

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
20th JANUARY 2020

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 20th January 2020 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: G. Barker, A. Daniels, D. Greaves, D. Hendrick, A. Howitt, A. Larner, M. Rothwell, K. Stevenson-Black, J. Tasker, and G Ward, and Youth Ambassador I. Scotson.

7 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. Those present reported:

An issue with fly posting of advertisements.

Appreciation and thanks to the outgoing Clerk for fulfilling the role admirably, for both the current and past administration. These sentiments were echoed by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council.

Paul Molyneux from St.Helens Council gave a presentation on the provision of CCTV in Rainhill Village. The Council would consider further action under item 8.

The meeting was recommenced.

20.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: I. Brown, G. Roberts, S. Roscoe, and W. Williams, and Youth Ambassador E. Jackson

20.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on behalf of: Cllr J. Tasker in relation to P/2019/0915; and Cllrs G. Barker, A. Howitt, M. Rothwell, J. Tasker in relation to VE Day as members of Civic Society and Rotary; and Cllr J. Tasker in relation to Boot Camp Licence.

20.03 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 16th DECEMBER 2019

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th December 2019 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Youth Ambassador I. Scotson left during discussion on the following item.

20.04 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Disappointment was expressed lack of representation by the Police, and the Clerk was instructed to set up a meeting before the next Parish Council meeting. There was concern that all incidents were not being reported to the Police, and the public should be encouraged to report all incidents, preferably via social media.

20.05 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and the expenditure for the Good Citizenship Award Event be authorised.

20.06 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

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P/2019/0882 Single storey extension to front elevation, 15 Second Avenue, Rainhill;
P/2019/0915 Variation of condition 2 on approval P/2014/0842 to remove fence panels between brick piers, with retention of hedge between piers and existing gates, 3 Owen Road;
P/2020/0012 Flat to pitched roof over the existing single storey rear extension along with alterations to windows and doors, 102 Ashton Avenue.

20.07 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Photocopying	8.40	
	Telephone @ £15.00/month	15.00	
	Clerk's Salary – Jan (inc. backpay)	1620.23	
	Printing for VE Day	12.00	
	Refreshments - GCA	8.00	
		1663.63	TFR411
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Jan	491.60	TFR412
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	112.58	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	30.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	8.00	DD
St.Helens Council	Provision & installation of litter bin	554.26	TFR413
G Pinder	Clerk's Salary – Feb	1233.05	TFR415
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS (KA & GP) – Feb	414.12	TFR416
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	112.58	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	30.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	8.00	DD
Village Hall	Music Licence	748.82	
	Gas Bill	393.91	
	Tree Removal	250.00	
	Electrical Work	2092.80	
		3485.53	TFR418
K Adamson	Clerk's Salary – Jan	538.38	TFR419
	Clerk's Salary – Feb	1016.87	
	Telephone - Feb	18.99	
		1035.86	TFR420
S.137 Payments			
St.Barts School	Donation for Christmas Lights Switch-on	100.00	090
Rotary Club Rainhill	Donation for Christmas Lights Switch-on	100.00	TFR417
Mma Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaques	280.00	TFR414
Judith's Catering	Good Citizenship Award Catering	253.00	091

20.08 TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF CCTV

Resolved that a quote be obtained for the provision of a CCTV camera in Weaver Avenue with infrastructure to feed back to St.Helens Council monitoring suite.

20.09 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE VE DAY PLANNING GROUP

Resolved that the actions of the group be noted and authority be granted to pay for the first aid provision, £178.50, if this was not being met by Rotary.

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20.10 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

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

20.11 TO SET A PRECEPT FOR 2020/21

It was resolved that St Helens Council be advised that the Precept for 2020/21 will be £68,340.

Cllr G. Ward registered an objection, considering that increased funds should be raised to support the planned project

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

20.12 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT TIMETABLE

Resolved that the schedule set out be agreed. The first meeting of the editorial group would be 3rd February at 7.00pm, with a second meeting scheduled for 10th February 7.00pm. Expenditure for printing and distributing was agreed in principle.

