directly. Rainhill Parish Council are aware of the lack of cycle lanes in Rainhill and this is something that has been raised by several residents to councillors over the last couple of months. Highways are looking at ways to help extend the cycle lanes across the Borough but there is not a final plan out yet. Rainhill Parish Council will look to put out a post on various social media sites as a friendly reminder not to ride on pavements. I would also suggest that residents do not to step out into the road to avoid other people.

The Council should consider if it wishes to take any further action regarding the above issues.

29. TO CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members are given the opportunity to suggest items for discussion at future meetings.

For information only.

30. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

7th September 2020 7.30pm

**Rainhill Parish Council
Review of Internal Control 2019/20**

As part of the Annual Return, councils need to assess their arrangements for Internal Control and respond to the following assertion:

“We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.”

To respond positively to this assertion, the Council should have processes in place that are working effectively (as set out in “Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England”). This report considers each of the suggested processes and assesses whether they are effective or not. This will provide the basis for the Council’s year-end assessment.

Processes	Assessment
<p>Standing Orders and Financial Regulations</p> <p>The Council has standing orders and financial regulations governing how it operates. These are based on NALC guidance and are reviewed annually.</p>	<p>Processes are adequate and working effectively</p>
<p>Safe and Efficient Arrangements to Safeguard Public Money</p> <p>Practical and resilient arrangements need to exist covering how the authority orders goods and services, incurs liabilities, manages debtors, makes payments and handles receipts. The Clerk is the Responsible Financial Officer and has formal responsibility for the Council’s financial affairs. Payments, whether by cheque or BACS, are authorised by two members. Some recurring payments are made by direct debit and these are reported to and approved by the Council. All payments made are approved by the Council. Payments (mainly for pitch hire) are banked promptly and linked to invoices raised. Debtors are monitored by the Clerk and if considered irrecoverable, would be reported to the Parish Council. The Council approves any changes to banks and authorised signatories. The bank account is reconciled monthly and is approved by the Chair and Clerk.</p>	<p>Processes are adequate and working effectively</p>
<p>Employment</p> <p>The Clerk’s salary is approved annually by the Council. The Council meets HMRC requirements using the PAYE tools application. The Council is a member of Merseyside Pension Fund and meets all its pension obligations.</p>	<p>Processes are adequate and working effectively</p>
<p>VAT</p> <p>All VAT is separated within the Council’s accounts. This is reclaimed annually from HMRC.</p>	<p>Processes are adequate and working effectively</p>
<p>Fixed Assets and Equipment</p> <p>The asset register records all assets, and these are fully insured. The register is reported annually to members. Any asset disposals would be approved by the Council.</p>	<p>Processes are adequate and working effectively</p>

APPENDIX 1

Processes	Assessment
Loans The Council currently has no loans. Any new loan would only be considered if the Council were satisfied it could be afforded and that approvals have been obtained.	Processes are adequate and working effectively

Regulation 6 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires the authority to conduct a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control in each financial year. The above assessment meets this requirement and shows that there are adequate processes in place and that these are working effectively.

Action Required:

The Council should consider this review of Internal Control and its effectiveness. It should also identify any concerns arising from it.

Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

This authority's internal auditor, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2020.

The internal audit for 2019/20 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

Internal control objective	Agreed? Please choose one of the following		
	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	✓		
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	✓		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	✓		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			✓
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	✓		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	✓		
I. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	✓		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓		
K. IF the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2018/19, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2018/19 AGAR tick "not covered")			✓
L. The authority has demonstrated that during summer 2019 it correctly provided for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		
M. (For local councils only) Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			✓

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

Date(s) internal audit undertaken

20/01/2020

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

CAROLE BOLTON

13/07/2020

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit



Date

13/07/2020

*If the response is 'no' you must include a note to state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

We acknowledge as the members of:

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020, that:

	Agreed		‘Yes’ means that this authority:	
	Yes	No*		
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.			<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>	
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.			<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>	
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.			<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>	
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.			<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority’s accounts.</i>	
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.			<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>	
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.			<i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i>	
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.			<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>	
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.			<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>	
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	<i>has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.</i>

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each ‘No’ response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

DD/MM/YY

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Other information required by the Transparency Codes (not part of Annual Governance Statement)

