



27th February 2018

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 5th March 2018, in the Elm Room at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

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

G. Pinder
Clerk to the Council



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RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

5th MARCH 2018

The public will be allowed to speak on any matters of concern, subject to prior written notification being received. A request has been received from Mr Fairclough.

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest from members
3. To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd January 2018
4. To receive Merseyside 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:
 - P/2018/0103 Commercial Hotel, 12 Station Street single storey rear extension with enlargement of beer garden and boundary fencing along with a smoking shelter.
 - P/2018/0055 - 102 Longton Lane, single storey rear extension.
 - P/2018/0061 - 42 Old Lane, demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a single storey side and rear extension.
 - P/2018/0093 - 519 Warrington Road, single storey rear extension projecting 5.0m from the rear, 3.6m high overall and 2.3m to the eaves.
 - P/2018/0096 - 42 Galston Avenue, conversion and extension of existing garage to form habitable room.
 - P/2018/0112 & P/2018/0113 - Loyola Hall Warrington Road, change of use of existing buildings and all associated works to create hotel and ancillary uses.
7. To authorise the accounts payable (list included in report)
8. To receive a report from the Executive Committee – for information only
9. To approve membership of CPRE
10. To consider adoption of an accessibility charter
11. To consider the Clerk's membership of SLCC
12. To approve a contract for Legionella testing
13. To consider the findings of the Tree Planting Group
14. To approve annual subscription to NALC/LALC
15. To consider planting of barrier baskets for the 2018/19 season
16. To consider request for support for school crossing patrol from Oakdene School
17. To receive a report from the Rocket 190 Group – for information only
18. To consider residents comments and complaints
19. To receive reports from member representatives on local organisations:
 - a) Public Open Spaces
 - b) Village Hall Management Committee
 - c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
 - d) Merseyside Association of Local Councils
 - e) Rainhill Gala
 - f) 4F Centre
20. Date & Time of Next Meeting:
 - Annual Parish Meeting Wed 25th April 2018, 7.30pm
 - AGM 14th May 2018
 - Ordinary Meeting 14th May 2018

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
22ND JANUARY 2018**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd January 2018 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

Representatives from Merseyside Police and the Police and Crime Commissioners Office were present. 5 members of the public were also present.

18.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Donovan, and apologies for late arrival were received for Cllrs: DeAsha and Fulham.

18.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on behalf of: Cllrs: J. DeAsha, and S. Glover– Members of Borough Planning Committee, J. Fulham, B. Grunewald & D. Long – Cabinet Members, L. Glover – Borough Councillor and P. Long – candidate in 2018 election.

18.03 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th December 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Cllrs: DeAsha and Fulham entered the meeting during consideration of the following item.

18.04 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ALLEYGATES AT ALNESS DRIVE

The Chair brought forward the following item from item 17 for consideration. It was resolved that the issue would be dealt with by the ward Councillors.

18.05 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONERS OFFICER AND MERSEYSIDE POLICE AND DISCUSS MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Inspector Drennan, Merseyside Police discussed the most recent crime statistics for Rainhill and provided comparison figures for St.Helens as a whole. Clarification was sought on several points and it was agreed that details of crime resolutions would be provided. It was considered that national government should be made aware of the increased crime statistics to prevent further cuts.

Mr M Berry, Police and Crime Commissioners Office, detailed the victim support services being commissioned. Youth funding had been provided to two groups in St.Helens. A rise in the precept was proposed and consultation was underway. Discussions about the future of St.Helens Police Station were ongoing.

It was resolved to accept both reports and both officers were thanked for their attendance.

18.06 CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and the following actions be undertaken: write to Halton Borough Council in relation to consultation on their Local Plan; research how other Parishes deal with publication of Clerk's salaries; bring forward a policy on lone working; research advice and training on lone working.

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18.07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Submit a representation objecting to the loss of trees in relation to the following application:
P/2017/0959 - Rocklands House, View Road, demolition of existing single storey chalets and proposed reduction of existing site levels and development of 3 residential dwellings comprising of 1 x four bedroom and 2 x three bedroom detached dwellings with garage and driveway parking and associated landscaping.

