

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: G. Barker, A. Daniels, D. Hendrick A.V Howitt, S. Roscoe, M. Rothwell, J. Tasker, K. Stevenson, J. Woodhouse, W. Williams

4 members of the public were also present.

Meeting adjourned and public given opportunity to speak. No speakers

The meeting was recommenced.

**20.789 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: D. Greaves, G. Roberts, G Ward.

**20.790 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**20.791 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AND THE FINANCE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and the finance meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Resolved that the minutes should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

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

Chair noted the rise in ASB and the Clerk confirmed attendance of police representation to January meeting. Cllr Tasker raised the issue of incidents not being reported to the police and the members should promote ways to do so via social media platforms. Cllr Tasker also confirmed he will be doing a walk round with the PCSO within the next week.

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

**20.793 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**20.794 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- P/2021/0935/HHFP Single storey rear extension. 17 Coyton Avenue
- P/2021/0936/HHFP Two storey side extension following demolition of existing side extension and front porch. 7 Dunbeath Avenue
- P/2021/0938/HHFP Single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage with pitched roof (re-submission of application ref P/2020/0777/HHFP) 15 Kendal Drive.
- P/2021/0951/FUL Proposed development of 2no four bedroom detached dwellings with garage and driveway parking and associated landscaping Rocklands Mews View Road.
- P/2021/0965/FUL Change of use of dwelling house (Class C3) to residential children's home (Class C2) 20 Derwent Close.
- P/2021/0978/FUL Extension to existing single storey vehicle repair workshop. Unit 7 Victoria Trading Estate Victoria Street.
- P/2021/0983/HHFP Single storey rear extension. 150 Two Butt Lane.
- P/2021/1004/HHFP Two storey side extension with porch 54 Amanda Road.

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P/2021/1009/HHFP | Demolition of existing front porch and rear conservatory and erection of a new front porch with wc and a single storey rear extension. 31 Swaledale Avenue

An objection has been submitted to the following applications:

P/2020/0791/HYEIA | Hybrid Planning Application comprising of Outline Consent for up to 617 dwellings (Parcels 1(a), 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7) up to 4,000 Sq ft of Convenience Retail (E(a) Use) and up to 7,100 Sq ft E(f) Nursery and upto 11,507 Sq ft E(e) Health Centre. Detailed planning permission for 162 dwellings (Parcel 1) and 183 dwellings (Parcel 3), including access road in detail from Rainhill Road and Portico Lane, landscaping, scale, design and associated infrastructure (EIA Development) (Revised proposals) | Eccleston Park Golf Club Eccleston Park Drive Rainhill St Helens L35 4PG

Comments were submitted on the following application:

P/2021/0965/FUL | Change of use of dwelling house (Class C3) to residential children's home (Class C2) | 20 Derwent Close Rainhill St Helens L35 0NP

**20.795 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REFERENCE
November 2021			
K Adamson	Clerks Salary November	1063.08	TFR527
	Underpayment for printer inks	1.53	
	Telephone (15.83 + 3.16 vat)	18.99	
	Printer paper	5.00	
	Notebook	2.00	
	Total	1090.60	
Water Plus	AFP Playing Fields	72.48	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields	38.29	STO
Corona	Martin Close (Holt)	17.14	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (AF Park)	60.00	STO
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS- November	324.00	TFR528
December 2021			
K Adamson	Clerks Salary December includes backpay	1473.48	TFR529
	St Helens Council – Planning application for flagpoles	117.00	

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	Telephone (15.83 + 3.16 vat)	18.99	
	Mileage October – Nov	49.40	
	McAfee Annual Subscription	89.99	
	Microsoft Annual Subscription	79.99	
	Total	1828.85	
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – December	343.55	TFR530
HMRC	TAX & NI for October, November & December	485.90	TFR531
Boujee Card Creations	Retirement Card	15.00	TFR532
Unity Trust	Bank Charges	18.00	
GMS	Legionella Risk Assessment – Holt Changing Rooms	250.00 + 50 VAT 300.00	TFR533
GMS	Legionella Risk Assessment – Afellowes Changing Rooms	250.00 + 50 VAT £300.00	TFR534
Corona	Martin Close (Holt)	18.14	SO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (AF Park)	60.00	DD
Water Plus	AFP Playing Fields	72.48	SO
<b>S.137 Payment</b>			
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath & Donation x 2	100.00	TFR535
St Bartholomews School	Donation Christmas Lights Switch On	100.00	TFR536
Rotary Club Rainhill	Donation Christmas Lights Switch On	100.00	TFR537

It was resolved that the items were approved for payment.

