

12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018, in the Elm Room at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

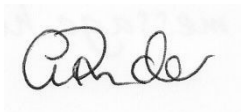
I attach an agenda, relevant minutes, and the Clerk's Report.

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.

We have invited Mr Lowe, Scout Master, along to discuss issues with criminal activities at the Scout hut, Old Lane.

I would like to remind you that a tour of open spaces has been arranged for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, at 10.00am, assembling on the Village Hall Car Park. I will circulate paperwork this Wednesday.

Yours faithfully,



G. Pinder  
Clerk to the Council



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**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**18<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest from members
3. To consider and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2018
4. To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th May 2018
5. To receive Police monthly statistics report – for information only
6. To note the contents of the Clerk's Report– for information only
7. To consider the following Planning Applications and note any actions taken:
  - P/2018/0386 - 808 Warrington Road, two storey side extension, part two storey part single storey rear extension and dormer to the rear.
  - P/2018/0346 - Ardna Craig, 35 View Road, Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order (T20) to 1no beech.
  - P/2018/0364 - 82 Ashton Avenue, Certificate of lawfulness for single storey extension to rear and side elevations, along with alterations to garage roof.
  - P/2018/0390 - Victoria Hotel, 507 Warrington Road Consent to replace and display assorted advertisement signs consisting of 1no fascia sign, 8no hoardings and 2no other illuminated and non-illuminated signs.
  - P/2018/0399 - 28 First Avenue Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension.
  - P/2018/0405 - 25 Derwent Close, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.
8. To authorise the accounts payable (list included in report)
9. To consider the actions of the Rocket 190 Group – for information only
10. To consider Civic Society request for funding of plaques and proposal for Kendricks cross
11. To consider potential tree planting project
12. To consider repairs needed to the sandstone wall
13. To consider issues arising from Tour of Public Open Spaces
14. To consider a replacement noticeboard
15. To review the Police Community Compact
16. To consider incidents affecting the Scout Hut, Old Lane
17. To consider request to plant trees at Albert Fellowes Park
18. To consider pitch hire at Albert Fellowes Park
19. To consider request for long-term agreement for pitch hire at Albert Fellowes Park
20. To consider request from Rainhill Cricket Club to cross Albert Fellowes Playing Fields
21. To consider a service to mark Merchant Navy Day
22. To consider updating the Council's IT provision
23. To consider participation in the Silent Soldier Campaign
24. To consider change to Merseyside Pension Fund policy
25. To consider residents comments and complaints
26. 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
27. Date & Time of Next Meeting:  
23<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 7.30pm

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present: Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, C. Moore, and W.M. Wood.

1. It was proposed that Cllr. L. Glover be Chair for the 2018/2019 year. Being no other nominations it was resolved that Cllr. L. Glover be elected Chair and sign the Acceptance of Office form.
2. It was proposed that Cllr. B. Heydon be Deputy-Chair for the 2018/2019 year. Being no other nominations it was resolved that Cllr. B. Heydon be elected Deputy-Chair and sign the Acceptance of Office form.
3. Apologies were received from Cllrs: J. DeAsha, J. Fulham, D. Long and P. Long.

4. **Appointment of Committees and representatives to External Bodies:**

It was resolved that the 2018/2019 representatives would be as follows:

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

The Clerk was instructed to confirm whether Cllr. B. Grunewald was happy to accept the position of representative on the Rainhill Gala and confirm at the next meeting.

5. Resolved that the Council has reviewed and approves the following documents:
  - i. Standing Orders – further review delegated to Executive Committee
  - ii. Financial Regulations
  - iii. Asset Register
  - iv. Risk AssessmentFuture annual reviews should include a review of policies.

Thanks were given to Cllr. P. Long for her year of service as the Chair.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 7:44pm.

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.45pm on Monday 14th May 2018 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, C. Moore and W.M. Wood.

**18.43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J. DeAsha, J. Fulham, D. Long, and P. Long.

**18.44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**18.45 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**18.46 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT**

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Concern was expressed that the taking of fuel without payment continued to inflate the figures, also one reported crime was outside the Parish.

**18.47 CLERK'S REPORT**

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and discussions with Rainhill Civic Society be deferred to Executive Committee.

**18.48 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

The following applications be left to neighbourhood consultation and that no additional comments be submitted:

P/2018/0142 - 7 Owen Road, works to trees covered by tree preservation order to 2 birch.

P/2018/0145 - 11 Elderswood, proposed two storey rear extension.

P/2018/0150 - 639 Warrington Road, erection of single storey side and rear extension with porch along with new access gate and railings.

P/2018/0169 - St James Methodist Church, Warrington Road, works to trees in a conservation area to fell 1 cotoneaster and remove low branches to 1 oak.

P/2018/0170 - St James Methodist Church, Warrington Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to 2 sycamore.

P/2018/0195 - 3 Dane Court, change of use from Sui Generis to A4-drinking establishment and will include a small outdoor seating area.

P/2018/0202 - Heatherlands, Mill Lane, first floor extension to convert a bungalow into a two storey house.

P/2018/0240 – Genesee 81 Old Lane, retrospective application for side/rear lean to extension.

P/2018/0276 - 28 Knowsley Road, erection of single storey side and rear extension.

P/2018/0261 - Rainhill High School Media Art College, Warrington Road, works to assorted trees covered by a TPO.

P/2018/0266 & P/2018/0285 - 11 Knowsley Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to fell 1 beech.

P/2018/0270 - 60 View Road, erection of gates and railings above existing front boundary wall.



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P/2018/0292 - 15 Bartholomew Close, part two storey, part single storey rear extension.

An objection had been submitted to the following application:

P/2018/0214 - 722 Warrington Road, erection of a first floor side extension along with alterations to porch.

It was resolved that an objection be submitted on the following application in line with the concerns of the Trees and Woodlands Officer:

P/2018/0316 & P/2018/0318 - Loyola Hall, Warrington Road, consent to demolish existing garages and erect 1 new dwelling.

