

28th August 2018

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 3rd September 2018, in the Elm Room at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

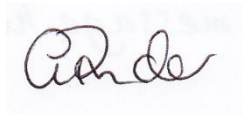
I attach an agenda, relevant minutes, and the Clerk's Report.

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 two members of the public registered to attend, one in relation to the tree planting project and a member of the Civic Society in relation to the railway commemoration plaques.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Merchant Navy Day Ceremony will be held on 3rd September, 6.00pm, at St. Ann's Church, View Road, with tea & biscuits in the Millennium Centre afterwards.

Yours faithfully,



G. Pinder
Clerk to the Council



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RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
3rd September 2018

The public will be allowed to speak on any matters of concern, subject to prior written notification being received. Two requests have been received.

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 23rd July 2018
4. To receive Police monthly statistics report – 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/2018/0514 - 35 Galston Avenue, part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension.
 - P/2018/0545 - 45 St James Road, single storey rear extension.
 - P/2018/0548 - Rainhill Mount, Mill Lane, single storey rear extension, and associated works.
 - P/2018/0565 - 19 Coylton Avenue, first floor side extension together with single storey rear extension.
 - P/2018/0573 - 24 Lowther Drive, demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side extension.
7. To authorise the accounts payable (list included in report)
8. To consider a request for funding of commemorative plaques
9. To consider proposed tree planting project
10. To authorise an independent registered medical practitioner
11. To consider placing an advert in the Beer Festival Programme
12. To consider the actions of the Rocket 190 Group
13. To consider the current pitch hire agreements
14. To approve the audited annual return
15. To consider the adoption of a child protection policy
16. To consider residents comments and complaints
17. 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
18. Date & Time of Next Meeting:
 - 15th October 2018, 7.30pm

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
23rd JULY 2018

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd July 2018 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, M. Donovan, L. Glover, S. Glover and B. Heydon.

1 member of the public was present.

18.89 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: J. Doyle, C. Moore and B. Wood. Cllrs: J. DeAsha, J. Fulham B. Grunewald, D. Long and P. Long were detained at a Borough Council meeting and gave their apologies.

18.90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18.91 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18th JUNE 2018

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th June 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The meeting was adjourned.

A resident raised issues of inconsiderate parking and overhanging vegetation which made walking along pavements in the village very difficult. Obstruction of the footpath led to dangerous situations where pedestrians had to use the highway to continue their journey. Cllr DeAsha had arranged for representatives from St.Helens Council to investigate the issues. The Parish Council have no jurisdiction over the issues but would assist any residents reporting problems.

The meeting was reconvened.

18.92 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

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

18.93 CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted.

18.94 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/2018/0444 59 Deepdale Drive Erection of a 2m high boundary fence.

P/2018/0425 - 30 The Meadows, removal of existing detached storage shed, and erection of side extension with mezzanine floor.

P/2018/0454 3 Francis Close Creation of a new porch and a single storey side and rear extension.

P/2018/0466 Valluga Old Lane Erection of replacement dwelling.

P/2018/0487 10 Second Avenue Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side extension.

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P/2018/0495 5 Dane Court Change of use of private owned space at front of public house to small outdoor seating area for customers.

P/2018/0503 6 Alness Drive, Single storey side extension along with alterations to front porch.

P/2018/0465 8 Lawton Road Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to remove 1 no Lime Tree.

P/2018/0498 2 Stonecross Drive removal of existing boundary wall/fence, and erection of replacement boundary treatment with entrance gates and associated landscaping.

P/2018/0508 Holly House Warrington Road, Erection of single storey side extension.

P/2018/0510 23 Stonecross Drive Erection of single storey rear extension to garage.

