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1st September 2020

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 7th September 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 dark 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
7TH September 2020

1. 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
2. To receive declarations of interest from members
3. To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3rd August 2020
4. To receive Police monthly statistics – for information only
5. To note the contents of the Clerk's Report– for information only
6. To consider the following Planning Applications and note any actions taken:
7. To authorise the accounts payable (list included in report)
8. To consider issues relating to Albert Fellowes open space
9. To consider the Annual Scarecrow Festival
10. To consider Mersey Forest tree planting report
11. To consider the Annual Good Citizenship Awards
12. To consider a Safer Roads initiative
13. To consider togetherness at home events
14. To consider Christmas light festival and Christmas light switch on
15. To consider the maintenance of St Anns churchyard
16. To receive reports on Local Group Updates
17. To consider residents comments and complaints
18. To consider Future agenda items
19. Date and time of next meeting (For information only)

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND YOU MUST CONFIRM TO THE CLERK BY THE 4th September 2020 BY
EMAILING rainhillpc@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07565524414

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES
3rd August 2020

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd August 2020 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: G. Barker, A. Daniels, D. Hendrick, A. Howitt, G Roberts, S Roscoe, J Tasker G Ward, W Williams .

Attending online

Cllrs: D Greaves, K Stevenson- Black,

3 members of the public were also present

1. It was proposed that Cllr. A Howitt be Chair for the 2020/2021 year. Being no other nominations, it was resolved that Cllr. A Howitt be elected Chair and sign the Acceptance of Office form.
2. It was proposed that Cllr. W Williams be Deputy-Chair for the 2020/2021 year. Being no other nominations, it was resolved that Cllr. W. Williams be elected Deputy-Chair and sign the Acceptance of Office form.

Prior to commencement of business the meeting was adjourned to allow members of public to raise any concerns. A member of the public stated they had several matters of concern which will be put in writing to the Clerk.

The meeting was recommenced.

20.43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: I Brown, M Rothwell.

20.44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tasker declared an interest as personally knowing the member of the public requesting to use the public open space and Cllr Ward declared an interest as being related to the member of the public also requesting to use the public open space.

20.45 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 2nd March 2020

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd March 2020 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

20.46 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

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

20.47 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 Cllr Tasker will be identified on email out of office message as point of contact for any emergencies.

20.48 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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 Clifflin 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

20.49 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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
Rainhill Village Hall	Payroll Software & Furlough application	545.00	TFR440

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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
LDS Ltd	Eccleston Golf Club A4 Leaflet Distribution Is being reimbursed by RSOG	210.00	TFR444
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	
	Cllr Daniels reimburse for Vouchers & Donation	30.00	
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS July	299.67	TFR451
Water Plus	Water-Rainhill Park	112.58	STO

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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

It was resolved to note the following income.

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

20.50 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20

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

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

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

20.52 TO REVIEW, CONSIDER AMENDMENTS, AND APPROVE COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Resolved that the Council has reviewed and approves the following documents:

- i. Standing Orders
- ii. Financial Regulations
- iii. Asset Register
- iv. Risk Assessment

20.53 TO CONSIDER POSTPONING UNDERTAKING A TOUR OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

It was resolved the Council postpone undertaking a tour of public open spaces until setting a possible date at the 7th September 2020 Parish Council meeting. Decision deferred.

20.54 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR USING A PUBLIC AREA/ PARKS FOR DELIVERY OF SMALL GROUP FOOTBALL AND EXERCISE SESSIONS

Decision deferred. The Clerk to seek advice if no public liability insurance is held by the requesting party. Also to compile a list of our playing fields and who plays and

trains on them and on what days / approximate times.

20.55 TO NOTE CLLR LARNER'S RESIGNATION

It was resolved that Cllr Lerner's resignation was noted and Cllr Howitt thanked Cllr Lerner for his time as a Parish Councillor. It was agreed to proceed with a move to Co-Option. Cllrs Barker, Brown and Howitt to proceed as a working party to identify the criteria they would be looking for and how they would mark and make a decision from written interests. Cllr Greaves recommended the use of online platforms for interviewing if face to face is not a possibility.

20.56 TO CONSIDER REPLACEMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

It was resolved that the 2020/2021 representatives would be as follows.