**18.49 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
St.Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground	0.50	TFR298
St.Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground	0.50	TFR299
St.Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens	1.00	TFR300
St.Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park	4.00	TFR301
LDS Ltd	Annual Report Distribution	479.33	TFR295
EWS Colour Print	Design & Printing of Annual Report	1095.00	TFR296
SLCC	Data Protection Webinar	36.00	TFR297
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (AF Park) - May	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - May	16.00	DD
Waterplus	AFP Playing Fields – May	160.70	DD
Waterplus	Holt Playing Fields – May	6.33	STO
St Helens Council	Treatment of Mice at AFP	130.01	TFR302
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - May (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1118.79	
	Clerk's Salary - Under payment from Apr	8.64	
	Photocopying (Feb)	12.00	
	Photocopying (April)	13.00	
	Get Well Soon card	1.49	
	Postage	4.04	
	Stationery	2.00	
	Web domain renewal (3 years)	35.96	
		1210.92	TFR303
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – May	310.40	TFR304
St Helens Council	Christmas Lights	2823.90	TFR305
Village Hall	Return of refund from Wren contribution	515.14	TFR306

**18.50 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2017/18**

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

**18.51 TO APPROVE THE 2017/18 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.

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**18.52 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP**

Resolved that the actions of the Rocket 190 Group be noted.

**18.53 TO CONSIDER MAINTENANCE OF RAINHILL ECO GARDEN**

Resolved that the maintenance contract for the Eco Garden be approved and authority be delegated to the Clerk to agree the annual contract subject to no major increases.

**18.54 TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL BULB PLANTING**

Resolved that mix 1 (Mix 4Pleasure) was the preferred bulb selection. An initial commitment of £750 was agreed. Further consideration of areas to be made during tour of open spaces with a view to additional areas being agreed.

**18.55 TO CONSIDER REPAIRS NEEDED TO THE SANDSTONE WALL**

Resolved that, due to cost of replacement sandstone, Clerk obtain quotes for fencing in both PVC and timber.

**18.56 TO CONSIDER UNDERTAKING A TOUR OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES**

Resolved that a tour of Public Open Spaces be undertaken on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, and all members be invited to attend.

**18.57 TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL TREE PLANTING PROJECT**

Resolved that initial planting be concentrated at Cartmel Drive area. Clerk to assess if additional cost incurred if planting undertaken piecemeal. Report to next Parish Council meeting regarding consultation.

**18.58 TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF GDPR**

Resolved that the contents of the report be noted and that the Clerk be appointed Data Protection Officer for an interim period of six months. Further documents to be reported to subsequent meetings.

**18.59 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and Mersey Gateway complainant be advise to contact Merseyflow as this is outside Parish Council's jurisdiction.

Cllr Carroll would report issues with carriageway surface to St.Helens Council direct.

**18.60 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 issues would be identified during the planned tour of open spaces; and the Eco Garden was functioning well. Cllr C. Moore added that a meeting had been held with Rainhill Town and F. L. Jones to discuss proposals for land at Deepdale Drive. Further discussion were needed with St.Helens Council and consultation with residents.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr C. Moore reported that the Village Hall was experiencing difficult financial times due to the age of the building. New heating had been installed

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and the existing 3 gas meters would be reduced to 1. The exterior works were complete but the foyer roof still needed replacement and estimates were £4 – 5.5k. A bid was being made for grant funding from Biffa. The kitchen and stage needed improvements which could cost £50k. Other expenses included increases in salary for both the cleaners and administrator. The new sign had been erected. A £500 donation had been made by the Coop and an appeal would be made for donations at the Coop stall at the Gala. A large depression had appeared, a sink hole, at the side of the building, the Parish Clerk would ask St.Helens Council to advise on action. The AGM would be held 15.5.18. Other funding sources would be explored. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for replacement batteries for the defibrillator.

- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr B. Wood reported that a meeting had been held that afternoon. A speaker programme was being prepared and the organisation would be represented at the Gala. An annual meeting of similar organisations was planned to be held outside Exchange Flags in Liverpool. Membership had decreased but finances remained healthy. This year's trip would be on 7<sup>th</sup> July to Llandudno. Commemorative mugs for the Rocket 190 celebration were being investigated. The group were still active in hosting school visits to the museum.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr B. Wood reported that a meeting held with the Lancashire Executive had highlighted difficulties experienced by the treasurer in obtaining electoral figures in order to calculate subscription fees.
- Rainhill Gala: no report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr S. Glover reported that the centre had held its AGM last week, with currently serving officers being re-elected to posts. A £500 grant had been awarded from Rotary Club's Dragon's Den which would be put towards new flooring. A more business-like approach was being taken towards lettings, with charges for storage areas and call out fees being payable when issues arise. The volunteers had been awarded a discretionary payment for inconvenience of call outs. New booking enquiries had been received and finances were healthy.

**18.61 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Police Report

Merseyside Police Report for Rainhill Parish Council Meeting Monday 18th June 2018