Authority web address

AUTHORITY WEBSITE ADDRESS

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20 for

EN RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2019 £	31 March 2020 £	
1. Balances brought forward	67,735	82,890	<i>Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.</i>
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	67,000	68,340	<i>Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.</i>
3. (+) Total other receipts	4,452	6,090	<i>Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.</i>
4. (-) Staff costs	20,423	24,996	<i>Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.</i>
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	nil	nil	<i>Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).</i>
6. (-) All other payments	35,874	53,501	<i>Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).</i>
7. (=) Balances carried forward	82,890	78,823	<i>Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).</i>
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	82,890	78,823	<i>The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.</i>
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	176,478	177,053	<i>The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.</i>
10. Total borrowings	nil	nil	<i>The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).</i>
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	<i>The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.</i>
		✓	<i>N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.</i>

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2020 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DD/MM/YY

Date

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

DD/MM/YY

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

ACCOUNTS 2019/2020

2018/2019		2019/2020	
£	RECEIPTS	£	
67,000.00	Precept	68,340.00	
714.00	Football Pitch Hire	729.00	
504.37	4F Centre Insurance Premium	689.55	
515.14	Other	15.00	
2,718.70	VAT reclaimed	4656.90	
71,452.21	TOTAL RECEIPTS	74,430.45	74,430.45
	 PAYMENTS		
25,358.18	Administration	37,761.19	
7,546.42	Public Open Spaces	4469.73	
11,023.00	Village Hall	11,869.14	
7,837.50	Environmental Expenses	17,240.03	
1,594.44	Publicity	2,673.83	
858.48	S137 Payments	319.00	
0	Contingency	0	
2,078.97	VAT payable	4,164.00	
56,296.99	TOTAL PAYMENTS	78,496.92	78,496.92
	 CUMULATIVE FUND BALANCE		
67,734.62	Balance Brought Forward at 1/4/2019	82,889.84	
71,452.21	Plus Total Receipts	74,430.45	
139,186.83		157,320.29	
56,296.99	Less Total Payments	78,496.92	
82,889.84	Balance carried forward at 31/3/20	78,823.37	78,823.37

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31/3/20

2018/2019		2019/2020
£		£
nil	A) LONG TERM ASSETS Investments	nil
82,889.84	B) CURRENT ASSETS Cash in Hand	78,823.37
82,889.84	C) TOTAL ASSETS (A+B)	78,823.37
nil	D) CURRENT LIABILITIES	nil
82,889.84	E) NET ASSETS (C-D)	78,823.37
	Represented by:	
29,440.43	Fund Balance	43,074.81
53,449.41	Reserves	35,748.56
82,889.84	Total	78,823.37

The above Statement represents fairly the financial position of the Parish Council as at 31st March 2020 and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.

Approved by the Parish Council on 3rd August 2020

Chair:.....

Responsible Financial Officer:.....

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2019/2020
SUPPORTING NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

1) ASSETS HELD BY THE PARISH COUNCIL:

- i. During the year the Parish Council made improvements to the 4F Centre building
- ii. Assets are valued at cost in the Annual Return, in line with most other parish councils. This will be lower than the current value of the assets.
- iii. At the 31st March 2020, the estimated value of the Council's assets was £1,291,327. This valuation is based on replacement costs for Insurance purposes. Significant assets held by the Council and their values include:

Sports Pavilions – Rainhill Park	£233,890
Sports Pavilions – Holt Lane	£278,409
4F Centre building	£798,456

2) LEASES:

The Parish Council had the following leases in operation at the close of business on 31st March 2020.

<i>Lessor</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Annual Lease</i>	<i>Year of Expiry</i>
St. Helens MBC	POS Swan Farm	1.00	2055
St. Helens MBC	POS Two Butt Lane	.50	2057
St. Helens MBC	POS Rainhill Park	4.00	2063
St. Helens MBC	POS First Avenue	.50	2057
St. Helens MBC	POS Holt Lane	-	2068
St. Helens MBC	POS Warburton Hey	-	2062
St. Helens MBC	POS King Edward Close	-	2059
Lariche Investments	Village Hall Land	5.00	2032

3) EARMARKED RESERVES:

At the 31st March 2020 the Parish Council had the following earmarked reserves.

<i>Earmarked Reserve</i>	<i>Balance at 1/4/2019</i>	<i>Contribution to Reserve</i>	<i>Contribution from Reserve</i>	<i>Balance at 31/3/2020</i>
Development	£42,449.41	£3,000	£12,696.01	£32,753.40
Election	£11,000	nil	£8,004.84	£11,000.00
			Total	£35,748.56

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2019/2020
SUPPORTING NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

Continued.....

4) SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE:

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 18 of the Local Government Act 2003 enables the Parish Council to spend up to £8.12 per head of population on the electoral role (equivalent to £72,998.80 in 2019/2020) in any one financial year on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers.

Expenditure was incurred during the 2019/2020 financial year for the following purposes:

RBL Poppy Appeal	£50.00
St Barts School	£100.00
Rotary Club Rainhill	£100.00
Good Citizenship Awards	£590.22
CPRE Donation	£25.00
CPRE Annual Membership	<u>£36.00</u>
Total	£901.22

5) ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY:

The following costs for advertising and publicity were incurred during the 2018/2019 financial year.

i)	Recruitment Advertising	363.00
ii)	Other Advertising	nil
iii)	Publicity	£2,305.00

6) PENSIONS:

Payments to the Merseyside Pension Fund are made on behalf of the Council's only employee, the Clerk to the Council / Responsible Financial Officer. Employer contributions were made at the rate of 17.7% of the Clerk's salary for 2019/20.

7) The accounts for the financial year 2019/2020 have been produced according to the 'Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015' and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (18) 'Accounting Policies'.

Rainhill Parish Council
Income April 2019 - March 2020

Date	Remitter	Precept	Pitch Hire	Misc Other	TOTAL INCOME	VAT Refund
16-Apr-19	St Helens Council	34170.00			34170.00	
26-Jun-19	HMRC (VAT 2018/19)				0.00	2078.97
18-Jun-19	St Helens Council	34170.00			34170.00	
02-Aug-19	M Radcliffe		15.00		15.00	
12-Aug-19	Rainhill Town AFC		392.00		392.00	
14-Aug-19	Rainhill Rocket JFC		337.00		337.00	
04-Sep-19	HMRC (VAT Apr-Jun 19)				0.00	2577.93
19-Oct-19	4F Centre			689.55	689.55	
Totals to Date		68340.00	744.00	689.55	69773.55	4656.90

Rainhill Parish Council
Expenditure Apr 2019 March 2020

Date	Number	Payee	Details of Payment	Bank Charge	Salary Clerk	Tax / NI	Pension	Admin	POS	Publicity	Village Hall	Cont	Enviro	Rocket 190	Sec 137	VAT	Totals
02-Apr-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
25-Apr-19	STO	Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						38.95							2.05	41.00
20-Apr-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						9.50							0.50	10.00
02-Apr-19	TFR368	G Pinder	Photocopying March Agenda				10.00									2.00	12.00
02-Apr-19	TFR368	G Pinder	Photocopying Rocket Flyers												25.00	5.00	30.00
23-Apr-19	TFR368	G Pinder	Photocopying - Parish meeting				8.34									1.66	10.00
26-Apr-19	TFR368	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Apr													2.50	1190.26
26-Apr-19	TFR368	G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month				12.50									15.00	15.00
26-Apr-19	TFR368	G Pinder	Planning App (P/2019/0152) Advert Station										231.00				231.00
26-Apr-19	TFR368	G Pinder	Chair's Expenses				30.00										30.00
26-Apr-19	TFR369	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Apr				332.08										332.08
16-Apr-19	TFR362	St Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground						0.50								0.50
16-Apr-19	TFR363	St Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground						0.50								0.50
16-Apr-19	TFR364	St Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens						1.00								1.00
16-Apr-19	TFR365	St Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park						4.00								4.00
16-Apr-19	TFR366	LDS Ltd	Annual Report Distribution							500.00							600.00
16-Apr-19	TFR367	EWS Colour Print	Design & Printing of Annual Report							1695.00							1695.00
29-Apr-19	TFR367	EWS Colour Print	Printing of 800 flyers												32.00		32.00
18-Apr-19	TFR370	Premier Traffic Management	Road Closure & Diversion for Rocket 190											1750.94		350.19	2101.13
02-May-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
25-May-19	STO	Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						38.95							2.05	41.00
20-May-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						9.50							0.50	10.00
26-May-19	TFR371	G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month				12.50									2.50	15.00
26-May-19	TFR371	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - May				1190.26										1190.26
26-May-19	TFR371	G Pinder	Photocopying Paper				1.67									0.33	2.00
26-May-19	TFR372	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - May				2.80										332.08
26-May-19	TFR373	Rydon Signs Ltd	Erection of plaque at railway station										725.00			145.00	870.00
29-May-19	TFR378	Contribution from CJE Funds	Road Closure & Diversion for Rocket 190													-175.10	-1050.57
01-Jun-19	TFR379	D J Millner	Haulage of Rocket for celebration weekend												3700.00		4440.00
01-Jun-19	TFR360	Darwin Electrical Services	Lighting at 4F Centre						1980.00							396.00	2376.00
05-Jun-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
25-May-19	STO	Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						38.95							2.05	41.00
20-May-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						9.50							0.50	10.00
01-Jun-19	TFR374	St Helens Council	Wildflower sowing & maintenance										1622.62			324.52	1947.14
08-Jun-19	TFR375	St Helens Council	Remembrance Day Road Closure 2018										392.00				392.00
26-Jun-19	TFR376	G Pinder	Flowers for Telephone Kiosk										55.00				55.00
26-Jun-19	TFR376	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Jun				1190.06										1190.06
26-Jun-19	TFR376	G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month				12.50									2.50	15.00
26-Jun-19	TFR376	G Pinder	Printer Inks				13.04									2.61	15.65
26-Jun-19	TFR377	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - June				332.08										332.08
30-Jun-19	TFR380	HMRC	Tax & NI (Apr - Jun)				710.24										710.24
21-Jun-19	TFR381	Vmynline	Updating Honours Board					40.00									48.00
05-Jun-19	TFR382	Pro Event	Security for Rocket 190													662.57	3975.44
06-Jun-19	TFR383	Village Hall	Balance of 2018/19 Grant								515.14						515.14