Public Open Spaces:	Cllrs. J. Tasker, Deputy Chair (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 Daniels, Cllr Hendrick
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:	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:	Cllr. G Barker.
Clerk's Appraisal Group:	Cllrs J. Tasker, M. Rothwell.
Executive Committee:	Chair (Cllr. A. Howitt), Deputy Chair (Cllr. W Williams), Cllr. G. Barker, M. Rothwell.
Finance Working Group:	Full Council
Rainhill Trials 200 Working Group:	Cllrs. D. Greaves, G. Roberts.
Twinning Group:	Chair (Cllr. A. Howitt), Cllr. K. Stevenson-Black.
Armed Forces Community Covenant Working Group:	Cllrs. G. Ward, D. Hendrick

20.57 TO AUTHORISE NETWISE TO REVIEW RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

It was resolved for Netwise to review Rainhill Parish Council Website to ensure the Website will meet the new regulations to enable accessibility.

20.58 TO AUTHORISE PAYMENT TO ST HELENS COUNCIL FOR THE ECO GARDEN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

It was resolved that the following ECO garden annual maintenance cost was approved for payment. 448.87 + VAT 89.77 Total 538.64

20.59 TO AUTHORISE PAYMENT FOR SIGNAGE FOR THE DOG EXERCISE AREA TOGETHER WITH THE DOG WASTE BIN.

It was resolved the cost be approved for the following
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, new bin and insulation £397.00 + VAT cost to empty for 12 months £167.27 + VAT and an annual cost to empty the bin and charged for on a 24 month basis.

Cllr Roscoe thanked Cllr Daniels on the completion of the project.

20.60 TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING A LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was agreed to defer moving forward within the present situation/restrictions.

20.61 TO CONSIDER POSTPONING THE MERCHANT NAVY DAY CEREMONY

It was resolved to postpone the Merchant Navy Day Ceremony. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact St Ann's Church to look at possibility of having the flag raised on 3rd September 2020 and for it to be filmed and live streamed. Also request to be kept updated with arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

20.62 TO CONSIDER IF THE PARISH COUNCIL WISH TO PREPARE AN EMERGENCY PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

It was resolved a working group be established. Cllrs Daniels, Greaves, Stevenson-Black and Williams, to identify possible structure and emergency strategy.

20.63 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE RAINHILL COVID 19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Cllr Roscoe provided an update on the actions of the Covid 19 Community Support Group. Resolved that the update be noted. Cllrs supported the comments of the fantastic Rainhill Community through the very recent difficult times.

20.64 TO CONSIDER HOW THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE CAN BE SUPPORTED

Cllr Howitt reported approximately £3,700 had been raised via crowdfunding. Any Decision deferred.

20.65 TO CONSIDER THE PROGRESS CCTV & BROADBAND

Cllr Ward provided an update on the CCTV installation and the ongoing possible improvements. Cllr Ward provided an update on Open Reach and Broadband. Cllr Ward will continue to monitor any further Open Reach Schemes. Resolved that the update be noted.

20.66 TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS ON YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Cllr Roscoe provided an update on the Youth Ambassadors. The group will reform once schools are back in September. Resolved that the update be noted.

20.67 THE COUNCIL TO NOTE REPORTS ON LOCAL GROUPS 4F CENTRE & ECO GARDEN

Cllr Roscoe reported continuous contact with the 4F centre. Confirmed the centre has been closed since March but hopefully will be in a position to open shortly. Cllr Roscoe reported the ECO garden has fared quite well and members are

managing to attend on a weekly basis. The next meeting is provisionally arranged for 2nd September 2020.

Resolved that the update be noted.

20.68 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report have been dealt with and be noted. Clerk to contact St Helens Council maintenance to confirm if any chemicals are used within the open spaces.

20.69 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Howitt put forward Christmas light festival – Christmas lights on the outside of resident's houses last year could be expanded.

Village Light switch on and its possibility

Scarecrow festival.

Mersey forest tree planting report to provide an update at Septembers meeting.

Safer Roads initiative within Rainhill suggested by Cllr Brown.

Togetherness at home could be expanded to incorporate Halloween celebrations and Pumpkin festival.