Area: Rainhill Month: May 2018

	2017	2018	Diff	% Diff	Description
Burglary Business & Community	4	0	-4	0	
Burglary Residential	11	4	-7	-64	1) Four persons enter property by smashing rear French door windows - jewellery stolen - Loyola Hey 2) Entry gained by undisclosed means - T.V. X box console & games stolen - Chatsworth Road 3) Front door damaged - entry gained to property - tools stolen - Ellaby Road 4) Outer pane of double glazed door smashed - no entry gained - Calder Drive
Criminal Damage	5	9	4	80	1) Picnic table broken in half by unknown offenders - Scout Hut Old Lane 2) Passenger of moving vehicle throws a brick type object at another moving vehicle - traffic island Stoops 3) Parked vehicle - nearside of vehicle scratched - Derwent Close 4) Unknown offender throws a brick shattering glass - Mill Lane 5) Vase damaged - Mill Lane 6) Flat door kicked & damaged - Mill Lane 7) Perimeter fence damaged - Scout Hut Old Lane 8) Attempt to force drivers side lock of van - no entry gained - Warrington Road 9) Windows smashed with a brick - Mill Lane
Drugs	0	0	0	0	
Other Theft	13	5	-8	-62	1 Two large planters & plants stolen from front garden - Mossdale Drive 2) Male blackmailed into entering bank card details - Rainhill Road 3 to 5) Fuel put into vehicle x 3 incl. unable to find debit card - Shell Warrington Road
Public Order	2	6	4	200	1) Ex-partner bangs on the door of ex-partner - Warrington Road 2) Neighbour issues with unspecified neighbour - Warrington Road 3) Heated words exchanged with resident over parking / waiting at school opening time - Weaver Avenue 4) Threats made in a restaurant following a complaint of being noisy - Warrington Road 5) Threats made by a person known to the victim - Warrington Road 6) Threats made by known person - Mill Lane
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0	
Robbery Personal	1	1	0	0	1) Pedal cycle taken from younger male by two older males who arrested shortly afterwards - Stoney Lane
Theft Bike	0	0	0	0	
T.F.M.V.	1	1	0	0	1) Front bonnet panels, mirrors & number plate stolen from Citroen Berlingo - Rainhill Road
Theft Shop	2	2	0	0	1) Items taken - no attempt to pay - Co-op Warrington Road 2) Chocolates taken from store - no attempt to pay - McColl's Warrington Road
T.O.M.V.	1	2	1	100	1) Ford Kuga parked outside home address & stolen - vehicle keys not stolen - Deepdale Drive 2) Ford Fiesta parked overnight at the Manor Farm P.H. stolen by breaking the vehicle window - Mill Lane
Vehicle Interference	1	1	0	0	1) Offside front door lock tampered with - no entry gained - Mill Lane
Total	41	31	-10	-24	
ASB	21	12	-9	-43	

# RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL - CLERK'S REPORT JUNE 2018

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The Clerk's report is in two parts:

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

### **6. CLERKS REPORT**

All actions resulting from resolutions made at the 14<sup>th</sup> May ordinary meeting have either been completed or are in progress. Additionally I can report the following:

#### **6.1 PARISH COUNCIL REP ON GALA COMMITTEE**

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting it was agreed to ask Councillor Grunewald if he wished to continue being the representative on the Gala Committee. I can confirm that Councillor Grunewald is happy to continue and contact with the Committee has been re-established.

#### **6.2 ACTIONS FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Members may recall a number of issues raised at the Annual Parish Meeting which required action:

It was requested that the possibility of short stay parking be incorporated on the Commercial Car Park. The Clerk investigated the possibility with Amber Taverns who responded as follows:

We retain control of the car park and any charges. We are mindful of the local community need for lower cost short stay parking, but we also have to ensure that longer stay rail commuters do not take advantage of the facility. We are in talks with the previous car parking firm to agree charges to the benefit of all. I will update you further in due course.

If the Parish Council would wish to pursue this further please let me know.

A complaint was made regarding the number of cigarette butts outside the Bar Next Door, on Warrington Road. The Clerk wrote to the establishment who apologised but felt that the location adjacent to a bus stop was also responsible for creating litter, and suggested a bin be introduced. Similarly, the owners tried to keep the square (Houghton Street) tidy but a further bin was needed. Every effort would be made to keep on top of the problem.

The Clerk wrote to Merseytravel to request a post mounted bin, but it was confirmed that responsibility lies with St.Helens Council for bin provision. Would members like the Clerk to pursue a new bin close to the bus stop? Bins generally cost in the region of £500, with an ongoing annual collection charge of £160. There are currently two bins located on Houghton Street/Warrington Road towards the front of the Victoria Hotel.

#### **6.3 ADDITIONAL PLUMBING WORKS NEEDED AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

Members may recall that the showering facilities at both of the changing room facilities were decommissioned in February to reduce the risk of Legionella. New building risk assessments were required to establish a new Legionella testing contract. The

Engineer from GMS, appointed to undertake the risk assessments, found that four cold water feeds remained connected to the mains at the Albert Fellowes Park facilities. The presence of standing water in any pipe connected to the mains poses a potential Legionella risk. The plumbers who undertook the decommissioning work were called back to reassess the situation and correct the oversight. There had been a misunderstanding on the point of disconnection, given the request to leave all the pipework in situ. I am pleased to report that the work was undertaken within one week of being identified, without question and at no additional charge.

#### **6.4 UPDATING OF THE HONOURS BOARD**

The honours board in the Village Hall foyer has been updated for 2018/19. The payment is included in the table for authorisation.

#### **6.5 CLERK'S HOLIDAYS**

The Clerk is planning to take leave 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Any volunteers to be main contact during my absence, please let me know.

#### **6.6 PROPOSED DRAINAGE WORKS AT RAINHILL CRICKET CLUB**

Members will recall granting permission for access to Rainhill Cricket Club via Albert Fellowes Park, to facilitate drainage works to the outfield. (MIN 957 of 24.7.17). The contractors organising the project have indicated their intention to commence works on 10 September 2018. In advance of commencement, the contractors would like to meet with all parties and have invited the Parish Council to attend. It is hoped the meeting would take place late July/ early August. If anyone would like to volunteer to attend the meeting contact details could be exchanged.

#### **6.7 VILLAGE HALL DEFIBRILLATOR**

The replacement battery/charge stick for the Village Hall defibrillator has been received and payment is included in the table for authorisation. However, the battery is supply with adult pads only and the VH Management Committee have requested a set of paediatric pads too. If this is acceptable they can be ordered and payment authorised next meeting.

**PART 2 - AGENDA ITEMS – SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES**

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

An objection has been submitted to the following applications:

P/2018/0386 - 808 Warrington Road, two storey side extension, part two storey part single storey rear extension and dormer to the rear.

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/2018/0346 - Ardna Craig, 35 View Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order (T20) to 1no beech.

P/2018/0364 - 82 Ashton Avenue, certificate of lawfulness for single storey extension to rear and side elevations, along with alterations to garage roof.

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

P/2018/0390 - Victoria Hotel, 507 Warrington Road, consent to replace and display assorted advertisement signs consisting of 1no fascia sign, 8no hoardings and 2no other illuminated and non-illuminated signs.