Rainhill Parish Council
Expenditure Apr 2019 March 2020

Date	Number	Payee	Details of Payment	Bank Charge	Salary Clerk	Tax / NI	Pension	Admin	POS	Publicity	Village Hall	Cont	Enviro	Rocket 190	Sec 137	VAT	Totals
18-Jun-19	085	Parish & Town Training	Lanca Effective Meetings Workshop x2					50.00									50.00
18-Jun-19	086	LALC	LALC Annual Conference x1					35.00									35.00
30-Jun-19	DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00													18.00
08-Jul-19	087	Parish & Town Training	Lanca New Cliffs Workshop x2					126.00									126.00
05-Jul-19	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						112.58								112.58
05-Jul-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
25-Jul-19	STO	Noower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						38.95								41.00
20-Jul-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						9.50								10.00
26-Jul-19	TFR384	G Pinder	Photocopying					3.54								0.71	4.25
26-Jul-19	TFR384	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - July					12.50								2.50	15.00
26-Jul-19	TFR385	Mersesyside Pension Fund	Telephone @ £15.00/month														15.00
27-Jul-19	TFR386	Alpha Metals	3 Train Screens for Houghton Street										375.00			75.00	450.00
30-Jul-19	TFR387	Science Museum	Loan of Rocket Locomotive													132.00	792.00
30-Jul-19	TFR388	St.Helens Council	Election Expenses					8004.84									8004.84
05-Aug-19	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						112.58								112.58
05-Aug-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
25-Aug-19	STO	Noower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						38.95								41.00
20-Aug-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						9.50								10.00
26-Aug-19	TFR389	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Aug					1190.26								2.50	1190.26
26-Aug-19	TFR389	G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month					12.50									15.00
26-Aug-19	TFR390	Mersesyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Aug														15.00
22-Aug-19	DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges bounced cheq from RT					332.08									332.08
22-Aug-19		Rainhill Town	Reimbursement of Bank Charges from RT														-6.00
05-Sep-19	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						112.58								112.58
05-Sep-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
25-Sep-19	STO	Noower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						38.95								41.00
20-Sep-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						9.50								10.00
03-Sep-19	TFR395	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fee					300.00									360.00
26-Sep-19	TFR391	G Pinder	Photocopying					3.00								0.60	3.60
26-Sep-19	TFR391	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Sept					1190.06									1190.06
26-Sep-19	TFR391	G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month					12.50								2.50	15.00
26-Sep-19	TFR391	G Pinder	Anti-virus Protection					6.66									7.99
26-Sep-19	TFR391	G Pinder	Key Cutting - Holt Lane					3.00									3.00
26-Sep-19	TFR392	Mersesyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Sep														332.08
26-Sep-19	TFR393	HMRC	Tax & NI (Jul - Sep)					710.44									710.44
03-Sep-19	TFR394	Eco Garden	Painting of Benches - Donation										120.00				120.00
03-Sep-19	088	N Lucas Eco Garden	Painting of Benches - Materials										12.00				12.00
03-Sep-19	TFR396	Village Hall	Legal Services								90.00						90.00
03-Sep-19	TFR396	Village Hall	Electrical Services								778.20						778.20
03-Sep-19	TFR396	Village Hall	Emergency Lighting Test								240.00						240.00
03-Sep-19	TFR396	Village Hall	Music Licence								741.76						741.76
06-Sep-19	TFR397	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal Premium					1700.56									1700.56
30-Sep-19	DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00													18.00
05-Oct-19	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						112.58								112.58
05-Oct-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33