An objection had been submitted to the following application:

P/2018/0456 533 Warrington Road Erection of new dwelling with attached garage

18.95 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Photocopying	19.00	
G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - July	1135.48	
	Telephone	15.00	
	External Hard-drive x 2	98.98	
	Red Ensign from Hampshire Flags	42.36	
		1311.82	TFR315
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – July	316.60	TFR316
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - July	16.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - July	16.00	DD
Water Plus	Albert Fellowes Park – July	160.70	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields – July	6.33	STO
Royal British Legion	Silent Soldier Silhouette	250.00	TFR317
Rainhill Village Hall	Drainage work to fill sink hole	947.00	TFR318
Physio-Control	Replacement Paediatric Pads for Defibrillator	79.84	TFR319
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - Aug (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1135.48	
		1150.48	TFR320
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – August	316.60	TFR321
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - August	16.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - August	16.00	DD
Water Plus	Albert Fellowes Park – August	160.70	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields – August	6.33	STO

18.96 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolved that the report from the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 29th January 2018 be noted. It was reported that the contract to replace the sandstone wall had been awarded to The Urban Jungle.

18.97 TO CONSIDER TAKING LEGAL ADVICE ON THE VILLAGE HALL LEASE

Resolved that legal advice be sought on the early renewal of the lease.

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18.98 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

Resolved that the actions of the Rocket 190 Group be noted and that authority be delegated to the Clerk and representative members on the group to incur expenditure within the agreed budget of £7,000, up to a maximum of £500 at any one time.

18.99 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK

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

18.100 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

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

18.101 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 the Eco Group had received a grant of £200 from the Gala Committee.
- Village Hall Management Committee: no report
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: no report
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: no report
- Rainhill Gala: no report
- 4F Centre: Cllr S. Glover reported that there had been some changes in rentals. Money had been received from the Rotary Club and was used to replace the flooring.

18.102 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 3rd September 2018, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
3rd September 2018

Police Report

Merseyside Police Report for Rainhill Parish Council Meeting Monday 3rd September 2018
 Area: Rainhill Month: July 2018

	2017	2018	Diff	% Diff	Description
Burglary Business & Community	1	1	0	0	1) Attempted distraction shop theft by two males - noticed by staff - McColl's Warrington Road
Burglary Residential	5	2	-3	-60	1) Entry gained via insecure front door - property stolen including vehicle from drive - Fawley Road 2) Entry gained via kitchen window by young males -disturbed by resident & males ran off - Mill Lane
Criminal Damage	4	5	1	25	1) Unwitnessed criminal damage - offside of motor vehicle scratched - Derwent Close 2&3) Unwitnessed criminal damage - key damage to paintwork of 2 vehicles while parked - The Meadows 4) Care home staff assaulted by resident - Mill Lane 5) Rear tyre of parked vehicle slashed by unknown offender - Village Hall Weaver Avenue
Drugs	0	2	2	100	1) Vehicle stopped & searched - male in vehicle found with cannabis - Warrington Road 2) Cannabis plants located - Ryder Close
Other Theft	6	6	0	0	1 - 4) Fuel put into vehicles - vehicles driven off with no attempt to pay for fuel - Shell, Warrington Road 5) Threat of blackmail via email - Longton Lane 6) Tins of salmon stolen from nursing home - named offender - Rainhill Road
Public Order	4	5	1	25	1) Acquaintance made threats to family following a dispute - Rainhill Road 2) Incident involving a motorist & a cyclist - blows exchanged - cyclist then rode off - Longton Lane 3) Anon caller reporting unknown male banging on neighbours door - no complaint from resident - Sandon Close 4) Report of males fighting - no victim identified when officers arrived - Manor Farm P.H. 5) Two ex male pupils shouting abuse at staff at school closing time - Rainhill High school
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0	
Robbery Personal	2	0	-2	-100	
Theft Bike	0	0	0	0	
T.F.M.V.	0	1	1	100	1) Unknown offenders have stolen front & rear vehicle VRM plates - no CCTV - Dunbeath Avenue
Theft Shop	3	2	-1	-33	1) Meat joints stolen - no attempt to pay - Co-op 2) Drinks etc. stolen by members of the travelling community on separate occasions - Rainhill Motors
T.O.M.V.	0	0	0	0	
Vehicle Interference	0	1	1	100	1) Lock of Ford transit van drivers side door damaged - owner made aware by van alarm - Longton Lane
Total	25	25	0	0	
ASB	14	10	-4	-29	

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL - CLERK'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 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 25th July ordinary meeting have either been completed or are in progress. Additionally I can report the following:

5.1 CLERKS HOLIDAYS

The Clerk will be on holiday 3rd – 10th February 2019.

