

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**18th JANUARY 2021**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 18th January 2021 online via teams, the following were present:

Cllrs: I. Brown, A. Daniels, D. Greaves, D. Hendrick, A. Howitt, G. Roberts, S. Roscoe M. Rothwell, K. Stevenson-Black, J. Tasker, G Ward and J. Woodhouse

The Chair welcomed Joanne Woodhouse into her position as a Rainhill Parish Councillor. The Clerk can confirm receipt from Cllr Woodhouse of completed and signed acceptance of office and declaration of interest forms before the meeting.

2 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.

A presentation was received requesting use of an open space for sports activities. The Council would consider further action as an agenda item at the next meeting.

The meeting was recommenced.

**20.112 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: G. Barker and W. Williams.

**20.113 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest received.

**20.114 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record. Cllr Howitt (Chair) clarified the number of Rainhill residents who never returned from World War One as being 53 and World War Two as being 43. Agreed at point 20.105 to purchase new lamppost poppies to reflect all the men who did not return to their hometown of Rainhill from the First World War.

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

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

**Cllr Hendrick joined the meeting at 19.40pm**

**20.116 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. Cllr Greaves confirmed the planned role of honour for residents supporting the community through the pandemic has been put on hold due to the current resurgence.

The Parish Council acknowledge Rainhill Rockets & Rainhill Towns appreciation for the reduction of pitch fees.

**20.117 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

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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/2020/0860/HHFP P/2020/0864/TPO P/2020/0869/TPO P/2020/0889/FUL  
P/2020/0901/HHFP P/2020/0909/HHFP P/2020/0917/TPO P/2020/0918/HHFP

An objection has been submitted to the following applications:

P/2020/0883/FUL Replacement of 2no horse stables and ancillary facilities. Land Between School Lane and Junction 7 M62 School Lane

P/2020/0896/OUP Outline application for the erection of 1no dwelling and ground mounted solar farm all matters reserved except access and scale. Chetty Stables Land Between School Lane and Junction 7 M62 School Lane

**20.118 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
K Adamson	Photocopying	4.00	
	Telephone @ £18.99/month	18.99	
	Clerk's Salary – Jan	1035.33	
	Printer Ink	15.38	
	2021 Diary	3.00	
	Microsoft Annual Subscription	79.99	
	TOTAL	1156.69	TFR475
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Jan	307.91	TFR476
Water Plus	Water – Rainhill Park	82.71	STO
Corona Energy	Electricity – Holt Playing Fields	15.75	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity – Rainhill Park	18.00	DD
K Adamson	Clerk's Salary – Feb	1064.94	
	Telephone @ £18.99/month	18.99	
	TOTAL	1080.27	TFR477
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Feb	307.91	TFR478
Water Plus	Water – Rainhill Park	82.71	STO
Corona Energy	Electricity – Holt Playing Fields	17.14	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity – Rainhill Park – in dispute	797.60	DD
<b>S.137 Payments</b>			
MMA Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaques	360.00	TFR479
Boujee Card Creations	Rainhill Residents 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Card	15.00	TFR474

**INCOME**

INCOME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
January 2020		
Rainhill Town	Pitch Hire Fees (halved as agreed in December 2020 mtg)	196.50

**20.119 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.

**20.120 TO SET A PRECEPT FOR 2021/22**

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Rainhill Parish Council have made the decision not to increase the precept for the second consecutive year due to acknowledging the difficulties caused by Covid being faced by many residents, businesses and organisations in the Parish. It was resolved that St Helens Council be advised that the Precept for 2021/22 will be £68,340.

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

**20.121 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT TIMETABLE**

Resolved that the schedule set out be agreed. The first meeting of the editorial group would take place online via teams before 22/01/21. Expenditure for printing and distributing was agreed in principle.

**20.122 TO APPROVE THE FUTURE MEETING DATES**

It was resolved that the following meeting dates for 2021/22 (all Monday 7:30pm unless stated otherwise) are approved.

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 (already approved)  
APCM 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (already approved)  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
26<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Finance Working Group 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
13<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

The following dates will not be published in the 2021 Annual Report:  
2022 Annual Parish Meeting Wed 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
2022 Annual Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**20.123 TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETY OF LOCAL CLERKS**

Resolved that the Clerk's membership of SLCC be renewed for a further year, and payment of the subscription be authorised.

**20.124 TO CONSIDER ACTION REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE TO DOG EXERCISE AREA**

Cllr Howitt (Chair) reported the Dog Exercise Area has proven very successful and due to the popularity and wet weather it was resolved for the Clerk to request quotes for the sponge rubber matting. One quote for either side of the entrance gate and a second quote for either side of the entrance gate and a pathway leading from the gym area to the gate.  
Cllr Daniels raised a concern to ensure if fitted it would have to be done correctly or it would have the same issues as presently being experienced around the gym area.

**20.125 TO RECEIVE A DRAFT COPY OF THE GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE FOR CO OPTION**

Resolved the Good Practice Guide be adopted by the Parish Council. Cllr Howitt (Chair) Conveyed thanks to the Clerk for producing.

**20.126 TO RECEIVE A DRAFT COPY OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

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Resolved the Social Media Policy will be presented at the next meeting further to a few grammatical changes.

**20.127 TO CONSIDER ACTION REQUIRED WITH DANE COURT BINS**

Resolved for the Clerk to contact the property management company to arrange a site meeting with Cllr Ward as soon as possible to discuss possible actions.

**20.128 TO CONSIDER HOW TO PROGRESS WITH MERSEYFOREST**

Resolved the Parish Council would like to progress once able to with possible planting at a minimal cost. The Clerk to contact Merseyforest to request possible funding opportunities and or use of WHIPS (slender, unbranched shoot or plant)

**20.129 TO CONSIDER THE FREE COMMUNITY SPACES AT TRAILBLAZERS**

Even though the location has not been confirmed it was resolved the offer of 10 free places be accepted. Cllr Stevenson Black proposed, and it was agreed to give 2 places to each of the primary schools and 2 places to Rainhill High to be used as incentives/rewards. Cllr Stevenson-Black will liaise with Trailblazers and the Schools.

**20.130 TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON BROADBAND**

Cllr Ward provided an update on recent communication with Open Reach. Cllr Ward is awaiting an update from Openreach which they have now committed to respond to by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021. Depending on that response Cllr Ward may contact Marie Rimmer MP for her to escalate Rainhill Parish Councils concerns to Openreach. Cllrs noted the update and Cllr Howitt (Chair) thanked Cllr Ward for his continued efforts.

**20.131 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

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

**20.132 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Resolved that the Council noted no reports available due to current Covid 19 restrictions.

**20.133 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Adoption of presented Social Media Policy. Updates should be provided on the Secret Garden and Dane Court bins. Consideration given to Dog Exercise Quotes, Keep Britain Initiative 28<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and the Queens Jubilee Celebration in 2022 a 4 day Bank Holiday in June, Request to use Albert Fellowes Open Space and provision of grit bin to specific locations in Rainhill.

**20.134 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 8th March 2021, starting at 7:30pm, the venue to be confirmed due to current Covid restrictions.

The general public left the meeting at 8.25 pm.

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**20.135 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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


Minute 20.136

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

**20.136 UPDATE ON THE CLERKS INCREMENT**

Resolved the Clerks appraisal committee and with subsequent discussion by Council members, the Clerk be awarded two salary point increments to be added from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. One as in line with standard contract and one for exemplary performance. The Chair thanked the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council for her work and support throughout a challenging year. Therefore the Clerk will progress to salary scale point 22, in accordance with the written terms and conditions of employment.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm

  
Chair of the Parish Council  
8th March 2021