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25-Oct-19	STO	Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						28.57							1.43	30.00
20-Oct-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						9.50							0.50	10.00
26-Oct-19	TFR398	G Pinder	Photocopying					7.71								1.54	9.25
26-Oct-19	TFR	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Oct (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)		1190.06												1190.06
26-Oct-19	TFR	G Pinder	Deduction for overpayment in August		-0.20												-0.20
26-Oct-19	TFR	G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month					12.50								2.50	15.00
26-Oct-19	TFR	G Pinder	Refreshments for Merchant Navy Day					6.32									6.32
26-Oct-19	TFR399	G Pinder	LGPS - Oct				332.08										332.08
15-Oct-19	TFR400	Kirk Craig Ltd	Service of Roller Shutters at AFP						50.00							10.00	60.00
16-Oct-19	TFR401	Rainhill Beer Festival	Advert in programme for Rocket 190							100.00							100.00
15-Oct-19	TFR404	Village Hall	Insurance Renewal Premium								2673.61						2673.61
05-Nov-19	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						112.58								112.58
05-Nov-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
25-Nov-19	STO	Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						28.57							1.43	30.00
20-Nov-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						9.50							0.50	10.00
26-Nov-19	TFR402	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Nov (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)		1190.26												1190.26
26-Nov-19	TFR402	G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month					12.50								2.50	15.00
26-Nov-19	TFR403	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Nov				332.08										332.08
11-Nov-19	089	RBL Poppy Appeal	Wealth & Donation														50.00
05-Dec-19	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						112.58								112.58
05-Dec-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
25-Dec-19	STO	Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						28.57							1.43	30.00
19-Dec-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						7.62							0.38	8.00
23-Dec-19	TFR405	G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month					12.50								2.50	15.00
23-Dec-19	TFR405	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Dec		1190.06											4.16	25.00
23-Dec-19	TFR405	G Pinder	Photocopying - Oct					20.84								1.25	7.50
23-Dec-19	TFR405	G Pinder	Photocopying - Nov					6.25								8.33	50.00
23-Dec-19	TFR405	G Pinder	Keys for AFP Pin locks						41.67								17.39
23-Dec-19	TFR405	G Pinder	Printer Ink					14.49									14.49
23-Dec-19	TFR405	G Pinder	Planning Application Fee - Holt Lane						117.00								117.00
23-Dec-19	TFR405	G Pinder	Pin Badges					31.75								6.35	38.10
23-Dec-19	TFR405	G Pinder	Job Advert St. H Star						363.00							72.60	435.60
23-Dec-19	TFR405	G Pinder	Revaluation of Chair's Chain					45.00									45.00
26-Dec-19	TFR406	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Dec				332.08										332.08
23-Dec-19	TFR407	HMRC	Tax & NI (Sep - Dec)				710.44										710.44
17-Dec-19	TFR408	St.Helens Council	Barrier Baskets										4009.20			801.84	4811.04
17-Dec-19	TFR409	CC Elec	Emergency Lighting & PAT Testing						120.00							24.00	144.00
17-Dec-19	TFR410	St.Helens Council	TRO Remembrance day road closure										630.99				630.99
31-Dec-19	DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00													18.00
05-Jan-19	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						112.58								112.58
05-Jan-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
19-Jan-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						7.62							0.38	8.00
21-Jan-20	090	St.Barrs School	Donation												100.00		100.00
21-Jan-20	TFR417	Rotary Club Rainhill	Donation												100.00		100.00
26-Jan-20	TFR411	G Pinder	Photocopying					7.00									7.00
26-Jan-20	TFR411	G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month					12.50									12.50