20.70 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

7th September 2020 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chair Of The Parish Council
7th September 2020

Area:
Rainhill
D24 Month: July 2020

	2019	2020	Diff	% Diff	
Burglary Business & Community	3	0	-3	-100	
Burglary Residential	3	1	-2	-66.7	Suspect has knocked on the victim's window and then opened the porch door. He has walked away when challenged by the victim. no damage caused
Criminal Damage	1	4	3	300	<p>1. (Stapleton road) x2 youths on bikes seen in possession of possibly screwdriver, used to smash rear windscreen of vehicle.</p> <p>2. (Stoney view) whilst victim out of the house unknown offender has used unknown implement to cause a hole in ground floor front window outer pane only.</p> <p>3. (Toftwood) Offender attends offence location, causes damage to MV windows with not seen implement and makes off prior to patrol attendance. not witnessed.</p> <p>4. (Lawton road) the aggrieved had been utilising her vehicle at Warrington road in company with the offender. both parties engaged in a verbal argument whereby the offender had utilised his leg to kick the windscreen of the vehicle causing it to crack.</p>
Drugs	2	2	0	0.0	<p>1. (Warrington road) officer stop checks male who smells of cannabis. recover 3 small bags of cannabis consistent with personal use. formal warning issued.</p> <p>2. (Warburton Hey) report of cannabis cultivation. Entry gained and small cultivation set up consisting of seven mature cannabis plants and equipment located in rear bedroom.</p>
Other Theft	5	7	2	40.0	<p>1. (Warrington road) vehicle took £10 worth of fuel, stated he could not pay but then never returned. low value theft, pdr.</p> <p>2. (Warrington road) unknown offender has driven a vehicle on to the fore court and has filled their vehicle. the driver has made no attempt to pay and left the location</p> <p>3. (Warrington road) female in vehicle dispensed £10.04 worth of fuel and made no attempt to pay, caught on cctv</p> <p>4. (Warrington road) suspect fills his vehicle with £20:40 worth of diesel and drives off making attempt to pay.</p> <p>5. (Warrington road) unknown person has pulled onto forecourt of petrol station, driver filled vehicle with £65 of diesel before driving off making no attempt to pay.</p> <p>6. (Warrington road) unknown person pulls onto forecourt of petrol station. driver fills car with £9.99 of petrol before driving off making no attempt to pay.</p>

Public Order	4	4	0	0	<p>1. (Holt lane) offender has shouted to the victim stating he was going to bite her face off and was swearing and being verbally abusive.</p> <p>2. (Warrington road) report of male threatening to wait for staff after work and making rude gestures.</p> <p>3. (station road) disturbance involving a group of males and females fighting in the street. member of door staff has identified the detainee as being responsible for the assault and being in possession of a knife. detainee has made off upon sighting officers. whilst out of sight cctv watched the detainee discard what they believe to be a bladed article. small bag cannabis resin discovered in detainees left jeans pocket.</p> <p>4. (Warrington road) offender has entered chemist with prescription. Prescription did not check correct and staff were unable to assist. offender became verbal and knocked stock from the shelf.</p>
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0	
Robbery Personal	0	2	2	200.0	<p>1. (Old lane) report of two males had their electronic bikes stolen by three offenders who were armed with knives. one of the bikes had a tracker which was tracked via a gps on a mobile phone. this led police to wooded area where three offenders run on seeing police. one offender was caught at scene. a name has then been received for another offender who has been located near his h/a wearing distinctive clothing as described by the victim. Two males arrested for robbery.</p> <p>2.(Martin close) aggrieved reporting unwitnessed theft of her mobile iPhone whilst at a house party. the phone was stolen from her person whilst at the party however aggrieved had no knowledge when. no cctv. no witnesses.</p>
Theft Bike	0	1	1	100.0	(Lincoln way) involved party leaves mountain bike in darkened alleyway at side of block of flats whilst out on the street with girlfriend. upon returning to location, mountain bike is gone. unwitnessed/no cctv.
T.F.M.V.	4	0	-4	-100	
Theft Shop	0	0	0	0	
T.O.M.V.	0	0	0	0	
Vehicle Interference	0	0	0	0	
Total	22	20	-2	-9.1	
ASB	15	7	-8	-53.3	

Brief description of ASB in July 2020

1. (Two butt lane) - report of a quad bike that keeps going up and down al.
2. (Cronton Lane) Report of a gang of youths have built a large fire at location.
3. (Two Butt Lane) Report of a large group of youths that are congregating on the a/l
4. (Meade Close) Report of teenagers hanging around in the porchways at night.
5. (Two Butt Lane) A number of youths in the field - playing loud music and shouting and screaming.
6. Neighbour dispute.
7. (Two butt lane) Scrambler bike driving dangerously up and down the road.