P/2018/0399 - 28 First Avenue, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension.

P/2018/0405 - 25 Derwent Close, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

**The Council should note the actions taken.**

**8. TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	DD
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	STO
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	16.00	STO
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	16.00	STO
G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Jun	1168.87	
	Photocopying	27.00	
	Telephone	15.15	
		1211.02	TFR307
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - June	329.01	TFR308
HMRC	Tax & NI (Apr - Jun)	667.81	TFR309
Physio-Control	Replacement Battery for Defibrillator	92.40	TFR310
GMS Services Ltd	Legionella Risk Assessment Holt Lane	120.00	TFR311
GMS Services Ltd	Legionella Risk Assessment AFP	120.00	TFR312
Vinyline	Updating Honours Board	48.00	TFR313
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD

**The Council should consider approving the above payments.**

**9. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP**

There have been mixed successes and disappointments for the group. The commemorative plaque commissioned by the American and British Civil and Mechanical

Engineering Institutes has now been collected. Further discussion is needed on a position for its erection and funding to undertake the work.

Negotiations are continuing with NRM in relation to the loan of the Rocket, adequate insurance is being discussed. The costs for transportation have not increased significantly over the past 2 years, but details of storage need to be finalised with NW Museum of Transport.

Discussions have commenced with Rainhill High regarding population of the website and hopefully artwork around the village.

Unfortunately Northern have confirmed that the train naming ceremony is now unlikely to proceed. However, progress has been made on their sponsorship of the football tournament.

**The Council should note the actions of the Rocket 190 Group.**

**10. TO CONSIDER RAINHILL CIVIC SOCIETY REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF PLAQUES AND PROPOSAL FOR KENDRICK'S CROSS**

The Civic Society have now obtained quotes for the proposed interpretation boards around the village. The cost of artwork, lecterns and installation ranges from £2,350 - £2,505. The quotes have been circulated to the Borough Councillors and an item was requested to facilitate discussion. The Civic Society have expressed the urgency of the project, if the plaques are to be in place before the Rocket 190<sup>th</sup> Celebration weekend.

The Clerk has also been in discussion with the Civic Society regard the provision of a sandstone pillar to mark the location of the Kendrick's Cross. This is a long term project and current indications are that planning permission is required and listed building consent may be required. Negotiations have been undertaken with the Highway's Section to facilitate its location within the adopted highway at the corner of View Road with Warrington Road. Prior to undertaking any further involvement, the Parish Council should consider if it wishes to support the Civic Society in this project by providing administrative support through the Clerk.

**The Council should consider the Civic Society's projects to provide plaques and interpretation boards, and to erect a sandstone pillar.**

**11. TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL TREE PLANTING PROJECT**

This item was deferred on 14<sup>th</sup> May to allow investigation into costs and to discuss consultation.

It was resolved that initial planting be concentrated in the Cartmel Drive area and quotations had indicated that 6 trees would cost £8,760 (£1,460 per tree). As the Parish Council had committed to a 3 year programme at £3,000 per year, this year's budget would allow for the installation of 2 trees. Confirmation has been received that the unit cost per tree remains static, irrespective of the number installed. Therefore 2 trees could be provided costing £2,920, plus £200 for trial holes to locate services in the footway.

The estimated cost is based on a choice three species of trees: Tilia Tormentosa (Silver Lime); Fagus Sylvatica (Common Beech); Quercus Robur (Oak). A preference has been expressed for flowering cherry trees, and costs would probably be similar but this would have to be confirmed. Members should consider which species they would like to plant and the location of the two trees, a plan of the area is provided at appendix 1.



Members need to consider consultation on the proposals. St.Helens Council have confirmed that consultation is not always undertaken before tree planting is commenced, however, it can avoid problems once works commence.

**The Council need to confirm the species and location of the trees to be provided and if consultation is to be undertaken, how widely this should extend.**

**12. TO CONSIDER REPAIRS NEEDED TO THE SANDSTONE WALL**

The Clerk has approached two builders to provide quotes for alternative treatments to replace the sandstone wall. Despite numerous reminders these were not available at time of printing. If they are received before the meeting they will be circulated electronically. This item has been included to facilitate discussion should the quotes be received.

**The Council should consider how it wishes to repair the collapsed wall.**

**13. TO CONSIDER ISSUES ARISING FROM TOUR OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES**

A tour of open spaces was undertaken on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Together with issues that arise on the day the following may require more consideration:

- Replacement bin required within the play area at Two Butt Lane – a new bin would cost around £500. As the bin is already included in a collection round the annual charge for emptying the bin would be waived.
- The location of additional areas for bulb planting.

**The Council should consider the provision of a new bin, the location of future bulb planting and any other issues arising from the tour of open spaces.**

**14. TO CONSIDER A REPLACEMENT NOTICE BOARD**

Members will recall a request to relocate the village notice board, as it is considered inaccessible and obscured by planting. The current board was erected in 2015 at a cost of £180 + £60 for signage.

Initially quotes were requested for its relocation, however, notice board companies were reluctant to relocate the existing board, due to its condition. As the paint has peeled in many places, the ply board underneath has begun to separate. Alternatives to relocation have been investigated. The current board measures 1200mm x 853mm and comfortably holds 10 x A4 sheet.

Option 1

Supply and fit wooden noticeboard to replicate existing notice board = £520.00 + VAT

Option 2

Switch to aluminium noticeboard with doors:

Company	Board Dimensions	Display Capacity	Cost (all exc. VAT)
1 <sup>st</sup> Northern, St.Helens	Notice board 1584mm x 986mm, 2 display windows (986mm x 691mm each)	18 x A4	£1,975.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Northern, St.Helens	Notice board	9 x A4	£1,450.00

	1112mm x 857mm, 1 display window (1008mm x 747mm)		
Parish Notice Board Co, Northwich	Notice board 1100mm x 850mm, 2 display windows (594mm x 420mm each)	8 x A4	£995.00
Parish Notice Board Co, Northwich	Poster Display Board 1 display area 1189mm x 841mm	10 x A4	£805.00

Consideration of the options

Replacement with another wooden noticeboard does not seem cost effective.