18.08 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - Jan (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1021.92	
	Photocopying - Dec	17.50	
		1054.42	TFR274
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Jan	310.40	TFR275
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Jan	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Jan	16.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Jan	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Jan	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Jan	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park – Jan	52.00	STO
St Helens Council	Erection of signs at AFP No Golf	594.00	TFR273
St Helens Council	Grounds Maintenance - Exchange Place	468.18	TFR276
Stone Central	Clean War Memorial	1260.00	TFR277
CC Elec Ltd	Electrical Testing Reports at APF & Holt	510.00	TFR278
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - Feb (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1110.35	
		1125.35	TFR279
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Feb	310.40	TFR280
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Feb	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Feb	16.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Feb	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Feb	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Feb	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park – Feb	52.00	STO
S.137 Payments			
Oakdene School	Donation – Christmas Lights Event	100.00	077
Willowbrook Hospice	Donation – Christmas Lights Event	100.00	078

18.09 TO CONSIDER NOMINATING THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Resolved that following completion of the ongoing purchase, contact be made with the new purchasers to arrange a meeting, and the Commercial Supporters Group be informed of the proposed meeting with new purchasers.

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18.10 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

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

18.11 TO CONSIDER THE INTRODUCTION OF POLICIES FOR THE COUNCIL

Resolved that, subject to the amendments proposed, the Child Protection Policy put forward be adopted. Further a policy on inclusion should be drafted for consideration.

18.12 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT TIMETABLE

Resolved that the schedule set out be agreed. A meeting of the Editorial Group would be arranged.

18.13 TO APPROVE THE FUTURE MEETING DATES

It was resolved that the following meeting dates for 2017/18 (all Monday 7:30pm unless stated otherwise) are approved:

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 25th April 2018 (already approved)

APCM 14th May 2018 (already approved)

18th June 2018

23rd July 2018

3rd September 2018

15th October 2018

Finance 12th November 2018

10th December 2018

21st January 2019

4th March 2019

The following dates will not be published in the 2018 Annual Report:

2019 Annual Parish Meeting Wed 24th April 2019

2019 Annual Parish Council Meeting 13th May 2019

The Clerk was authorised to publish any amendments to commencement times via the website.

18.14 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM RAINHILL RECREATION CLUB TO USE PITCHES AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

Resolved that in the interests of protecting the playing surface the request be denied.

18.15 TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO CONTAINER AT HOLT LANE

Resolved that subject to a successful award of grant funding, the Parish Council would act as third party contributor for the provision of a storage container at Holt Lane playing fields.

18.16 TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR PROVISION OF HERITAGE PLAQUES AND BOARDS

This item was deferred for consideration to Executive Committee.

18.17 TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR DECOMMISSIONING OF CHANGING ROOM SHOWERS

Resolved that the lowest tender submitted by Laughton & Wallace be accepted and the work commissioned.

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18.18 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and that further information on accidents relating to the manhole cover be requested.

Cllr B. Wood drew attention to the Holocaust Memorial Service planned at St.Helens Town Hall, further a complaint had been received regarding the accessibility of the noticeboard.

Cllr J. Fulham reported complaints about the late running of the 10A bus service, and the shortage of housing for young people.

Cllr J. Doyle reported that the 289 bus service does not serve residents at Rainhill Stoops. Clarification of the route was provided and the Clerk was requested to seek an amendment.

18.19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr S. Glover reported that January's Eco Garden meeting had been cancelled.
- Village Hall Management Committee: It was reported that the Townswomen's Guild had relocated to St. Ann's Millennium Centre. Grant funding from Wren was still being processed. A review of discounts offered to regular users will be carried out and recommendations made before the AGM. The January meeting had concentrated on maintenance issues.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr B. Wood detailed the latest talks in the Speaker Programme together with the Quiz planned for 11th May.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr B. Wood reported that future meetings would be held at Prescot Town Hall and invited other Councillors to attend.
- Rainhill Gala: no report.
- 4F Centre: new users had commenced which helped the financial position. A new kitchen had been ordered.