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL - CLERK'S REPORT
7th September 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

5. CLERKS REPORT

All actions resulting from resolutions made at the 3rd August 2020 ordinary meeting have either been completed or are in progress. Additionally, I can report the following:

5.1 ANNUAL INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL

The Council's insurance policy will be renewed with an annual charge of £1,654.29.

5.2 MAKING ACCOUNTS PUBLICALLY ACCESSIBLE

Dates previously stated to make accounts publicly accessible were 4th August – 4th September 2020 now changed to 8th September 2020 due to bank holiday so to allow the 30 days

5.3 WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT

Netwise have been authorised to review Rainhill Parish Council website.

PART 2 - AGENDA ITEMS – SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

No objections have been submitted:

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/2020/0485/HHFP Single storey side extension.5 Badgers Close
- P/2020/0484/FUL Change of use from A1 to A4 along with outdoor seating. The Hop House 14 Dane Court
- P/2020/0494/HHFP Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a first floor side extension above the existing garage, single storey rear extension along with alterations to the front elevation to incorporate feature porch and rendering of the property.104 Ashton Avenue.
- P/2020/0517/HHFP Alterations to existing wall to include installation of railing along with 2m high vehicle access gates. 55 St James Road
- P/2020/0530/HHFP Removal of existing garage, and erection of two storey side extension. 6 Alness Drive
- P/2020/0540/HHFP Single storey rear extension. 25 Lawton Road

The Council should note the actions taken.

7. 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.

September 2020			
Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
K Adamson	Clerk's Salary – April	1015.85	TFR452
	Telephone @ 18.99/month	18.99	
	Printing August Agenda	12.96	
	Cleaning & Sanitizer for August meeting	8.89	
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – September	299.67	TFR453
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
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
Netwise	Council Website Review	499.00	TFR454
	Annual Charge	250.00	
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance Policy	1654.29	TFR455

The Council should consider approving the above payments.

8. TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATING TO ALBERT FELLOWES OPEN SPACE

A request has been received to run 1 -1 and group sessions. There have also been recent issues with pitch invasions and fence maintenance.

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

9. TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The annual scarecrow festival is taking place 12th -13th September 2020.

The Council should consider how they would like to support the event.

10. TO CONSIDER MERSEYFOREST TREE PLANTING REPORT

Mersey forest have produced a proposal report for tree planting. See appendix 1.

The Council should consider the proposal and how it would like to proceed.

11. TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

In September details of Good Citizenship Award nominations are circulated to Organisations and a timetable established.

The Council should consider if the awards are to take place this year and if so how.

12. TO CONSIDER A SAFER ROADS INITIATIVE

It has been suggested Rainhill Parish Council look at implementing a Safer Roads Initiative.

The Council should consider if this is to be developed and identify a working group.

13. TO CONSIDER TOGETHERNESS AT HOME EVENTS.

Togetherness at home events have been suggested they could be expanded to incorporate Halloween celebrations and a Pumpkin festival.

The Council should consider how these events can take place.

14. TO CONSIDER A CHRISTMAS LIGHT FESTIVAL AND POSTPONING VILLAGE LIGHT SWITCH ON.

The Christmas lights on the outside of resident's houses last year could be expanded. The Village Light switch on and its possibility of being postponed due to current Covid 19.

The Council should consider how the Christmas Light Festival can be expanded and if the village light switch on is to be postponed.

15. TO CONSIDER THE MAINTENANCE OF ST ANNS CHURCHYARD

The Vicar has raised a concern over the condition of the paths.