The 18 sheet board, similar to those provided at either end of the village, appears a little excessive/intrusive for this location. The specifications of the remaining 3 choices are similar. The 1<sup>st</sup> Northern boards have 2mm aluminium backs, secured by 2 posts 80mm x 3500mm, whereas the Parish Notice Board are 3mm aluminium backs, secured by 76mm x 3000mm posts. All include polycarbonate display windows. All are powder coated in a choice of colours. Examples of each of the boards are attach at appendix 2.

If a board is chosen we need to decide if other organisations are to be given access, or if it will be kept solely for Parish Council displays (if public access is denied posters are often taped to the outside).

The consent of Regency Property Asset Management has been secured, however, the need for planning and/or conservation consent will be investigated when a decision on the board has been taken.

**The Council should consider if it wishes to replace the current notice board with an improved quality board.**

**15. TO REVIEW THE POLICE/COMMUNITY COMPACT**

Last year it was resolved that the Police/Community Compact should be reviewed on an annual basis. A copy of the current document is available on request.

The compact had 5 elements, in 2017 the position was as follows:

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

The Police 'surgery' is now held in Rainhill library, Fridays 2-3pm.

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

The Police attend meetings periodically and offered to come when invited.

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

No change in 2017, RPC can suggest problem sites and Police will patrol.

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

Inspector Neil Birkett attended 2018 Annual Parish Meeting.

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

Our last dedicated meeting with the Police was March 2016, we continue to receive monthly statistics, and updates from Officers in attendance at Parish Council meetings.

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

**16. TO CONSIDER INCIDENTS AFFECTING THE SCOUT HUT, OLD LANE**

A number of incidents have occurred at Rainhill Scout Hut varying from robbery from the site, to damage at the site, attempted burning of the fence at the site, and drug taking at the back of the site. Calls have been logged with the Police each time. The Police statistics provided to the Parish Council over the past 18 months have been checked, but do not appear to detail these incidents, unless they are included in the heading ASBO which is not detailed, this has been raised with the PCSO. The statistics provided for May 2018 show 2 incidents. Further details of incident logged at the Scout Hut are expect, but had not been received at time of printing.

This item has been included to facilitate discussion. Both the Police and the Scout Master have been invited to attend to discuss the issues. At the time of printing Merseyside Police had indicated no officer was available to attend.

**For information and discussion.**

**17. TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO PLANT TREES AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

A request has been received from Rainhill United to undertake a tree planting exercise at Albert Fellowes Park as follows:

“We have been looking at the drainage issues on Albert Fellowes Park and one of the things that we want to try is plant some trees to improve the drainage naturally whilst improving the aspect of the pitch.

We have sourced a few young sapling trees that we would like to plant towards the stream between where the spring and school fence is (away from all houses etc). We want to see if this would improve drainage at the lower end of the pitch and therefore improve the whole way up.

Mersey Forestry are also interested in the as well, and if successful they would be prepared to provide lots more trees in conjunction with local primary schools planting sessions. I think the appreciation of nature and greenery is something that all our children and local community would benefit from.

Are you okay for us to plant a few trees as we try and make the park more usable?

The usage of trees in some of the local parks is attractive and provides shade and homes for wildlife. We would net around the trees so it does not impact grass cutting. We have got some trees donated to us and would like to plant next weekend.”

St.Helens Council's views were sought and their response was:

“It will not improve the present drainage issue as there is definitely an issue with water either coming from the United Utilities aqueduct (which I believe runs through the field) or adjacent land. I think John Boden looked into this a number of years ago but there was no exact conclusion. I will speak to United Utilities and arrange a meeting and test

the water. Planting trees near any land drainage system or the outflow to the brook may cause problems as trees will naturally when thirsty search for water and eventually block the land drainage systems nearby.

The area would have to be excluded from the grass cutting, you need to ensure that there are no drains present or other works present (gas, electric, water). The appropriate type of tree should be planted and not large highways trees, and remember the site would still need some type of maintenance in the future if the trees become overgrown or need thinning out. Planting now in this weather would not be a good idea, are the trees bare rooted or potted? bare rooted trees would struggle to establish at this time of year, we usually restrict planting to between October and March.”

The response was shared with Rainhill United and further information requested on type/size of tree, exact areas for planting, numbers per sqm, etc. Unfortunately, RU have not yet had time to put together a scheme. However, subject to a suitable scheme being agreed between RU, St.H Council and ourselves, are members happy with the principle of tree planting on the outskirts of Albert Fellowes Park?

A meeting with UU is scheduled for Weds. 13<sup>th</sup> June and update will be provided at the meeting.

**The Council should consider if, in principle, it agrees with a tree planting scheme on Albert Fellowes Park.**

#### **18. TO CONSIDER PITCH HIRE AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

A further request was received from Rainhill United (RU):

“to secure the usage of the top pitches at Albert Fellowes Park on Sundays as at a Recreation Club meeting last week, Rainhill Town said they would not be using on Sundays next season & we don't want the pitches to be used by teams external to Rainhill.” (The pitches referred to two 11 v 11 pitches closest to the Cricket Club)

Rainhill Town (RT) have confirmed their intention to hire only two Saturday half shares at Albert Fellowes Park next season.

Members may recall a similar request submitted by Rainhill Recreation Club in December 2017, to switch subscription on these pitches from RT Veterans, who no longer played there, to allow use by RU. After consultation with RT the request was rejected, in order to protect the playing surface from overuse. Again, in response to the current request RT have indicated that:

“due to weather and damage that would have been caused by playing two games in two days on the adult pitches, we withdrew the Sunday teams off the pitches.

It is very difficult to gauge what effect it would have if the pitches were used by Rainhill United on a Sunday, or whether they would be even able to play after usage by adults on a Saturday and then no recovery time. The pitches need a massive investment to be able to sustain one game a weekend never mind two.”

