

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
9th May 2022

1. To receive apologies for absence
PUBLIC SESSION The public may speak on any matters of concern, but the Council may not make any lawful decision during this session
2. To receive declarations of interest from members
3. To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th March 2022
4. To receive Police monthly statistics report February and March – for information only
5. To note the contents of the Clerk's Report - for information only
6. To consider the following Planning Applications and note any actions taken:
P/2022/0126/HHFP P/2022/0132/HHFP P/2022/0133/HHFP P/2022/0181/HHFP
P/2022/0233/ADC P/2022/0243/HHFP P/2022/0247/HHFP P/2022/0248/CLP
P/2022/0251/HHFP P/2022/0253/ P/2022/0280/LBC P/2022/0282/HHFP
P/2022/0188/FUL 22/00060/fuI P/2022/0211/P/2022/0264/ P/2022/0285/
7. To authorise the accounts payable (list included in report)
8. To approve the annual governance statement 2021/2022
9. To approve the 2021/22 accounts for external audit and bank reconciliation
10. To consider undertaking a tour of public open spaces
11. To consider payment for the annual review
12. To receive an update on the Queens Jubilee Celebrations- For information only
13. To receive an update on grant applications/external company and statement of works – for information only
14. To discuss the provision of a sail shelter.
15. To consider the upkeep of the red telephone box
16. To consider grant application from St Bartholomew's
17. To discuss an anti-social crime campaign and its reporting
18. To consider residents comments and complaints
19. To receive reports from external groups
20. Suggested items for next agenda – for information only
21. Date and time of next meeting- for information only

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES 8th March 2022

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 8th March 2022 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: I Brown, A. Daniels, D. Greaves, D. Hendrick, A.V Howitt, S. Roscoe, J. Tasker, K. Stevenson, J. Woodhouse, G. Ward, W. Williams (Chair).

8 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 of ASB and the Council asked what are their plans and strategy. Cllr Ward acknowledge the issue of anti social behaviour and the members are in regular discussions with Merseyside police and PCSOs whilst also carrying out walkabouts. The Chair raised the issue that more awareness is required to report any ASB or crimes and suggested a campaign to report. Cllr Greaves updated on her recent campaign of school drop off and deterring parking on zig zags with PCSOs. Working with schools and parents. Cllr Greaves suggested the campaign should also work with schools and parents. Chair requested it be added as an agenda item for next meeting. Chair has also been in contact with the PCSO regarding the apology letters from the individuals involved in the incident with the village hall. To date no letters have been received and it will continue to be followed up.

A request for a village hall sign to be located outside the YMCA. The Chair will instruct the Clerk to respond in writing.

Update on broadband. Cllr Ward confirmed it will be covered under residents comments.

Are the Council planning on removing the public speaking platform. The Chair confirmed it was not planning to remove.

The meeting was recommenced.

20.829 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: G. Barker G. Roberts, M. Rothwell, Insp Jon Smith and Mike Berry Community Engagement Officer – Knowsley & St Helens

20.830 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

20.831 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th January 2022

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

20.832 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Chair noted the rise in statistics and as above are in constant communication with PCSOs and Merseyside Police

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

20.833 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

Chair & Cllr Ward thanked Cllr Daniels and the Clerk for the bleed kits initiative and how well it had been received.

The members acknowledged the Clerk completing the CiLCA qualification early.

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The Clerk confirmed the application to install 2 flagpoles at the war memorial had been approved and is just waiting for it to be signed off.

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

20.834 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2022/0015/FUL Installation of 2 6 metre glass fibre flagpoles. War Memorial Between 533-535 Warrington Road P/2022/0019/HHFP First floor side extension over existing ground floor extension with set back at first floor level. 8 Fairlie Drive P/2022/0028/HHFP Proposed extension to existing garage for the purpose of forming a granny flat. 533 Warrington Road P/2022/0036/HHFP Demolition of the existing garage at the side and erection of a single storey side extension with porch to front. 31 Deepdale Drive P/2022/0037/FUL Erection of purpose built SEN Base and Inclusion area Rainhill High School Warrington Road P/2022/0045/FP3 Proposed installation of an accessible swirl roundabout, play equipment, soft pour rubber safety surfacing and an activity trail. Rainhill Park Playing Fields Deepdale Drive P/2022/0049/S73 Removal/variation of condition 2 (substitute plans/drawings) on approval P/2020/0789/FUL regarding construction of a lift for ease of access. 533 Warrington Road P/2022/0055/HHFP Part two storey, part single storey side extension. 54 Stapleton Road P/2022/0067/HHFP Demolition of the existing single storey rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension. 186 Rainhill Road P/2022/0093/S73 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approval P/2019/0173/HHFP to alter balcony screen. 7 Heyes Mount P/2022/0113/HHFP Replacement of existing ground floor bay window in a conservation area Rainhill Mount Mill Lane P/2022/0114/HHFP Two storey side extension. 44 Sherman Drive