The Council should consider what action is wishes to take

16. TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON LOCAL GROUP UPDATES

ECO Garden Cllr Roscoe

The Council should note the reports.

17. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Complaint 1

I have been a resident of Warburton Hey for 10 years and have lived in Rainhill all me life .I don't know if you aware but following the pandemic people are using the public park as a business. There are exercise circuit classes every weekend morning & often other times. There are football classes from 8am till 8pm Saturday & Sunday. They are also getting more frequent throughout the weekdays. The main issue is parking, Warburton hey is a narrow road so for safety reasons there should only be parking on one side. This is never adhered to. I constantly have people parking over my property or block my driveway. The reason I moved to this property is because of how quiet the road was. I appreciate these are difficult times & had no problem with this being a temporary solution, but it is now getting ridiculous, every day. Can this be allowed to run a business from a public park?

Complaint 2

I am a resident of warburton hey and recently myself and other residents have concerns over a soccer school that is being run on the fields opposite.

The road has become increasingly busy with cars belonging to the parents, the cars are now betting parked without consideration for residents, double parking is common and it is now a danger when gaining access and egress from properties.

My car has been damaged and I understand I can't put it down to this situation But I must add that it has never happened before.

Every night from 5:00 - 7:00 and weekend mornings a large portion of the field cannot be used by others as the space is used up, even the pathway is in the middle of where they play.Litter has also increased a lot on the field where they play.

Can you please have a look into this matter as we as residents feel it is becoming a danger and a nuisance to children and others.

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

18. TO CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

For information only.

19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

12th October 2020 7.30pm

Finance working group 16th November 2020, 7.30pm



**Rainhill Parish
Council**

**New Tree Planting
Proposals**

2020/21

This report outlines the case for increased tree cover in green spaces within Rainhill

The proposals focus on 5 key parks and recreation grounds

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Tree Planting in Rainhill



New opportunities and funding have arisen for increased tree cover

As part of the [Northern Forest](#) and the Trees for Climate funding opportunities for the planting of trees in green spaces, parks, public and private spaces have become available. These funds aim to create community forestry across the northern belt from Liverpool to Hull and across the country to increase national tree cover respectively. The Urban Tree Challenge Fund is demonstrating partnership funding for the planting of standard trees in parks and this model may be continued through to Northern Forest 2 from 2022 where a 50/50 funding ratio for longer term maintenance supports the initial planting.

The case for planting as part of The Northern Forest is outlined [here](#) and is a key target as part of [The Mersey Forest Plan](#) to which St Helens is a key partner.

These initiatives support the emerging England Tree Strategy and the [25 Year Environment Plan](#) and reflect a drive the use of green space for improved health and wellbeing reducing Prescription and the burden on the NHS.

Why plant trees in Rainhill?

The Parish Council has commissioned Mersey Forest to look at 5 key greenspaces where children's play is a common element of activities and will therefore attract younger children accompanied by either parents, carers or older relatives. In this respect this will draw in some wider age groups into each par space. Open spaces are more attractive to a wider group of parks users and are made more attractive with the provision of improved aesthetics and facilities. Some larger spaces are also attractive to those playing a limited range of sporting activities such as football, potentially rugby but little else. These are predominantly male dominated sports. The majority of space across the parish is dominated by this usage which across the year is predominantly focused on weekend activities leaving space for potentially other activities and uses.

Looking at available data relating to the area; Rainhill has a population of around 11,000, with the potential to increase by 2500 as more houses are built over the coming years putting stress on our green spaces. 51% of the population are female. Around a third are over 65, and 1 in 5 is retired. 1 in 7 is under 15 and around a half of the population are 16-64.

At the last count in 2011 around a quarter of people had a limiting long-term illness. A third of year 6 (11-year olds) were overweight or obese and 1 in 5 of 4-5 year olds. With a focus now on increasing physical activity for health and wellbeing, greenspace is seen as increasingly valuable for the purpose of moderate to strenuous exercise from walking, fast walking to running.

A recent data release by Fields in Trust looking at green space provision indicates that the Green Space Index score for the North West is 0.84 with an average provision of 29.37m² per person. This compares to 1.15 and 39.86m² for the South East. For the immediate area around Rainhill looking at 7 subdivisions the average score is 0.7297 and 27.24m² per person. Given that all areas have some greenspace provision however small within a 10 minute walk (533m at 2mph) , within this range of statistics some areas have no greenspace

and others have larger areas. Therefore without car parking, cycle provision or maps of locations or walking routes to and from larger spaces become inaccessible to large numbers of the community.