A balance has to be made between utilising the resources available and maintaining the playing surfaces of the pitches. The drainage issues at Albert Fellowes Park are well documented. However, RU have 26 boys and 8 girls' teams for the coming season and have indicated their need for extra pitches. A judgement would have to be made as to whether the two pitches concerned could sustain two games per weekend, and whether this would make the surface unplayable for Rainhill Town, who pay to use the pitch.

**The Council should consider the request for Sunday use of two pitches by Rainhill United.**

**19. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR LONG-TERM AGREEMENT FOR PITCH HIRE AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

Rainhill United have made a request for a long-term agreement to secure their use of pitches at Albert Fellowes Park. In order to make bids for grant funding, etc., a club needs to be able to prove they have secured their long term use of a facility in order to receive investment.

RU currently lease 8 pitches on AFP, shown on the plan at appendix 3, though pitches 1 & 2 are outside the Parish Council lease area. The current pitch hire agreement between the Parish Council and RU is renewed on an annual basis, without the exchange of a fee. There is no reason to consider that this arrangement would change in the future. RU have not requested to fence off any areas or exclude them from public use.

The Parish Council hold a lease on AFP until 2063. The lease does not include for maintenance, which is undertaken by St.Helens Council at their expense. Whilst an exact figure for maintaining the fields as football pitches is not known, given the need to cut the fields more regularly and undertake line marking around 37 times a year, it is a greater expense than maintaining it to public open space, and would be in the high thousands. If in future this charge ever transferred to the Parish Council, it may wish to reassess its provision of football pitches at this site.

Should the Parish Council be minded to grant a long term agreement, it may wish to include, as a condition of the agreement, that any future maintenance charges (if transferred from St.Helens) are met by RU, or that maintenance is undertaken by the club itself, i.e. that the Parish Council will not bear the cost of maintaining the fields to football pitch standard.

Further, it would need to be agreed that the fields remain publicly available at all times (excluding match times), and that access will not be restricted to any areas, etc. St.Helens Council have advised that in other areas of the borough, where applications for grant funding have been made relating to a specific area, e.g. the changing rooms, storage area, etc., specific leases are drawn up, where required, to cover only that land affected by the grant/investment. This limits the areas affected, but may be difficult to administer in the future, should several applications be made. Also if the area affected is the whole pitch/field, for instance improved drainage, then the issue of public access would again need to be considered.

Should the Parish Council be minded to agree a long term lease, it may also be advisable to publicise its intentions, and give due warning to others that this opportunity is available.

**The Council should consider if it wishes to agree a long term lease agreement with Rainhill United at Albert Fellowes Park.**

**20. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM RAINHILL CRICKET CLUB TO CROSS ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

A request has been received from Rainhill Cricket Club to gain access to their ground, with a storage container, across Albert Fellowes Park. The issues involved are similar to those discussed last year regarding access for engineering works. Delivery of the

container is impractical along Victoria Terrace due to the narrowness of the road way and complicated turning manoeuvres. In order to achieve access, Rainhill Cricket Club have requested permission to bring the container through the Jones' Estate to the Deepdale Drive entrance to the park and across AFP to the rear gated entrance to the Cricket Club.

Initially, further details have been requested of the mode of transport to be used to deliver the container; the exact route to be taken; confirmation that all necessary permissions have been secured; and the agreement of an indemnity clause for the operation. The Clerk has recommended that the club approach Mr Jones for permission to use the same route agreed for delivery/removal of materials for the drainage works, thereby avoiding access across the playing surfaces.

Subject to further details being agreed, would the Parish Council allow access to the Cricket Club via AFP?

**The Council need to consider whether to permit access across Albert Fellowes Park with a storage container.**

## **21. TO CONSIDER A SERVICE TO MARK MERCHANT NAVY DAY**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, a service was organised to hoist the red ensign on St. Ann's flagpole to mark Merchant Navy Day. This year Merchant Navy Day falls on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and those marking the event are encouraged to fly the red ensign for a whole week.

Would members wish to organise a similar event for 2018? If so, is it to take a similar format to last year, would we wish to invite Rev. Bob Evans and Mr John Wilson again? If anyone would like to suggest an alternative format it could be investigated. As we have a Parish Council meeting scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> September, the service could be scheduled either over the preceding weekend, or prior to our meeting on Monday evening.

If this is to become an annual event it may be worth investing in a red ensign flag. The cost, exc. VAT, of purchase of a Red Ensign flag from Hampshire Flag Company is as follows:

3 yard = £45.71

2.5 yard = £35.30

2 yard = £28.00

Last year we borrowed one from a resident, who may be happy to lend it to us again, though I would have to check.

I have confirmed with St. Ann's that they are happy to host the service and hoist the flag on their flagpole.

**The Council should consider if it wishes to hold a service for Merchant Navy Day and what format that service should take.**

## **22. TO CONSIDER UPDATING THE COUNCIL'S IT PROVISION**

There are two issues for consideration:

### Updating Office Software

The operating software currently being used by the Clerk was installed with the purchase of the laptop in 2014.

It has been the intention for many months to purchase a version of Office 2013 in order to operate on a full version of Outlook, rather than the web or light version currently being used. The issues encountered with making this purchase have been that Office 2013 is no longer available from Microsoft, or retail stores. There are in excess of 10 different versions of Office 2013, some not intended for business use, some providing many packages that would not be used. Office 2013 Home and Business appears to provide the packages required. Downloads are available via the internet at a cost of £74.00.

The latest Microsoft operating system is Office 365, which is available on subscription at £7.90 per month. This includes automatic updates to improved software as and when available. However, it does not receive good reviews online. Unfortunately the Clerk is not an IT expert! Advice has been sought from St.Helens IT Services, but it has not been forthcoming.

#### Purchasing external drives for back up of information

Currently, the Council's files are backed up to Google Cloud and to memory sticks. The cloud storage available within our current plan is 15GB, and we are currently running very close to this capacity. 100GB of cloud storage can be purchased for £1.59 per month or 15.99 per year prepaid. Alternatively there are some files that could be archived to create capacity.