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26-Jan-20	TFR411	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Jan		1620.23											2.00	1620.23
26-Jan-20	TFR411	G Pinder	Printing for VE Day							10.00							12.00
26-Jan-20	TFR411	G Pinder	Refreshments - GCA												8.00		8.00
26-Jan-20	TFR412	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Jan				491.60										491.60
27-Jan-20	TFR413	St.Helens Council	Provision & installation of litter bin														554.26
21-Jan-20	TFR418	Village Hall	Music Licence								748.82		461.88			92.38	748.82
21-Jan-20	TFR418	Village Hall	Gas Bill								393.91						393.91
21-Jan-20	TFR418	Village Hall	Tree Removal								250.00						250.00
21-Jan-20	TFR418	Village Hall	Electrical Work								2092.80						2092.80
26-Feb-20	TFR419	K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - 20-31 Jan		538.38												538.38
01-Feb-20	TFR414	Mma Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaques												280.00		280.00
05-Feb-19	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						112.58								112.58
05-Feb-19	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
25-Feb-19	STO	Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						28.57								30.00
19-Feb-19	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						7.62							0.38	8.00
26-Feb-20	TFR415	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Feb		1233.05												1233.05
14-Feb-20	092	J&C Catering	Catering for GCA												230.00		230.00
26-Feb-20	TFR420	K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - Feb		1016.87												1016.87
26-Feb-20	TFR420	K Adamson	Telephone @ 18.99/month					15.83									15.83
26-Feb-20	TFR416	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Feb&March (KA&GP)				414.12										414.12
05-Mar-20	TFR428	Direct Fire & Protection	Electricity Testing at 4F Centre						171.00								205.20
04-Mar-20	TFR423	St Helens Council	Grounds Maintenance - Exchange Place						408.14								489.77
24-Mar-20	TFR427	SILCC	Annual Subscription		161.00												161.00
03-Mar-20	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						112.58								112.58
03-Mar-20	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						6.33								6.33
15-Mar-20	STO	Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						28.57								30.00
20-Mar-20	DD	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						8.33							1.67	10.00
07-Mar-20	TFR429	CPRE	Donation												25.00		25.00
07-Mar-20	TFR429	CPRE	Annual Membership												36.00		36.00
26-Mar-20	TFR352	G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - March		504.65												504.65
26-Mar-20	TFR352	G Pinder	Home Office Allowance					860.00									860.00
26-Mar-20	TFR421	G Pinder	Photocopying					5.83								1.17	7.00
26-Mar-20	TFR421	G Pinder	New computer					479.06								95.82	574.88
26-Mar-20	TFR421	G Pinder	Valuation of Rose Bowl					40.00									40.00
27-Mar-20	TFR421	G Pinder	Transfer of Clerks Cupboard					61.00									61.00
28-Mar-20	TFR421	G Pinder	Cable Ties D Hendrick					12.36									12.36
29-Mar-20	TFR421	G Pinder	VE Day Bunting					446.26									446.26
26-Mar-20	TFR421	G Pinder	GCA Buffet												72.22		72.22
26-Mar-20	TFR424	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Mar				264.35										264.35
26-Mar-20	TFR425	HMRC	Tax & NI (Jan - Mar)								907.86						907.86
26-Mar-20	TFR422	K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - March		1098.35												1098.35
26-Mar-20	TFR422	K Adamson	Telephone @ 18.99/month					15.83									18.99
27-Mar-20	TFR422	K Adamson	Laptop Bag					15.00								2.99	17.99
28-Mar-20	TFR422	K Adamson	Home Office Allowance					215.00									215.00
29-Mar-20	TFR422	K Adamson	book 6 first class stamps					4.20									4.20
26-Mar-20	TFR426	Rainhill Village Hall	Contribution								3344.90						3344.90
31-Mar-20	DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges													18.00	18.00
23-Mar-20	TFR430	Lexis Nexis	Arnold Baker Book					110.98									110.98
01-Mar-20	93	PTTL	CILCA Training					150.00									150.00

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				72.00	16722.87	3038.98	4158.79	13192.16	4469.73	2668.00	11869.14	0.00	8634.69	8605.34	901.22	4164.00	78496.92

BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 Mar 2020			
BALANCE B/F	82,889.84	CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	42823.37
PLUS		PLUS	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	74,430.45	TSB HOLDING ACCOUNT	36,000.00
LESS		LESS	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	78,496.92	UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	N/A
BALANCE c/f	78,823.37		78,823.37

Meeting held on 3RD August 2020

Chairman

Rainhill Community Support Group

Rainhill Community Support Group (RCSG) was created on or around the 15th March 2020 by Rainhill Village Postmaster. The Postmaster and staff at the Post Office were taking calls from residents who needed support and essential shopping and as a result of joining forces with volunteers who created the groups Facebook site and the group's website, and a host of other community leads including a number of Rainhill Parish Councillors, the Covid-19 Community Support Group was established. The Village Post Office is the recognised Hub for the group.