**20.796 TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEMS AND CONTROLS AND APPOINT AN AUDITOR**

Resolved that the Council has considered the 'review of effectiveness' and has not identified any concerns arising from this. The Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Controls, and Testing of Key Internal Controls documents are approved. The Council appointed Carole Bolton to undertake internal audit for 2021/22.

**20.797 TO CONSIDER RAINHILL ROCKETS RECENT CORRESPONDENCE**

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Cllr Tasker to liaise with possible site for defibrillator and the Clerk to contact Rainhill Rockets to confirm warranty and refurbishment possibilities

**Resolved once above confirmed a decision can be made on placement**

**Cllr Brown entered the meeting at 7.40pm**

**20.798 TO CONSIDER THE ROLE OF YOUTH AMBASSADORS**

Cllr Roscoe reported there had been 2 positive online Teams meetings with Tower College and Ambassadors have been confirmed from both Tower College and Rainhill High School. Cllr Roscoe suggested the members look at what might work better for the Youth Ambassadors with them possibly attending meetings once a quarter with the availability of forwarding comments and having an input outside of the meetings with a possible forum being set up between both the schools.

Cllr Daniels conveyed the members thanks to both Cllr Roscoe & Greaves for progressing the roles of the Ambassadors.

**The Council resolved to aim to invite the Ambassadors along to the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 .**

**20.799 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Cllr Barker provided an update with confirmation of a meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 with various community groups. Room to be booked by the Clerk.

**The update was noted.**

**20.800 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ROCKET 200 ( FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Cllr Barker confirmed a meeting will be arranged with the heritage society to discuss possible ideas.

**The update was noted.**

**20.801 TO CONSIDER THE USE OF PRIVATE GRANT APPLICATION COMPANIES**

Cllr Woodhouse and Stevenson both attended workshops in November to gain further information on funding applications. 3 companies have provided information on services available. Cllr Tasker suggested the members compile a list of what is required within Rainhill also consulting with the residents. The members agreed for Cllr Woodhouse to contact St Helens Council to look at the funding opportunities that have been advised as available to submit applications to.

**It was resolved that whilst a grant application company could be beneficial further information was required.**

**20.802 TO CONSIDER THE PARKING ISSUES AT THE HOLT**

The members agreed parking has been an issue for a long time and it needs addressing. Cllr Tasker has met with the users of the Holt and they have confirmed to get some quotes to extend the present car park. Cllr Howitt raised the 106 monies should be available to help with the issue. Cllr Tasker will liaise with the users to gain further information for the next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**It was resolved further information will be presented at the January meeting.**

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

- a) Public Open Spaces  
The sandstone wall near the dog park will have an annual inspection.
- b) Village Hall Management Committee  
Cllr Daniels reported the Village Hall is doing very well. The Parish Council has confirmed a grant for 2022/2023. The Clerk has attended a meeting to be updated on policies and procedures which the Clerk has circulated to all members.
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society  
Cllr Tasker confirmed still awaiting a reply from Network Rail. A letter has been sent to St Helens Council to look at the possibility of building the signal box at the library.
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils  
Nothing to report
- e) Rainhill Gala  
Nothing to report
- f) 4F Centre  
Cllr Roscoe & Barker both attended a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November. It has been requested to look at repositioning the bins within the park. Requested to be added to January agenda.

The updates were noted.

**20.804 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and Cllr Tasker to contact Riverside regarding the fencing and the Clerk to contact Network Rail regarding the steps/bridge. Cllr Tasker confirmed the lighting will all be replaced eventually but due to a stock shortage they will take longer than usual.

**Resolved for the Clerk to respond to the resident and provide an update.**

**20.805 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

4F Bin, Grit Bins, Library Update, Bleed Kits, Placement of donated Defibrillator

**20.806 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 starting at 7.30pm the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

**20.807 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
19.148 & 19.149	Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

Cllr Rothwell left during the discussion of the next item at 8.53pm

**20.808 TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PANEL**

Resolved that the recommendations of the Good Citizenship Award Working Group be approved and that the Clerk notify the successful nominees. The Awards Evening was set for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021. With the same format as the previous GCA event. A Roll of honour will also be included in this year's awards.

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**20.809 TO CONSIDER THE OUTCOME OF THE CLERK'S APPRAISAL**

Resolved that, following the Clerk's appraisal and subsequent discussion by Council members, the Clerk will be awarded two salary point increments back dated to April 2021 to be paid in December pay. Therefore, the Clerk will progress to salary scale point 24, in accordance with the written terms and conditions of employment.

**The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.**



**Chair of the Parish Council  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2022**