5.2 RENEWAL OF INSURANCE

The insurance policy is due for renewal on 18 September 2018. We are currently in the last year of a five year contract with Zurich Insurance. Last year the renewal premium was £1055.88, and this year it is £1130.14 which is an increase of 7%. This year we have included insurance for loan of the replica Rocket locomotive during the celebration weekend. It is considered this premium is favourable to other options. I have included the payment in the table for authorisation.

5.3 WEBSITE CONSULTANCY & SUPPORT

As you will be aware, I update the website on a regular basis with information and news items, and also publish notices for legislative purposes. However, more technical jobs can be beyond my capabilities and we currently pay a small consultancy and support fee each year to Mr Brian Walsh to provide support when needed. I have confirmed that Mr Walsh is prepared to continue with the current arrangement, however he felt that we were in credit, as he had not had to provide much support. In order to keep a contract with Mr Walsh a fee of £2.50 was agreed, which is included in the table for authorisation. Mr Walsh has indicated that he will happily undertake any improvements suggested, if possible.

PART 2 - AGENDA ITEMS – SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

A representation expressing concern was submitted on the following application:

P/2018/0514 - 35 Galston Avenue, part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension.

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

P/2018/0545 - 45 St James Road, single storey rear extension.

P/2018/0548 - Rainhill Mount, Mill Lane, single storey rear extension, and associated works.

P/2018/0565 - 19 Coylton Avenue, first floor side extension together with single storey rear extension.

P/2018/0573 - 24 Lowther Drive, demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side extension.

The Council should note the actions taken.

7. TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Photocopying	12.80	
G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Sept	1135.48	
	Telephone	15.00	
	Antivirus Protection	17.49	
	Website Hosting for Rocket 190	95.98	
		1276.75	TFR322
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Sept	316.60	TFR323
HMRC	Tax & NI (Jul - Sep)	668.01	TFR324
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - Sept	16.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Sept	16.00	DD
Water Plus	Albert Fellowes Park – Sept	160.70	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields – Sept	6.33	STO
B Walsh	Website Consultancy and Support	2.50	TFR325
Signs of Cheshire Ltd	Replacement Noticeboard	1224.00	TFR326
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fee	360.00	TFR327
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal Premium	1130.14	TFR328
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges (Jul - Sep)	18.00	DD

The Council should consider approving the above payments.

8. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

A member of Rainhill Civic Society has brought forward a suggestion to enhance Rainhill village with railway themed plaques, both for the Rocket 190 celebrations and also for permanent features that are visually attractive, portray our history and hopefully encourage visitors to the village. It is suggested that lamp post artwork is erected. The artwork is a laser cut image of the Rainhill Rocket made up in steel, painted black. They are made by a local company and cost £50.00 each. It is hoped that examples will be

available at the meeting for members to see. The suggestion is to attach them to 10-12 lamp posts, totalling £500-£600.00, plus fixing.

A further suggestion is for art work for the walls around Houghton Street. A similar design to the lamp post image, but on a larger scale. A screen measuring 2m x 1m (6ft x 3ft) in steel and painted black would cost £125.00, or £200.00 made up in stainless steel. It is suggested that three of these, with the design of the three different trials locomotives on would be attractive, and whilst funding for these would be welcomed it is hoped this could be found elsewhere. The Parish Council are asked to consider granting permission for the screens, together with some planting beds beneath and some extra seating around Houghton Street.

Whilst the Parish Council's consent is not required for the proposals for Houghton Street, do the Parish Council have any objections to the proposal for screen sized plaques in this area? Regarding the provision of planting beds and seating, the Parish Council may benefit from exemptions to planning regulations in relation to the provision of seating, but whether this also extends to the addition of screens is uncertain.