The benefits of trees are well documented and by planting a wide variety of species this can break up a monotonous space providing a variation on year-round interest, character and

shape, whilst providing shade and cooling on hotter days, and shelter on windier or wetter days.

COVID 19 and the great outdoors – COVID has increased our awareness for the need to find alternative spaces to enjoy recreational time putting pressure on parks spaces and has focused our attention on how people use these spaces in particularly good weather. The lack of places to venture out for a few days away or abroad on holiday has meant that these green spaces are the subject of increased use and pressure on them from wear and tear. A well maintained and interesting space will facilitate more people.

Research showing the benefits of exercise in a green environment

The report, Revaluing Parks and Green Spaces – Fields in Trust concluded that:

“Parks and green spaces are estimated to save the NHS around £111 million per year based solely on a reduction in GP visits” Revaluing Parks and Green Spaces – Fields in Trust report

An observational study (Mitchell et al, 2013) investigated the benefits of physical activity in a natural environment with physical activity in a non-natural environment concluding that **“physical activity in natural environment is associated with a reduction in the risk of poor mental health to a greater extent than physical activity in other environments”**

Kinnafick and Thogersen-Ntoumani (2014) investigated the effects of two opposing environments, urban versus natural with walking and sitting on affective states in either a laboratory or an outdoor setting. While doing either walking and sitting participants watched film clips or were exposed to an urban or a natural environment.

“The benefits of being exposed to a natural outdoor environment with walking showed an increase in energy levels. Whereas short bouts of sedentary behaviour increased state negative affect with tiredness, and decreased energy levels”.

The Mersey Forest ran programmes engaging volunteers in physical activities in green spaces from walking to mindfulness and green volunteering like tree planting and maintenance of green spaces.

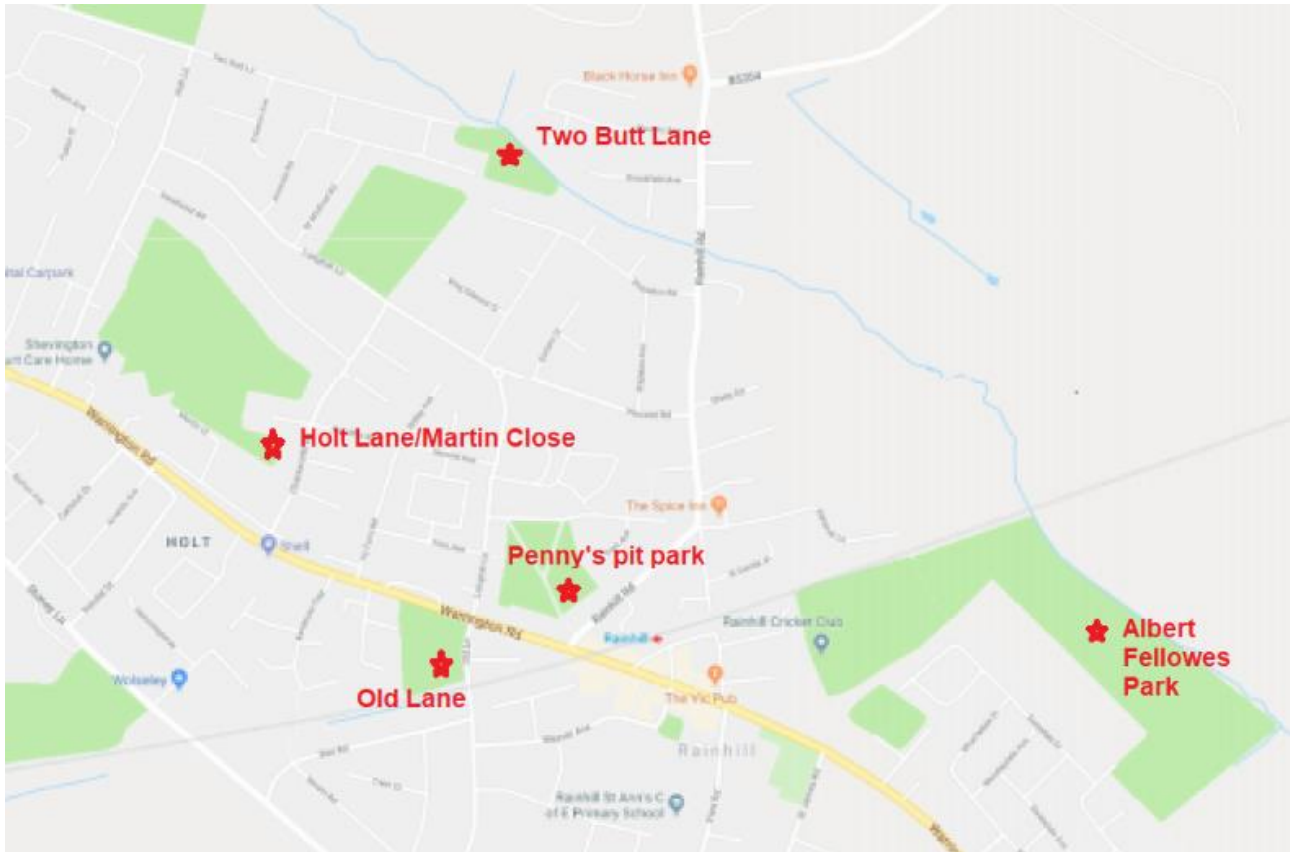
This concluded that the Natural Health Service has demonstrated increased health and wellbeing benefits associated with participation in services and that a similar programme Nature 4 Health revealed the importance of social engagement whilst exercising.