The original aim of the group was to offer support to anyone who needed help or support during those early weeks and a place to reach out to. If a loved one is in Rainhill or surrounding areas (but not on Facebook) then it was a place where family members can reach out to on their behalf. The idea was simple, if someone could post for someone to pick up shopping, medical prescriptions for a self-isolated person and then community members could comment with offers of assistance.

RCSG has since developed into an amazing support mechanism for our communities across the area. We have a substantial team of regular volunteers working on behalf of the community by delivering essential shopping and medical prescriptions. The volunteers also support residents in Reeve Court, Thatto Heath by delivering essential shopping there too.


A number of Rainhill Parish Councillors form part of the admin group, one supporting the volunteer phone to 'book in' essential shopping for our residents who have been self-isolating or who are vulnerable. A number monitor and update the dedicated Facebook page. One of our Parish Councillors has been co-ordinating twice weekly shopping orders from residents in Reeve Court Retirement Village. Another has sourced information on funding opportunities on behalf of the support group.


Core Members of RCSG have also supported our neighbouring ward Thatto Heath in setting up their own Covid-19 Community Support Group called 'Thatto Heath Helping Hands' and a link into Eccleston and Sutton Covid-19 community support groups too by sharing important information around health and wellbeing and good news stories to help keep up the morale and community spirit across our communities.


RCSG currently have over 2,000 members to date. Supported by 10 administrators 5 of which monitor the FB site content regularly.


Detailed below are some of the community work the members of the RCSG have delivered:


The Group:


 Continues to take calls to collect and deliver shopping and prescriptions to isolated or shielding residents. Thanks to an incredible team of volunteers;

 continue to make calls for a chat to those who are isolating;

 are now sending food to the Foodbank everyday thanks to the customers of the Co-op and the Post Office where we have a collection point;

 have made a number of drops of over 150 scrub bags to Whiston hospital;

 have set up a book swap at the post office too;

 held a number of very successful raffles where money raised will be distributed to people in the community who need extra support;

☞ successfully delivered 100 meals as a treat to people in the community thanks to the Blue Mango;

☞ continue to support local businesses by featuring them on the Rainhill Community Support Group Facebook page/website;

☞ are researching ways we can support deaf people in our community by supplying special clear face masks;

☞ work with our local 4 primary schools where the children create their own special 'kindness cards' to be delivered to our shielded and isolated community members along with their shopping as a way of letting them know they are thinking of them.

This idea originated from Rachel and Jessica, two young ladies from our community who started the kindness theme by delivering kindness cards to their neighbours and extended it right across Rainhill.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/194197768575573/about/> - Facebook site

[https://www.rainhillnow.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR132WXzqyp14oRzL0mRdYtSY6EGAuBjD62e04geg-
SePvIFxpATIiKES38](https://www.rainhillnow.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR132WXzqyp14oRzL0mRdYtSY6EGAuBjD62e04geg-
SePvIFxpATIiKES38) – website address which has links to useful local contact numbers/resources, local businesses link as well as a community gallery and forum link.

Contact number for **0151 426 4145**

Statement from Rainhill Post Office Post Master

“Since taking over at the Post Office 20 month ago I implemented several strategies to support our most vulnerable customer, however the lockdown brought a whole different load of challenges. A strategy was quickly implemented to help people who may become isolated and the response was so great that we had to appeal for volunteers. The response was overwhelming and was too much for me to handle alone.

Fortunately I had an amazing core of admin to assist. Whilst other admins had other roles, these were the core and were soon helping over 300 people per week, not including the NHS drops, Food Bank collections. The little idea I had on a Sunday night at the beginning of March had taken on a life of its own and was an incredible success. The heart warming stories we have experienced during this time will stay with me forever. We truly witnessed the best in society and managed to help our communities in the most trying times”.