The reliability of memory sticks is not considered sufficiently robust for future storage requirements. It is recommended that an external hard drive is purchased to ensure adequate back up facilities are maintained. (The Clerk currently uses her own WD 1TB portable hard drive, which costs £57.99 from Argos). The Council's Risk Assessment indicates that a back up of all records are stored away from the Clerk's home. The Cloud currently provides this facility, but it is proposed that a physical copy on hard drive is also introduced.

It is recommended that two external hard drives are purchased, one to be kept by the Clerk for weekly back ups and one to be kept by the Chair (or nominated Councillor) which will be swapped with the Clerk at meetings or other agreed time. This would ensure that should the Clerk cease to support the Parish Council, an up to date copy of all records (to within one month) would be available. If anyone wishes to suggest an alternative scheme that could achieve this, it would be considered.

**The Council should consider the purchase of updated operating software and two external hard drives.**

### **23. TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN THE SILENT SOLDIER CAMPAIGN**

As part of various commemoration activities taking part for the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, St.Helens Council are taking part in the Royal British Legion's Silent Soldier campaign. The "Silent Soldier" is a black silhouette of a First World War "tommy" which can be displayed in suitable locations. It is made of weather proof dibond and may be fixed to flat surfaces. The size of the figure is 145cm x 60cm and comes with angle irons and nuts and bolts for fixing. St.Helens Council intend to erect a silhouette in each of the Wards. They would be in situ from July to December 2018.

The Parish Councils have been asked if they wish to take part in the campaign, and if so is there a preferred location in the Parish? The silhouettes can be sponsored at a cost of £250. Unfortunately, the Officer organising the event has been on leave so I have been unable to obtain any further details regarding the sponsorship, though they may be available at the meeting.

**The Council should consider if it wishes to take part in the campaign and/or**

**sponsor a silhouette.**

**24. TO CONSIDER CHANGE TO MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND POLICY**

Due to a change made by the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2018 the need for deferred members aged between 55 and 60 who left the LGPS before 1 April 2014, to obtain consent from their former employer for early payment of their LGPS benefits has been removed.

As a result of this regulatory change, whilst a former employee no longer needs an employer's consent to access their pension early, any reduction in pension payments is borne solely by the employee. However, an employee retains the right to apply to an employer to release their pension without waiving actuarial reductions, the cost of which would be borne by the employer.

ROC's current policy on Regulation 30 (8) 'Waiving of Actuarial Reduction' reads: Whether to waive, in whole or in part, actuarial reduction on benefits which a member voluntarily draws before normal pension age.

Details:

The Council will not normally exercise this discretion but may consider its use in exceptional circumstances, having regard to the business case being in the interests of the Council and the pension fund strain charge being considered affordable by the Council.

Given the changes, I have suggested a new policy of:

The Council supports an employee's right to apply for early payment of pension benefits, subject to any reduction in benefits being borne solely by the employee. The Council will not normally exercise its discretion to waiving of actuarial reduction, but may consider its use in exceptional circumstances, having regard to the business case being in the interests of the Council and the pension fund strain charge being considered affordable by the Council.

If the Council agree with this policy changing, then the Chair should be authorised to sign the policy template attached at appendix 4 for return to Merseyside Pension Scheme.

**The Council should authorise the new policy for Regulation 30 (8) of The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2008 & 2013.**

**25. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

The Clerk has dealt with correspondence including those relating to: Compliments of the bulb display; interest in the constitution of the Council and how to stand for election; condition of public footpath – found to be outside Rainhill. If you would like further details please ask.

**Renewal of subscriptions for garden waste collections**

Complaints were received from several sources that inadequate notification was given of the need to renew the subscription for the garden waste collection service (green bins). Many residents found that the renewal date passed without notification; some had renewed but the sticker had not been received in time; some had applied the sticker too early and were excluded from the previous subscriptions collections.

The main complaint was that inadequate notification was provided. It was considered by many that a notification sticker on the green bins currently subscribing would have been



the optimum method. Some subscribers had received notification letters/emails, some had not, and as the St.Helens Star is no longer in circulation in Rainhill any notification via this method had gone unnoticed.

Whilst the Parish Council is not responsible for this service, residents have requested that a complaint be submitted to St.Helens Council to ensure the situation is not repeated next year.

**The Council should consider if it wishes to submit a complaint to St.Helens Council.**

Unkempt condition of paving at Houghton Street

Rainhill Civic Society have introduced a new planter at Houghton Street, which is now planted up. Whilst maintaining the planter, it was noted that the paving area is looking overgrown with weeds and is looking generally shabby.

Councillor DeAsha arranged for a grounds maintenance team to apply weedkiller and a street sweeper to attend to resolve the problem.

**26. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUPS**

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

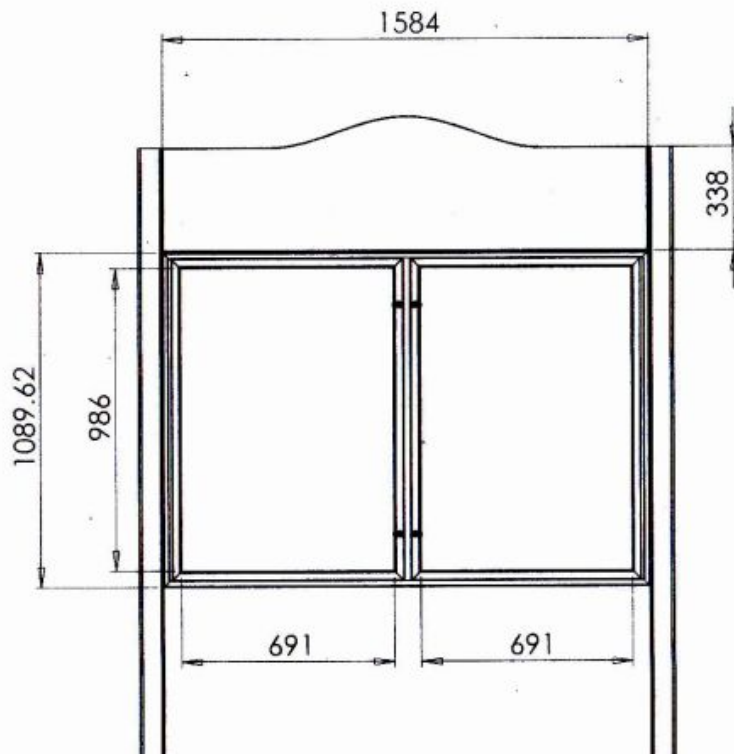
**27. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