Rainhill's Parks

There are five parks located near to areas of population.

Four of the green spaces serve communities to the north of the railway line and one to the south.



Old Lane Park

A relatively small park with a small play area and short paths leading into the space connect to the junior play area and a separate outdoor exercise equipment area. There is only one entrance to the park limiting pedestrian flow through the park and limiting access to passing pedestrians or residents from nearby estates. A children's nursery sits within the park with no access to or from the park. The park is bordered by houses to the west limiting opportunities for tree cover due to potential shading.

The proposed tree planting focuses on creating interest around these areas with standard trees and to create a small copse tree planting along the railway line.

The park being relatively small attracts larger groups for outdoor play and picnics. Further planting could focus around an informal path around the space encouraging informal exercise as would additional access points.



Penny's Pit Park

This park also called Warburton Hey has 3 entrances and is bordered by housing on three sides with a road and housing making it visible from a fourth.

Two main paths connect the entrances meeting at a play area.

Incidental mature tree planting covers around a third of the external boundary.

Tree planting focuses on creating avenues of trees along pathways with two small incidental fenced copses to create a sense of enclosure to open spaces in the park whilst maintaining views across the park from neighbouring property and the road.

Additional opportunities for planting exist to shade the play area. This is an opportunity to increase the diversity and variety of planting.



Two Butt Lane Park

This small park surrounded by housing has three entrances, one with a formal path to a small play area. Informal planting surrounds one entrance and along a streamside. Other planting is elevated at the rear of houses. Extended all weather pathways to link access across the park and around the play area would improve the feel of the park and make it more accessible opening up opportunities for more exercise for a wider age range of the population.

Planting at this time would be limited to standard trees along the main path and shading around the play area.



Holt Lane Fields (at Martin Close)

This recreation ground has extensive grassed playing fields focused on team ball games with a formal swing bar access to a car park for a changing facility. There is no formal pedestrian access so access is shared at this point with vehicles. Children, carers and/or parents accessing the children's play area off to one side access it here. The area is very extensive and is bordered by the backs of house gardens with many garden gates accessing the space. There are two access points from roadways (cul de sac ends) and a footpath access between houses. Pitches are laid out with spaces between and at the ends. To the side of the car park there is a largish space with a few trees planted here. The space is used extensively by dog walkers. The space is edged by garden hedges and a few trees but is predominantly grass.