18.20 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 5th March 2018, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

18.21 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items for the reason stated

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
18.22	Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

18.22 PRECEPT

It was resolved that St Helens Council be advised that the Precept for 2018/19 will be £67,000.

It was resolved that the Budget paper, submitted by the Clerk and supporting the above Precept amount, is approved.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
5th March 2018

Police Report

Merseyside Police Report for Rainhill Parish Council Meeting Monday 5th March 2018

Area: Rainhill January 2018

	2017	2018	Diff	% Diff	Description
Burglary Business & Community	6	0	-6	-100	
Burglary Residential	1	3	2	200	1) Known offender enters property without permission damaging rear window - Martin Close 2) Lap top stolen from nursing home office - Holt Lane 3) Side door forced with unknown implement - expensive gold jewellery stolen - Warrington Road
Criminal Damage	3	2	-1	-33	1) Nearside car window damaged overnight while parked - nothing stolen - no CCTV - Kendricks Fold 2) Front door glass pane smashed by daughter following an argument with her mother - Braithwaite Close
Drugs	1	1	0	0	1) Attempt to post package containing cannabis - package detained by staff - Post Office - Warrington Road
Other Theft	10	8	-2	-20	1) Fuel put into vehicle - no attempt to pay - Texaco Warrington Road 2) Fuel put into vehicles - no attempt to pay x 5 - Shell Warrington Road 7) Tenant vacated premises taking items that do not belong to them - Lee Close 8) Suspect attends house - resident notices items missing after the person had left - Sandhurst Road
Public Order	2	5	3	150	1) Unknown youths have attended residents address causing a nuisance - Trent Road 2) Attempts to stop perpetrator leaving store - perpetrator states has a knife - Warrington Road 3) Stop check - Breach of CRASBO - Rainhill Stoops 4) Two unknown youths abusive to male adult 7 threaten to use a spanner - Station Road 5) Male verbally abusive to staff - asked to leave - damages desk with his fist - Rainhill library
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0	
Robbery Personal	0	1	1	100	1) Rear patio doors smashed by 4 male offenders - force used to steal high valued jewellery - View Road
Theft Bike	1	0	-1	-100	
T.F.M.V.	2	0	-2	-100	
Theft Shop	5	4	-1	-20	1) Orange fanta stolen from Shell Garage shop - Warrington Road 2) Groceries put into bag - no attempt to pay for items - McColl's - Warrington Road 3) Various items taken from shelf - no attempt to pay - Shell Garage shop - Warrington Road 4) Large quantity of coffee put into a bag - no attempt to pay - McColl's - Warrington Road
T.O.M.V.	6	1	-5	-83	1) Unwitnessed theft of Renault Clio overnight while parked - Warrington Road
Vehicle Interference	0	0	0	0	
Total	37	25	-12		
ASB	14	14	0	0	

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL - CLERK'S REPORT
MARCH 2018**

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 22nd January ordinary meeting have either been completed or are in progress. Additionally I can report the following:

5.1 UPDATE ON COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Following the Parish Council meeting in January the Commercial Supporters Group were contacted regarding the application for registration of the Commercial Hotel as an asset of community value. It was agreed that the application would be withdrawn, which happened shortly afterwards. Amber Taverns have now taken ownership of the premises and a planning application has been submitted for a single storey rear extension with enlargement of beer garden and boundary fencing along with a smoking shelter.

5.2 CLERK'S HOLIDAYS

The Clerk will be on leave from 12th March to 19th March. If anyone wishes to receive the emails during this absence please let me know, alternatively the out of office will be set and enquiries dealt with on my return.

5.3 REPAIR TO ROOF AT HOLT LANE CHANGING ROOMS

An emergency repair was undertaken at Holt Lane changing rooms. One of the roof panels (corrugated metal sheets) had broken lose. To avoid further damage Kirby Roofing were asked to undertake a repair, as trusted contractors who had recently worked at AFP. This work has now been complete and the invoice for £98.16 is included in the table of payments for authorisation.

