

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
2nd March 2020

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

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

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

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

The meeting was recommenced.

20.23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

20.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

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

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

20.26 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

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

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

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

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

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20.27 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

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

20.28 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

A representation had been submitted to the following application outlining concerns:

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

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

P/2020/0038 Demolition of existing garage along with the erection of single storey rear extension and single storey side extension 6 Francis Close

P/2020/0045 Erection of 3no detached dwellings with associated landscaping and parking Land Site Of Former Cranford House 637 Warrington Road

P/2020/0062 Removal of first floor pebble dashing, rendering of front elevation, replacement shop front and retention of existing roller shutter. 576 Warrington Road

P/2020/0066 Part two storey, part single storey front and side extension along with a single storey rear extension 71 Mooreway

P/2020/0075 Single storey side and rear extension with alterations to roof on existing garage. 40 Railton Avenue

P/2020/0092 Outline application for the erection 1 one detached bungalow with all matters reserved except access, layout and scale, 1 Ansdell Villas Road

P/2020/0116 Single storey rear extension projecting 6m from the rear, 4m high overall, and 2.80m to the eaves (to replace existing extension), 389 Warrington Road

P/2020/0118 Conversion of existing garage to habitable room and erection of single storey front extension, 9 Allendale Avenue

Representations were requested on the following applications.

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

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

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

20.29 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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

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	Transfer of Clerks Cupboard	61.00	
	Cable Ties D Hendrick	12.36	
	GCA Buffet	86.66	
	VE Day Bunting /Flags	461.26	
		2607.81	TFR421
K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - March	1098.35	
	Telephone @ 18.99/month	18.99	
	Laptop Bag	17.99	
	Home Office Allowance	215.00	
	Book 6 x 1 st Class stamps	4.20	
		1354.53	TFR422
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Mar	264.35	TFR424
HMRC	Tax & NI (Jan - Mar)	907.86	TFR425
Rainhill Village Hall	Contribution	3344.90	TFR426
St Helens Council	Grounds Maintenance – Eco Garden	489.77	TFR423
SLCC	Annual Subscription	161.00	TFR427
Direct Fire & Protection	Lighting at 4F Centre	205.20	TFR428
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	22.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
LALC & NALC	Annual Subscription	1118.00	094
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
April Scheduled Payments			
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	22.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
St Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground	0.50	TFR430
St Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground	0.50	TFR431
St Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens	1.00	TFR432
St Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park	4.00	TFR433
LDS Ltd	Annual Report Distribution	600.00	TFR434
EWS Colour Print	Design & Printing of Annual Report	1145.00	TFR435
S.137 Payments			
CPRE	Donation	25.00	TFR429
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	TFR429
G Pinder	GCA Buffet	86.66	TFR421

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

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

20.31 TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF CPRE

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

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20.32 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO NALC/LALC

Resolved that the annual subscription to NALC/LALC be authorised.
Authority be delegated to the Clerk and two Councillors to pay the NALC/LALC annual subscription subject to it being within 10% of £1118.00 or less.

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

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

20.34 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ROCKET 200 GROUP

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

20.35 TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROLS

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

20.36 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO CLEAN THE WAR MEMORIAL

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

20.37 TO CONSIDER UPDATE ON PROVISION OF FIBRE BROADBAND

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

20.38 TO CONSIDER GRANT AID FOR THE GALA

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

20.39 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

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

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20.40 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

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

20.41 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

20.42 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

Resolved that Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th May 2020, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall and the that next ordinary meeting will immediately follow the APCM.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.



Chair of the Parish Council
3rd August 2020