To improve the amenity value of this space and to encourage more usage by a wider segment of the community it is proposed to plant fenced small blocks or [micro-forests](#) of trees as numbered 1-6 on the attached plans. These allow for continued use of the pitches but provide shelter and areas of interest for other users throughout the year. Standard trees make the entrances more attractive to visitors and are more welcoming to visitors to the site and to the play area.



Detail A – Gated access from Council St and pedestrian from Sandhurst Rd



Detail B – Access from Martin Close

A more welcoming approach to the play area and site.

Albert Fellows Fields

This extensive recreation ground has two entrances along long wide paths in from an extensive housing estate. A further bridged access footpath comes in over the railway line. An informal gap in fencing allows access away from the site through to school playing fields. To the back of the site there are fields and a field drain that causes wet areas in places. Pitches are marked out throughout and a large children's play areas is to the middle of the site near the northerly of the two main entrances. These entrances cross two areas of waste ground inhabited by a variety of birdlife and covered in various shrubby trees and plants. Besides grass-based group games the space has extensive spaces available for recreational activities like walking, fast walking and running.



The proposed tree planting in this space allows continued space for sports and spectators and would provide a backdrop to encourage other uses of the space. Standard trees soften the access path to the play area and provide welcome shade on

hot days. The opening up of the scrub areas would allow an additional path to be laid and increase the scope and variety of any walking loops.



Potential additional features to enhance and encourage wider recreation

Besides tree planting the use of raised beds at the edges of the car park at Holt Playing Fields would provide an opportunity for a group to tend flowers planted here and practice horticultural therapy or other green gym activities.

A similar scheme could be achieved at the entrance walkways to Albert Fellows Park or elsewhere.

The use of numbered or colour coded wooden posts with an entrance scannable code can show the various lengths of walking routes available in each park to indicate 1km,2km or 3km paths to suit various levels of health or fitness.

Additional hard surface paths make parks more welcoming and improve accessibility and cross access for both pedestrians and cyclists.

Additional trees where appropriate can be added to make a waymarked arboretum walk with potential sponsorship by local businesses or individuals.

Robust wooden benches based on a forest setting design can provide welcome resting places for those of limited mobility or as a place of contemplation.

The inclusion of wildflower planting in planting mixes.

Additional funding or match can come from a variety of sources such as landfill tax, Section 106 funding from house building, charitable sources, or Council precepts.

The Mersey Forest can offer advice on pricing of projects and funding opportunities for projects.

The current funding opportunities from Mersey Forest run through to 2025.

Recommendations

The proposals laid out in this report provide an opportunity to take advantage of funding to increase tree cover across Rainhill, and to open up opportunities for the to exploration of enhanced features that compliment this and bring increased health and wellbeing for local residents through greater usage of these spaces.

The Mersey Forest recommends these projects for funding and can initiate projects upon Parish and Council level approval. Initial projects that can be funded include woodland or copse creation and some standard trees with a limited establishment cost contribution. Further standard trees can be part funded subject to match funding of 50% being available from 2022. This would fund longer term establishment. Complementary elements can be part funded subject to woodland establishment. With additional match or stand-alone funding. The Mersey Forest aims to establish permanent fenced woodland and standard trees based on project aims and a high-quality design and establishment programmes subject to the landowner or lessee taking on future management of each site.



Rainhill Sites

	Copse	Area Ha	20/25s	Standard Trees
1 Holt Lane Fields	1	0.04	Detail A	6
	2	0.03	Detail B	13
	3	0.09		
	4	0.08		
	5	0.03		
	6	0.04		
	7	0.05		
	8&9	0.01		
	sub total	0.37		19

	Copse	Area Ha	20/25s	Standard Trees
2 Albert Fallows Park	1	0.24	Detail A	10
	2	0.15		
	3	0.14		
	sub total	0.53		10

	Copse	Area Ha	20/25s	Standard Trees
3 Warburton Hey / Penny Pit Park	1	0.04	PLAN	20
	2	0.03		
	sub total	0.07		20

	Copse	Area Ha	20/25s	Standard Trees
4 Old Lane Park	1	0.1	plan	7
	sub total	0.1		7

	Copse	Area Ha	20/25s	Standard Trees
5 Two Butt Lane Park	0	0	plan	7
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	Copses	Area Ha	20/25s	Standard Trees
6 Summary Sheet	15	1.07		63