PART 2 - AGENDA ITEMS – SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A representation has been submitted to the following application outlining concerns:
P/2018/0103 Commercial Hotel, 12 Station Street single storey rear extension with enlargement of beer garden and boundary fencing along with a smoking shelter.

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/2018/0055 - 102 Longton Lane, single storey rear extension.

P/2018/0061 - 42 Old Lane, demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

P/2018/0093 - 519 Warrington Road, single storey rear extension projecting 5.0m from the rear, 3.6m high overall and 2.3m to the eaves.

P/2018/0096 - 42 Galston Avenue, conversion and extension of existing garage to form habitable room.

No comment has yet been submitted for the following application the Planning Sub-Committee are currently considering it:

P/2018/0112 & P/2018/0113 - Loyola Hall Warrington Road, change of use of existing buildings and all associated works to create hotel and ancillary uses.

7. TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - March (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1110.35	
	Photocopying - Jan	25.00	
	Home Office Allowance	978.00	
	Printer Inks	21.71	
	Good Citizenship Award Evening (see below)	380.27	
		2530.33	TFR282
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – March	310.40	TFR283
HMRC	Tax & NI Contributions Jan – March	667.22	TFR284
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (AF Park) - March	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - March	16.00	DD
Waterplus	AFP Playing Fields – March	160.72	DD
Waterplus	Holt Playing Fields – March	6.33	STO
Rainhill Beer Festival	Advert in programme for Rocket 190	100.00	TFR281
St Helens Council	TRO Remembrance day road closure	510.00	TFR285
Laughton & Wallace	Decommissioning of showers at open spaces	1890.00	TFR288
SLCC	Annual Subscription	147.00	TFR289
Rainhill Village Hall	Remainder of Grant for 2017/18	1920.36	TFR290
Kirbys Roofing Ltd	Repair at Holt Lane Changing Room	98.16	TFR291
LALC	NALC & LALC Subs, Area Sec, LCR	TBC	080
St.Helens Council	Barrier Baskets 2017/18	4676.26	TFR292
G Lamb	Logo Competition winner	250.00	079
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges Jan-March	18.00	DD
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	

	Salary - April (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1110.35	
		1125.35	TFR293
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – April	310.40	TFR294
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (AF Park) - April	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - April	16.00	DD
Waterplus	AFP Playing Fields – April	160.72	DD
Waterplus	Holt Playing Fields – April	6.33	STO
S.137 Payments			
G Pinder	Catering for GCA	118.67	TFR282
G Pinder	GCA Buffet	261.60	TFR282
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	TFR286
Mma Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaques	201.60	TFR287

The Council should consider approving the above payments.

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 29th January it was resolved that:

- sufficient funds were not available to pursue replacement of the (Holt Lane) changing rooms at the present time, however the Council would look to maintain and enhance the facility.
- the Clerk explore alternative quotes and alternative treatments (for repair of the sandstone wall at Old Lane) in order to reduce potential costs.
- work be undertaken with the winning logo designer to agree the detail of the preferred logo. And
- the principle of the project to erect heritage plaques and boards is supported, however further discussions were needed on the timing of provision and funding.

The Council should note the actions of the Executive Committee.

9. TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF CPRE

Notice has been received for renewal of membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. In previous years the renewal fee has been authorised without discussion. The cost of membership this year has remained at £36. I have included the renewal fee in the table of payments for authorisation for consideration.

Members should consider if they wish to retain membership of CPRE and if so authorise payment of the renewal fee of £36.

10. TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF AN ACCESSIBILITY CHARTER

At the January meeting of the Parish Council it was requested that an inclusion policy be brought forward for consideration. Examples of such policies take the form of equality policies, diversity policies, etc.

Other Parish Council's within St.Helens have proposed adopting an accessibility charter. A version of the suggested charter is attached at appendix 1. There is no statutory review period for this policy, a four year review period is suggested. If this is not acceptable to members alternative policies could be investigated.

The Council should consider adopting the accessibility charter attached at appendix 1.

