

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
11th October 2021

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 11th October 2021 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: I. Brown, A.V Howitt, S. Roscoe, J. Tasker, G Ward (Chaired the Meeting), K. Stevenson, J. Woodhouse and Constable Laura Boyle

4 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. The following points raised:
A member of the public being a wheelchair user commented they had accessed one of the takeaways with no issues and had been able to sit in the ECO garden making a welcome change from the usual daily access issues experienced.

The meeting was recommenced.

20.255 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: G. Barker, A. Daniels D. Greaves, D. Hendrick, G. Roberts, M. Rothwell, W. Williams and Insp Jon Smith.

20.256 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

20.257 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th September 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th September 2021 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

20.258 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Constable Laura Boyle advised the business experiencing recent disorder issues is receiving support and to continue to telephone as and when required. Constable Laura Boyle confirmed PCSOs work until 10pm. Cllr Roscoe on Cllrs Greaves request reported that Rainhills PCSO has been very pro active in Rainhill. It is not possible to disclose case work etc for confidentiality but the PCSO has helped recently with a sensitive Ward council matter and been pro active with trying to combat school parking issues as well. Constable Laura Boyle has confirmed operation Banger will already have been put in place. Also confirmed issues around parking are aware of are addressed where and when possible.

20.259 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted. Cllr Tasker confirmed as emergency contact during the Clerk's absence 25th October – 28th October returning on 1st November.

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20.260 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2021/0774/FUL Installation of 2.4M/1.8M Heras Zenith & Tangorail Fencing and Gates. Rainhill High School Media Arts College Warrington Road
P/2021/0803/HHFP Single storey rear and two storey side extension. 16 St Winifred Road.
P/2021/0809/HHFP Single storey side extension. 75 Ashton Avenue
P/2021/0826/FUL Change of use to hot food takeaway/wine shop (sui generis) with alterations to shop front 13 Dane Court. P/2021/0835/HHFP Single storey first floor side extension 45 Deepdale Drive. P/2021/0859/COT Works to Trees in a Conservation Area; T1 - Pear- Fell T2 - Cherry - Crown lift and reduce the crown G1 - Layland cypress - Reduce the height by 40% and trim both sides. Victoria Hotel 507 Warrington Road.
P/2021/0870/HHFP First floor side extension over existing ground floor extension. 8 Fairlie Drive. P/2021/0874/HHPA Prior approval for a single storey rear extension projecting 6m from the rear, 3.4m max height and 2.45m at the eaves. 730 Warrington Road

20.261 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

AMENDED AUGUST PAYMENTS	Originally Stated	Actual Payment	
Water Plus	AFP Playing Fields – August was originally stated as 82.71	72.48	DD
Scottish Power	AFPF – August originally stated as 145.00	60.00	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields-Aug (20.45 + 2.49 vat)	22.94	STO
Corona	Martin Close (Holt)-Aug 22.77 + 1.14 vat	23.91	STO

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
OCTOBER PAYMENTS			
PKF Littlejohn	External review of Annual Governance & Accountability return for year ended 31 st March 2021	360.00	TFR519
Water Plus	AFP Playing Fields	72.48	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields	0.00	STO
Corona	Martin Close (Holt)	16.14	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (AF Park)	60.00	STO
Village Hall	Fire Risk Ass	195.00	
	Accountants	905.00	
	Fire Protection	96.72	
	Fire Alarm Servicing	309.09	
	Fire Alarm Monitoring	120.00	
	Lighting Works	3624.00	
	LOLER insurance	284.00	
	Alarm Services	393.78	
	Premises Licence	180.00	
	Insurance renewal premium	2747.73	

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	Tree Felling	838.73	
	Total	9,694.05	TFR520
RBL	30 Lamp post Poppies	60.00	TFR521
Princessbee & Cakes	Residents 100 th birthday cake	45.00	TFR522
Vyniline	Update honours board	48.00	TFR523
K Adamson	Telephone (15.83 + 3.16 vat)	18.99	
	Salary (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1063.08	
	Printer cartridges	13.85	
	Big Scoop printing	30.00	
	GCA Refreshments	101.40	
	Mileage claim April-Sept	70.85	
	Total	1,298.17	TFR524
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – October	324.00	TFR525
Vyniline	4F Sign 350+70VAT	420.00	TFR526

It was resolved that the items were approved for payment.

INCOME Sep 21	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	Rainhill Town – Pitch hire (1 st Payment)	315.00
	Rainhill Rockets – Pitch Hire (Less due to part payment being paid last year)	157.00

The update was noted.

20.262 TO APPROVE THE AUDITED ANNUAL RETURN AND AMENDED ACCOUNTS

Cllr Howitt conveyed thanks to the Clerk for the work in obtaining the final accounts.

Resolved that the final version of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return be approved and accepted, and that the amended accounts be authorised and signed by the Chair.