Received notice

as required by the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 and Section 90(c) of the Highways Act 1980, that the following traffic calming measures are to be installed in View Road/St James Road Traffic Calming

Comments will be submitted on the following application:

22/00060/ful | erection of convenience store (use class e) together with plant and bin store, plus public house replacement freezer store, relocation of public house smoking shelter and beer garden following demolition of pub out-building and reconfiguration of car park with vehicular access from holt lane | the holt hotel 285 warrington road prescot knowsley l35 5ad

20.835 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
March			
Rainhill Village Hall	Alarm System	538.94	TFR546
K Adamson	Clerk’s Salary – March including 10 days annual leave not taken	1903.55	
	National Pay award increase backdated to April 2021	277.50	
	Telephone @ 18.99/month	18.99	
	Home Office Allowance	1069.00	
	CiLCA final payment	10.00	
	CCTV Signage	7.47	
	2 x Flagpoles 135 x 2 = 270		
	2 x finials 28.50 x 2 = 57.00		
	2 x internal rigging 95.00x 2 =190.00		
	Delivery 10.00	632.40	

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	VAT	105.40	
	Total Cost	632.40	
	Mileage December – March	62.40	
		3,981.31	TFR549
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Mar	364.86	TFR550
HMRC	Tax & NI (Jan - Mar) (Paid in April)	590.06	TFR551
Rainhill Village Hall	Door repairs	828.00	TFR533
Water Plus	Water – Rainhill Park	72.48	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	40.26	DD
Corona Energy	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	TBC	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	60.00	DD
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
J Woodhouse	Online funding course NVCO member – J Woodhouse	55.00	
	Online funding course NCVO non member – K Stevenson	78.00	TFR552
Unity Trust	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
Heawood Solutions	Funding Report	350.00	TFR570
S.137 Payments			
North West Medical Solutions	9x bleed kits	810.00	TFR545
St Helens Council	Christmas Tree, Lights & Call out 3073.25 + VAT 614.65	3687.90	TFR547
Millennium Centre	Donation	500.00	TFR567
Rainhill High	Donation for books	1000	TFR568
K Adamson	Reimbursement for Amazon – Litter pickers 295.62+59.14VAT	354.76	TFR569
April Scheduled Payments			
Rainhill Village Hall	Remainder of grant	293.01	TFR553
K Adamson	Clerks Salary - April	1158.55	TFR554
	Changed due to national salary award	1169.45	TFR554
	Printing eco garden	4.00	TFR554
	Telephone @ 18.99/month	18.99	TFR554
	Flagpoles – additional delivery cost	12.00	TFR554
	Total	1204.44	TFR554
Merseyside Pension Fund	Was LGPS-April Changed due to national award	364.86 371.25	TFR555
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	72.48	STO
Corona Energy	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	17.94	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	60.00	DD
St Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground	0.50	TFR556
St Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground	0.50	TFR557
St Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens	1.00	TFR558
St Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park	4.00	TFR559
Golden Services Distribution	Annual Report Distribution Was 425.00 + 85.00 now 300.00 + 60 vat	360.00	TFR560
EWS Colour Print	Printing of Annual Report	1150.00	TFR561

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Ste Hurst	Design of Annual Report	50.00	TFR562
SLCC	12 month membership	186.00	TFR563
NALC / LALC	12 month membership Changed to 1145.83	1156.23 1145.83	TFR564
S.137 Payments			
CPRE	Donation?	25.00	TFR565
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	TFR565

It was resolved that the items were approved for payment.

20.836 TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF CPRE

Members agreed the membership cost of £36 and a donation of £25
The Council resolved to approve the membership of CPRE.

20.837 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO NALC & LALC

Members agreed the yearly subscription of £1145.83
The Council resolved to approve the annual subscription

20.838 TO CONSIDER THE CLERKS MEMBERSHIP TO SLCC

Members agreed to renew the annual subscription of £186.00
The Council resolved to approve the annual subscription

20.839 TO CONSIDER RAINHILL HIGH REQUEST FOR A DONATION

The Chair confirmed attending the opening of the new library at Rainhill high and the extreme shortage of books. All members agreed to double the donation to £1,000.
The Council resolved to provide a donation

20.840 TO CONSIDER AGREEING TO COST OF CLEANER FOR VILLAGE HALL JUBILEE PARTY

A cost of £20 to cover the cost of a cleaner was agreed by members
The Council resolved to cover the cost of the cleaner

20.841 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE 195 CELEBRATIONS

This item was deferred due to Cllr Barker being unable to attend.

20.842 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GRANT APPLICATIONS

Cllr Stevenson and Woodhouse completed a course in Nov 2021 and have now set up the working group including residents of Rainhill. A statement of works is now in place to use as a structure. Heritage & Sports project have been identified. The free route of support has been used and the Cllrs now feel to progress the use of the external company is required at a maximum cost of £380. All members agreed and the Chair requested it to be added as an agenda item to next meeting.