23<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 7.30pm

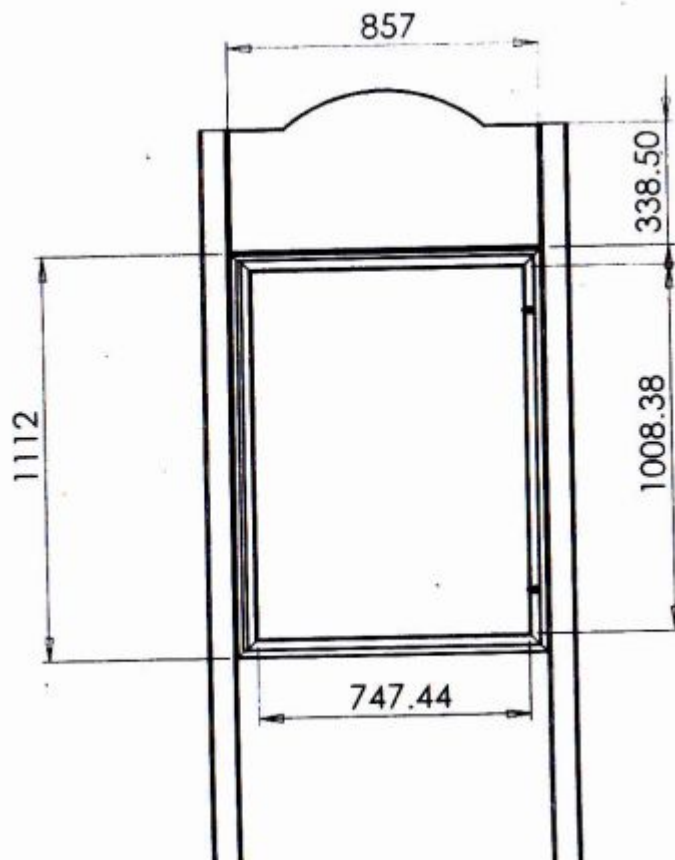


## APPENDIX 2

1<sup>st</sup> Northern – Two door



1<sup>st</sup> Northern – One door

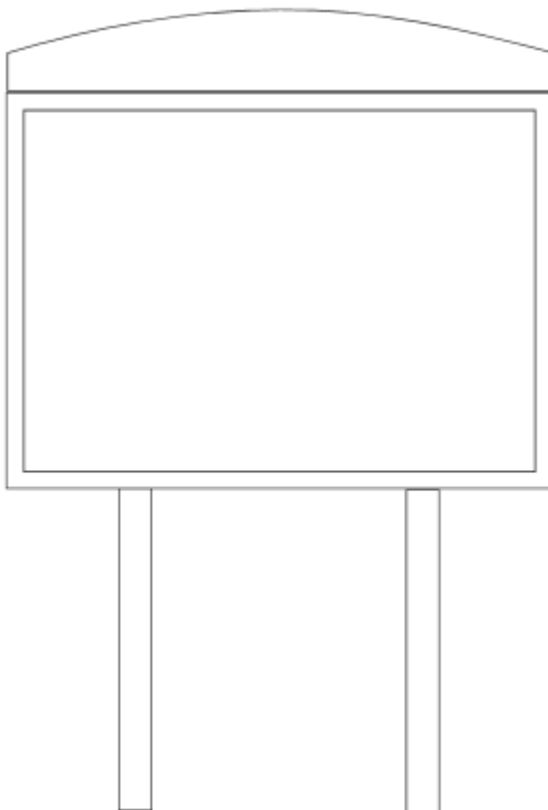


## Parish Notice Board Company Options – Two door notice board



1100mm x 850mm aluminium board - curved or flat top  
2 x A2 poster cases  
2 x 76mm diameter aluminium posts  
£695.00 + vat

## One door - Poster Board



**Example**  
A0 poster case  
Shaped Header with vinyl lettering applied  
Landscape  
Top hinged  
All powder coated to Stock RAL colour  
2 x 76mm grey aluminium posts  
£505.00 + vat

NOT TO SCALE.      DIMENSIONS (m)

Pitch 1 - 5 x 5

37 x 28

Pitch 2 - 7 x 7

52 x 32

Pitch 3 - 9 x 9

75 x 46

Pitch 4 - 9 x 9

11 x 11    75 x 46

Pitch 5 - 9 x 9

11 x 11    75 x 46

Pitch 6 - 7 x 7

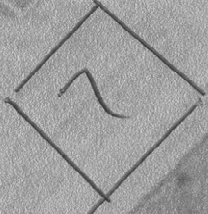
55 x 37

Pitch 7 - 5 x 5

37 x 28

Pitch 8 - 7 x 7

55 x 37



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Cricket



# Statement of Policy Concerning Exercise of Discretionary Functions



## The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2008 & 2013

**Organisation** Rainhill Parish Council

**Reg. 30 (5) 30A (5) 2008**  
**Reg. 30 (8) 2013**

### **Waiving of Actuarial Reduction**

Whether to waive, in whole or in part, actuarial reduction on benefits which a member voluntarily draws before normal pension age.

### **Details of Policy Concerning Resolution**

The Council supports an employee's right to apply for early payment of pension benefits, subject to any reduction in benefits being borne solely by the employee. The Council will not normally exercise its discretion to waiving of actuarial reduction, but may consider its use in exceptional circumstances, having regard to the business case being in the interests of the Council and the pension fund strain charge being considered affordable by the Council.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Certified by (sign & PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Designation Chair of Rainhill Parish Council

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