The Clerk has obtained information from St.Helens Council which confirms that:

- permission is likely to be granted to the Parish Council to attach plaques to lamp posts;
- only suitable posts will be acceptable i.e. those with no existing signs attached, not too close to building frontages, etc.;
- the cost of installation would be around £56.00 per plaque;
- acceptability would be dependent on size and weight of plaque.

Information is not currently available on whether planning/advertisement consent would be required both for the lamp post plaques and screen plaques, and whether the Parish Council benefit from any exemptions in this regard.

The following issues need to be considered:

Do the Parish Council wish to fund the purchase/manufacture of lamp post plaques, and installation costs?

If so, how many or to what maximum expenditure?

Do the Parish Council wish to pursue the project with St.Helens Council, on behalf of/in conjunction with the Civic Society?

The Council should consider whether to support the installation of railway commemoration plaques proposed by Rainhill Civic Society.

9. TO CONSIDER PROPOSED TREE PLANTING PROJECT

The tree planting project was first proposed in 2017 and, following an assessment of the optimum planting areas, it was agreed that the area fronting 364-390 Warrington Road was most in need of enhancement. A project of planting 6 flowering cherry trees over a period of 3 years was agreed, subject to consultation.

Consultation was undertaken with those residents fronting the area. Six responses have been received with 5 supporting the project and 1 raising concerns about the proposed tree locations. The following comments were submitted:

- Really pleased, well done, very good project.
- Anything which prevents car parking on the tarmac verge can only enhance the area
- We object to the trees opposite 364-390 Warrington Road because we don't want the trees to be planted in front of our home. We already struggle to park as we have the speed bump directly in front of our house also we have 5 vehicles registered at our

address we have had them crashed into 3 times and the drivers drove off twice without informing us resulting in insurance claims, also vehicles broken into so more insurance claims. Visitors to our home have had fines, as we only received 2 passes resulting in a struggle in applying for 1 more as we were not consulted in how many vehicles are at the address. When confronting St Helens Council on this issue. We have now paved the front and knocked the wall down to get another vehicle on the garden, but we have the speed bump directly in front which is damaging under the car. We don't object to the trees planted either side of the front of 372 but not in front along with the speed bump. Could you please tell me why there are 4 proposed trees to be planted along 364-374 and only 2 planted along 376-390. Could this be due to the parking from the visitors at the hospital, there seems to be a lack of regular wardens enforcing fines which at the beginning were very consistent twice a day but have dwindled down? Could you please inform us if there is a meeting on which we can talk about our concerns on this matter which is very important to our household.

- I think it would be a good idea, but am worried that the residents who currently park a number of vehicles on this piece of land might instead start parking them outside other residents' houses.
- We are fully in favour of the above proposal. Hopefully, apart from making the area more attractive, it will stop people from parking company wagons/vans on the service road – which is at weekends, hols and all night.
- A good idea think it would look really nice

Whilst the majority of those responding agree that the project would enhance the area, the main concern appears to be the displacement of vehicles which currently park on the pavement where the tree planting is proposed. Members should consider the effect of the proposals in regard to on-street parking and determine how the proposal is to proceed. Trees could be repositioned to avoid the current parking area, or planted as originally proposed with the knock-on effect of displacing the vehicles to elsewhere on street.

The Council should consider how they wish the tree planting project to proceed.

10. TO AUTHORISE AN INDEPENDENT REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Merseyside Pension Fund (MPF) require all Parish Councils to identify an Independent Registered Medical Practitioner (IRMP) to be responsible for decisions in respect of ill health retirement options, and potential payment of pension benefits on grounds of ill-health.

Employers must request the Fund's approval of the appointment of an IRMP, qualified in occupational health medicine, or the non-UK/European equivalent. After consultation with MPF, paperwork has been completed to appoint James Quigley of Health Work Ltd as IRMP for Rainhill Parish Council. There appears to be no financial implication to this appointment.

The Council should confirm the appointment of James Quigley as the IRMP.