11. TO CONSIDER THE CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP OF SLCC

The Clerk has been a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) for three years with subscriptions being paid for by the Parish Council. The membership is due for renewal on 1st April at a cost of £147.00. SLCC is the professional body for Clerks and provides training, briefings for their membership and an advice centre. As SLCC work closely with NALC there is much cross over in the advice provided.

Over the past year, advice has been sought on a number of issues. It is difficult to predict what issues may arise that need advice and it is reassuring to know that professional opinion is available should it be needed.

SLCC were recently offering courses on Data Protection, the regulations for which are due to change in May. The cost of the course is £30 +VAT. Should further courses be available the Clerk would like to attend.

Members should consider renewal of membership of SLCC.

12. TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR LEGIONELLA TESTING AT CHANGING FACILITIES

The showering facilities at both changing room sites have now been decommissioned and point of use heaters installed for hand washing facilities. The sites will now need a new building risk assessment to establish a suitable contract for Legionella testing. Without a building risk assessment, companies are unable to confirm what testing might be required e.g. quarterly or six monthly testing, or some suggest annually.

I have obtained quotes for building risk assessments, and asked companies to estimate the cost of an annual contract – though this may need re-estimating.

Company	Risk Assessment for both sites (valid 2 years)	Estimated Annual Maintenance	Approx. Cost over next 2 years for both sites
Hydraclean	£200	£200 per site	£1000
Legionella Solutions	£500	Estimate £250 p.a. subject to outcome of assessment	£1000
Green Contract Service	£425	£45 per site per visit to be determined by risk assessment Annual/quarterly/monthly	£605-£1505
GMS	£200	Inspections £50 per site (Six Monthly and Annual) Risk Assessment Review Annually - £75 per site	£750

There appears to be a degree of uncertainty around the testing requirements until the risk assessment is undertaken. However, on the basis of the above figures I would recommend switching to GMS, a Wigan based company, as future contract costs appear less with them.

The Council should consider awarding the contract for Legionella testing for the coming two years.

13. TO CONSIDER THE FINDINGS OF THE TREE PLANTING GROUP

A meeting of the Tree Planting Group took place on 1st February 2018 to discuss the feasibility of new tree planting along Warrington Road and other areas within Rainhill.

A number of locations were considered suitable, from an aesthetic point of view:

- Grass verge in front of number 746 Warrington Road (looks like a gap)
- Grass verge on Warrington Road at end of Coyton Ave (looks like a gap)
- Grass verge outside bungalows at 429-435 Warrington Road
- The service strip on Warrington Road fronting the Kendal Drive/Cartmel Drive estate. Set into the tarmac footpath behind the fence line that fronts Warrington Road.

The proposed locations have been forwarded to St.Helens Council to discuss potential cost and practicality. A meeting will be held with St.H Council on 1st March and further details of the cost may be available before the meeting.

Whilst the species of tree would be discussed with St.H Council, the initial preference would be for flowering cherry trees.

Members are asked to note the discussions and consider if any additional/alternative locations should be considered at this time.

The Council should note the actions of the Tree Planting Group.

14. TO APPROVE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO NALC/ LALC

The yearly subscription to NALC and LALC will soon be due. Unfortunately the invoices had not been issued at time of printing – issues over number of electorate had caused delays. It is anticipated that, after the deduction of subsidies, the subscription to NALC will be in the region of £650.00; and subscription to LALC of £447.23; contribution to area secretary of £15.00; and 3 copies of Local Council Review Magazine at £51.00, totalling £1163.23. If figures are available before the meeting they will be provided for approval.

Alternatively, provided that the final total is within 5% of the estimated figures (or less) are members happy to delegate authorisation of payment to the Clerk in consultation with the two authorising members?

Members should consider authorising payment of NALC/LALC subscriptions

15. TO CONSIDER PLANTING THE BARRIER BASKETS FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

A quote has been obtained to refill and maintain 13 barrier baskets for summer/winter season for 2018/19 at £3,959.28 +VAT = £4751.13, a 1.6% increase on last year.