20.13 TO APPROVE THE FUTURE MEETING DATES

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 22nd April 2020 (already approved)

APCM 11th May 2020 (already approved)

15th June 2020

27th July 2020

7th September 2020

12th October 2020

Finance Working Group 16th November 2020

14th December 2020

18th January 2021

8th March 2021

The following dates will not be published in the 2020 Annual Report:

2021 Annual Parish Meeting Wed 21st April 2021

2021 Annual Parish Council Meeting 10th May 2021

20.14 TO CONSIDER ACTIONS NEEDED FOR NEW CLERK

Resolved to:

- approve expenditure on the CILCA training course and on dual salaries;
- approve SLCC membership;
- Approve the purchase an updated copy of Local Council Administration;
- Approve the purchase a new lap-top and software;
- approve the transfer of office items at the Council's expense; and
- approve the removal of the existing Clerk and the addition of the new Clerk to the list of signatories for both the Unity Trust account and the TSB account.

20.15 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING SESSIONS TO PREVENT CYBER CRIME

Resolved that the Parish Council would meet expenses incurred. Dates to be agreed. The Chair thanked Cllr Stevenson-Black for initiating the courses.

20.16 TO CONSIDER A POLICY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Resolved that authority to consider the outstanding questions be delegated to Cllrs: Barker, Rothwell, and Stevenson-Black (with Cllr Williams to be invited to join) and a report be returned to the next meeting.

20.17 TO CONSIDER A PERMANENT LICENSE TO OPERATE A BOOT CAMP

Resolved that a permanent license to operate a boot camp from Holt Lane playing fields be granted.

20.18 TO CONSIDER WORKS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STORAGE AT HOLT LANE PLAYING FIELDS

Resolved that works to provide a storage container and fencing at Holt Lane Playing fields be authorised, and use of independent contractors be permitted, subject to adequate assurances of indemnity, insurance and guarantee being provided.

20.19 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and:

Cllr J. Tasker would pursue the timing of traffic light sequences with St.Helens Council and report to a future meeting.

Cllr A. Howitt raised concern regarding unauthorised signs erected at St.Bartholomew's Church. Action to pursue their removal would be undertaken informally and reported to a future meeting.

Cllr A. Howitt also raised an issue with the closure of Mill Lane to facilitate tree works at Quarry Park. Cllr J. Tasker would discuss with the Trees and Woodlands Officer and report back.

Cllr D. Greaves left during discussion on the next item.

20.20 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr G. Ward reported that action to provide fibre broadband was progressing and £108,000 had been allocated in vouchers by Openreach. A survey would now be undertaken to estimate exact costings. The project would take 6-9 months to implement – regular updates would be provided.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Works to upgrade the electrics in the Teak room had commenced on 20.1.20. An additional car park passes was needed – Clerk to request.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr G. Ward wished to express his appreciation to Cllr Williams for his offer of assistance in updating the group's website. RRHS were looking at ways to contribute to the VE Day Celebration. Cllr J. Tasker was having difficulty attending meetings and decided to stand-down as representative. Cllr D. Hendrick agreed to take up this position.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr M. Rothwell reported that there had been no meetings. Clerk to check times/dates of forthcoming meetings.
- Rainhill Gala: Cllr A. Lerner had received the following report from the Gala Chairman: 2020 Gala would take place on 25th May on St. Ann's field. This year it would be supplemented with a transport festival, located on the village hall car park, on the same day. Closure of the car park and Exchange Place/Weaver Avenue had been applied for. Additional volunteers would be welcome. Thanks were expressed to G Pinder for her work and the new Clerk was welcomed.
The Chair expressed condolences to Cllr Lerner on behalf of the Parish Council on his recent bereavements.

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- **4F Centre:** A meeting had been held 14.1.19. New CCTV had helped maximise capacity at the centre. Accounts were in profit and further fund raising events were planned. Thanks were expressed to the centre volunteers, including Reg Mitchell for his care taking support.

20.21 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Consideration should be given to grant aid for the Gala. Updates should be provided on the provision of fibre broadband; provision of CCTV; and social media policy.

20.22 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 2nd March 2020, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm.


Chair of the Parish Council
2nd March 2020