20.263 TO CONSIDER ACTIONS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

The Clerk confirmed a request had been submitted for the road closure. Rev Conant has confirmed the service will follow the same format as previous years.

Resolved that the cost of the road closure, wreath and donation will be met by the Parish Council

20.264 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.

20.265 TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF A REGULAR MARKET DAY

Cllr Tasker has contacted Borough Council to discuss possible market day once a month to take place on a Saturday possibly on Dane Court car park. Cllr Tasker to continue to research location possibilities.

Resolved to provide a regular market day once location is agreed.

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20.266 TO CONSIDER THE CRITERIA FOR THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Resolved to add a one off additional category for this years award to acknowledge the exceptional services given throughout Covid.

20.267 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ST HELENS LIBRARY CONSULTATION

Cllr Howitt reported the meeting was not as informative as the Cllrs would have liked. St Helens Borough Council will be removing their responsibility to run some of the libraries. They confirmed Rainhill is between the 2nd & 3rd most used library within the borough. There would be no pcs left within the libraries and no confirmation of how new stock / books renewed. Cllrs expressed concern if the library was to close the significant effect it would have on the community and the impact on the Railway Museum which is a huge part of the boroughs heritage. The clerk has emailed a list of unanswered questions from the meeting to the libraries representative and to date is still awaiting an answer. The proposals will go before policy cabinet, labour cabinet then finally to strategy cabinet with a decision being made on 10th November.

The update was noted.

20.268 TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

Cllr Tasker has contacted highways regarding the access issues along Warrington Road with the lack of dropped kerbs. Highways have confirmed a visit will be made to assess the issue.

It was resolved Cllr Tasker will request when highways visit if a resident can initially meet to discuss how improvements could be made.

20.269 TO TO CONSIDER PLANTING AREAS FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH MERSEYFOREST AND TREE PLANTING.

It was resolved Old Lane is a possible 1st site for planting and for the Clerk to made contact again with Mersey forests Green Streets Coordinator

20.270 TO CONSIDER PLACEMENT OF DEFIBRILLATOR

It was resolved the most suitable place to site a defibrillator is outside Train. The clerk to confirm with the landlord and final costs.

20.271 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON DANE COURT BOLLARDS

Cllr Ward confirmed cones have now replaced the tape and is still chasing as St Helens council are still to respond.

The update was noted

20.272 TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE VILLAGE

Due to the borough council significantly reducing the funding and informing the Ward Cllrs the cost will no longer be met by the borough council the members will look at the possibility of planting a Christmas tree within the village.

It was resolved the cost of a Christmas Tree and Christmas Decorations would be met by the Parish Council. Total cost £3,377.25

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20.273 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BROADBAND PROVISION

Cllr Ward reported staying in contact with open reach every couple of months. Openreach have confirmed upgrades will be made Jan-March 2022 but not able to confirm if cabinet 13 in Rainhill is included within those plans. Cllr Ward will contact Openreach again in December.
The update was noted

20.274 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PROVISION OF BLEED KITS

Update was deferred until December meeting.

20.275 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- **Public Open Spaces**: An open space tour was completed on 20th September. A suggestion has been made to look at how parking can be improved around the Holt Open Space and to work with the football clubs to ensure less of an issue for residents. Possibility of using some of the land to extend parking. Cllr Woodhouse & Stevenson confirmed they will be attending a Bids & Tenders Course to enable more funding applications to be submitted.
- **Village Hall Management Committee**: Some of the Cllrs met with the village hall to see how they could be supported. Bookings are increased and moving in a very positive direction. The village hall is stretched due to only having one part time employee.
- **Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society**: Cllr G. Ward confirmed the society are aware of the various meetings that could have an impact on them.
- **Merseyside Association of Local Councils**: No update.
- **Rainhill Gala**: No update
- **4F Centre**: Cllr Roscoe confirmed the centre is in a healthy position. A new football group are due to start. Cllr Greaves has been supporting/publicising via social media posts. Costings will be reviewed next year. The new sign is now in place outside.

20.276 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and Cllr Ward confirmed the clinic are now looking at costings to enable them to have the barrier fixed.

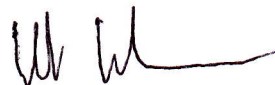
20.277 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Youth Ambassadors roles – Cllr Roscoe has contacted both Rainhill High School and Tower College who both have confirmed interest in nominating students for the role of Parish Council Youth Ambassador. Cllr Roscoe and Greaves to feed back at the next meeting.
Queens Jubilee – Cllr Barker to update
Rocket 200- Cllr Barker to update
Signal Box
Library Update

20.278 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next Finance Working Group would be held on Monday 15th November 2021, starting at 7:30pm. The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday 13th December 2021 starting at 7.30pm the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.



Chair of the Parish Council
13th December 2021