11. TO CONSIDER PLACING AN ADVERT IN THE BEER FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Last year the Parish Councillors independently sponsored a barrel of beer at the Rainhill Beer Festival and the Parish Council put an advert in the programme at a cost of £100.00. Preparations are underway for this year's event and the Parish Council need to

consider what sponsorship, if any, will be given this year. It has been confirmed that an advert would again cost £100.00, as would a barrel of beer.

The Council should consider sponsorship of the Beer Festival.

12. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

The Steering Group has been meeting more regularly and have set up meetings with community organisations to be held on 10th October. The loan agreement for the replica Rocket has now been signed by all parties and the loan is therefore secured.

Progress has been made on the production of a web site and it is hoped it will be available by the end of September.

A meeting was held at Rainhill Railway Station with interested parties to discuss the erection of the commemorative plaque. It was considered that the plaque would be best erected on a supporting frame close to existing interpretation board close to the station building. Funding for its erection is currently being sought.

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

13. TO CONSIDER THE CURRENT PITCH HIRE AGREEMENTS

A request was received to consider hire of the football pitches to other teams. Many teams are finding that their current pitches are being sold-off and dedicated football pitches are in high demand. The displaced teams are now looking for spare capacity on other sites.

There are two sites providing football pitches within the Parish Council's control: Holt Lane site containing 3 x 11 aside pitches, 1 x 9 aside; and two mini soccer pitches, used by Rainhill Rockets, juniors and seniors; and Albert Fellowes Park containing 2 x 5 aside; 3 x 7 aside and 3 x 9 aside pitches used by Rainhill United junior teams. Together with 2 x 11 aside pitches used by Rainhill Town senior team.

From time to time the Parish Council has received requests from other teams to share the facilities. In 2015 a similar request was received in relation to Holt Lane playing fields, and following consultation with Rainhill Rockets, it was considered that the existing hire agreement would be maintained, as no additional capacity was available for other teams. Both of the junior clubs run several teams within each age category and have indicated that careful management is needed to ensure the pitches remain playable.

The Parish Council recently considered a request from the junior team at AFP to use any space capacity on the adult pitches, but this was rejected for similar pitch management reasons.

Given this further appeal for pitches, the Parish Council are asked to consider whether there is any capacity on the sites within their control.

The Council should consider if requests from new teams can be accommodated on the current pitches.

14. TO APPROVE THE AUDITED ANNUAL RETURN

The external auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP, have confirmed that the audit has been completed with no issues arising. Members may recall last year that an issue arose with the fixed assets figure. The assets register was revised during the year and the new fixed asset figure was included in this year's AGAR, and has been accepted.

A full copy of the Annual Return, is available for inspection on our web site and on the noticeboard (a paper copy will be available at the meeting, but if you would like an electronic copy in advance please let me know). The Annual Return and notice of conclusion of audit must be published for at least 14 days, this commenced on 17th August 2018.

The Council should consider approving and accepting the final version of the Annual Return and authorising payment.

15. TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Members may recall that a Child Protection Policy was presented in January 2018. At that time it was felt that the policy needed strengthening in relation to children who needed assistance with personal activities.

The policy has now been amended to address this weakness and is presented at Appendix 1 for adoption.

There is no statutory review period for this policy, a four year review period is suggested.

The Council should consider adopting the child protection policy attached at appendix 1.

16. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

The Clerk has dealt with correspondence including those relating to: Replacement windows in a Conservation Area; Parking at Forge Gym; Road closures at Longton Lane; unauthorised residential development; availability of defibrillators. The following correspondence requires further consideration:

Request for funding from St.Helens Scouts

A letter was received from members of St.Helens Scouts who have been selected to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree in summer 2019. Two of the members attend Rainhill High School so have links to the parish, and feel they will be representing both the School and the Parish and hope to find opportunities to promote the history of Rainhill to others as part of their trip.