In order to ensure a decision is taken before the planting season commences, members should consider if the 13 baskets provided are sufficient, and whether planting and maintenance is to be financed for the coming year.

Following an absence of planting over the summer of 2016, residents welcomed the refilling of baskets last year, and it is recommended that the quote be accepted.

Members should consider if 13 barrier baskets are to be refilled for the 2018/19 season.

16. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL FROM OAKDENE SCHOOL

A request has been received from the head teacher at Oakdene School as follows:

"I am not sure if you are aware from Rainhill Councillors that the posts of School Crossing Patrols in St. Helens are under review and if funding cannot be found then these posts will be removed from the Council structure as they are not statutory positions.

Oakdene has a School Crossing Patrol allocated to them on Warrington Road (at the bottom of Farlie Drive). Unfortunately we do not see Margaret at all due to her position away from School. Most of the children who use the crossing on Warrington Road with Margaret are High School children.

Oakdene have been asked to fund the cost of keeping the school Crossing Patrol which, as a small school we cannot afford. Also, we know that all our children who use the crossing are accompanied by Parents / Carers.

In another part of the Borough the Parish Council will be funding the School Crossing Patrol who actually stands outside the nearest Primary School.

At Oakdene, as well as being unable to afford the cost of the School Crossing Patrol, we feel that we would have to provide a service to a large proportion of children walking to the High School in Rainhill.

We would ask you to consider whether the Parish Council could fund the cost of the School Crossing Patrol."

St.Helens Council have confirmed that the cost of providing the School Crossing Patrol on Warrington Road could be up to £5183.00 per year. To maintain the current service would cost £4382.00, together with any uniform requirements. There are 31 School Crossing Patrols in operation across the borough. Five schools have agreed to pay to maintain their patrols and in Rainford the Parish Council and Ward Councillors CIF will fund the service.

The Council should consider whether support with the School Crossing Patrol is to be provided.

17. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

The Steering Group are due to meet on Thursday 1st March, a verbal report will be provided.

For information only

18. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

The Clerk has dealt with correspondence relating to: overhanging bushes and highway defects if anyone would like further details please ask.

19. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

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

f) 4F Centre

20. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting 25th April 2018, 7.30pm.

AGM and Ordinary Meeting 14th May 2018, 7.30pm

Rainhill Parish Council - Accessibility Charter

The Parish Council recognises its obligations under the Equality Act 2010, which legally protects people from discrimination, harassment and victimisation in the workplace and in wider society on the grounds of the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race including ethnic origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, and marriage and civil partnership. We also recognise that poverty, while not one of the protected characteristics, means that equality of access to basic human rights is not a given for some.

The Public Sector Equality Duty requires the Council when carrying out its functions and policies to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- advance equality of opportunity, and
- foster good relations between different people.

This Accessibility Charter is a set of principles that shows our commitment to establish an environment based on equality of access, fair entitlement, concern for the wellbeing of others, and respect for individual dignity. Councillors, employees and people who use our services should expect as a minimum standard:

- That the needs of the most vulnerable will come first
- Access to clear and easy to follow information about council job opportunities, council services and service entitlements
- The right to access the services to which they are entitled
- 'Reasonable adjustments' to remove or lessen barriers for disabled people (i) in access to employment with the council, and (ii) in access to service information, and the services to which they are entitled
- Individuals must behave with respect towards the protected characteristics of others
- The right to be treated with respect in relation to protected characteristics
- The right to experience an environment where dignity is valued
- The right to experience an environment that is not harmful, hostile, threatening, degrading, offensive or abusive
- Action will be taken against those who do not respect the dignity of others
- Action will be taken against those who exhibit harmful, hostile, threatening, degrading, offensive or abusive behaviour
- To know that decisions will be based on merit and not influenced by prejudice or bias towards protected characteristics
- The right to challenge decisions or make a complaint
- Information is easily accessible on how to challenge a decision or make a complaint.

Dignity is wellbeing based on that which a person feels worthy of value and respect in themselves. Respect is concern for the feelings and dignity of others.

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