Fund raising is planned through quiz nights Manchester 10k sponsored run, raffles, cake sales, bag packing events at local supermarkets, and the Yorkshire 3 Peaks challenge. A donation is requested, either to the fund, or items that can be utilised as part of fund-raising events. Any contribution would go towards the cost of the trip and also to supporting Scouts in less privileged countries.

A copy of the full letter is available on request and a paper copy will be available at the meeting.

Rubbish at Albert Fellowes Park

A complaint was forwarded regarding discarded water/juice bottles at Albert Fellowes Park. Following an email to Rainhill Town (RT), the offenders were identified as a visiting team, who had returned the following day to tidy the site. Further, RT issued a

request to the secretary of Warrington District Football League to remind all teams to remove their rubbish after matches.

However, this incident led to a request for a plastics recycling bin to be provided at AFP. Enquiries were made with St.Helens Council but unfortunately such provision is not offered, only general waste and dog waste bins are available, both of which are already provided at AFP. Whilst a large plastic bin could be provided for match days (cost around £45.00) this would need emptying by club members as it would not be on a recycling collection round.

Whilst it is a shame that recyclable materials are being dealt with as general waste there does not currently appear to be a more sustainable alternative. RT have indicated that they could empty a bin, provided no charge would be incurred at a recycling centre. Would members wish this to be investigated further?

The Council should consider if it wishes to take any further action in this regard.

17. 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

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

15th October 2018, 7.30pm

Finance meeting 12 November 2018, 7.30pm

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Rainhill Parish Council is committed to ensuring that children and young people are protected and kept safe from harm whilst they are engaged in any activity associated with the Council and to establishing the following principles:

- **Anyone under the age of 18 years is considered to be a child.**
- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- All children and young people without exception, have the right to protection from abuse regardless of age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religion or sexual orientation and for their rights, feelings and views to be respected.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Any organisation using land or premises owned or leased by the Council and engaging with children and young people must have their own Child Protection Policy and Child Protection Officer.

In line with these principles the Parish Council will aim to:

- Create a healthy and safe environment for all activities, where children and young people feel safe and secure.
- Promote the general welfare, health and full development of children and young people during activities.
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the well-being of children and young people and protect them from abuse.
- Respect the rights, wishes and feelings of children and young people and ensure that they are listened to.
- Ensure that any allegations made by a child are not allowed to go unchallenged, and that any allegations and suspicions are investigated, recorded and acted upon promptly.
- Ensure that councillors, staff and volunteers are well informed, supported and enabled to provide the best possible practice.
- Ensure that all new employees/volunteers who will work with, or come into contact with, children and young people in the course of their work activities will complete a disclosure form from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) to ensure that there are no irregularities in their background that may give cause for concern.

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- Ensure that all new employees/volunteers will be provided with the Child Protection Policy and asked to sign to confirm that they understand it and will abide by it.
- Ensure any organisation using land or premises owned or leased by the Council will supply an acceptable Child Protection Policy and the contact details for their Child Protection Officer before an application to use any of the Council's land or facilities is approved.
- **Appoint a Child Protection Officer who will ensure that procedures are put in place to ensure the aims of the Parish Council are met and to initiate appropriate action should any allegation of improper conduct be made.**

The Council's Child Protection Officer is the Clerk to the Council

Child Protection Officer Contact Details:

**Mrs Gillian Pinder
12 Toftwood Gardens
Rainhill
L35 0QX
Tel: 07565 524414
Email: rainhillpc@hotmail.co.uk**

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

BASIC GOOD PRACTICE WHEN WORKING WITH CHILDREN

When working with children **you should:**

- Always be publicly open. Avoid any situations where you and an individual child are completely unobserved.
- If children require assistance with personal activities, e.g. toilet procedures, always ensure staff, volunteers parents and carers or other appropriate adults work in pairs.

When working with children you **should never:**

- Engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games.
- Allow or engage in any form of inappropriate contact.
- Allow children to use inappropriate language unchallenged.
- Make sexually suggestive comments to a child, even in fun.
- Allow allegations made by a child to go unchallenged, unrecorded or not acted upon.
- Do things of a personal nature that the child can do for itself.

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