The update was noted and external company cost agreed.

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20.843 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON RAINHILL LIBRARY

Cllr Howitt reported meeting with representatives from St Helens Council for a second time. The Parish Council have concerns the suggestions are not only unattainable but answers were not available to ensure it would be achievable. Rainhill library is the 3rd busiest in the borough and research has shown for a library to be run via the community has been done but on a lot smaller scale. The trials exhibition and history have an important impact on the library staying open. Chair confirmed it would be a huge undertaking and the Parish Council will fight to keep it open. St Helens Council representatives confirmed demographics are one of the major factors and not footfall. Cllr Tasker reported proposed costs would be £60,000 just to keep library open and St Helens Council will not commit to any long-term costings. Some books and all computers would also be removed.

The update was noted by the members

20.844 TO ADOPT A REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council considered adopting the revised code of conduct

It was resolved the Council adopt the revised code of conduct

20.845 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM ST ANNS MILLENNIUM CENTRE

The Chair confirmed when attending the centre to help out with the Ukraine collections he was aware of the issues in the car park. Cllr Greaves reported whilst on walkabout with PCSO the issues with the camera being obscured were explained and a letter from Merseyside police had been received supporting the centre with their application to enable ASB to be addressed. Chair proposed the donation be £500 and acknowledged what they had achieved as a centre in helping with the collections. The Clerk also made the members aware of the Village Halls offer of help for any further crisis appeals. All members voted in favour of the grant. Cllr Greaves asked members to add an item to their weekly shopping eg nappies / tampons that have dual use and can be used as first aid items.

Resolved for the planning committee to provide a reply for the clerk to respond to the resident and a decision on taking the questions to the Borough Council.

20.846 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF LITTER PICKERS

Members agreed to purchase the litter pickers but Cllr Greaves & Tasker will confirm if cheaper options are available. 10 x adult 10 x Childrens Chasing Rainbows will lend out and collect back once finished.

Resolved to purchase new litter pickers

20.847 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Cllr Roscoe and Greaves reported the 2 new ambassadors from Rainhill High and the 2 new ambassadors from Tower College are excited at taking on the new roles and taking initiatives forward. They have set up their own forum and the aim is to keep them engaged and onboard. It has been suggested for them to come along to the APM – more relaxed meeting and to either observe or introduce themselves with them then to attend quarterly meetings.

The update was noted by the members

20.848 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

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Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted. Cllr Ward reported receiving a resident letter to request update on broadband. Cllr Ward can confirm Openreach have confirmed work is ongoing and expected completion in June 2022. It may not cover some areas as maybe omitted at this stage due to costs. Cllr Stevenson thanked Cllr Ward for his work and support.

20.849 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- a) Public Open Spaces
Still awaiting update on possible parking solutions for Holt Lane Cllr Tasker has been in contact with St Helens Council requesting possible S106 monies be utilised and will also be receiving an update on Sport England and possible improvements. Also still waiting on lease, diagrams and fencing improvements for Albert Fellowes from the football team. Hope to have further updates for next meeting.
- b) Village Hall Management Committee
Meeting is tomorrow – 08.03.22 an update will be provided at the next meeting
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
Cllr Ward reported a stall was at the recent exhibition which was very successful
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
Nothing to report
- e) Rainhill Gala
Cllr Daniels confirmed the Gala will not take place this year
- f) 4F Centre
A meeting took place on Thursday 3rd March 2022. Centre is being run extremely well and groups are returning with Cllr Greaves supporting via social media posts. Receptive to external light but would require own supply. Will be looking to request grant from Rainhill Rotary to enable equipment to be bought to replace old and damaged items.

The updates were noted.

20.850 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

195 Celebration, Library Update, Jubilee Celebration, Community Garden – King Edward Close, Sail Shelter in open space, Phone Box, First Aid, Anti Social Campaign/ reporting crime, Grant Applications/External Company / Statement of Works

20.851 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting will be on 20th April 2022 starting at 7.30pm and the next Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday 9th May 2022 starting at 7.30pm the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chair of the Parish Council
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Area: Rainhill D24
 Month: February 2022

	2021	2022	Diff	%	
Burglary Business & Community	0	1	1	100	1. (RITHERUP LANE) PH has been broken into, untidy search completed and charity box taken
Burglary Residential	1	1	0	0	1. (LONGTON LANE) unknown offenders have broken in and stolen tv
Criminal Damage	1	1	0	0	1. (CARTMEL DRIVE) unknown offender/s have thrown an object at a window causing it to shatter
Drugs	0	1	1	100	1. (M62 JUNCTION 7 TO 6) cannabis plants found in rear of vehicle during search
Other Theft	3	4	1	33.3	1. (FOXES BANK LANE) 6 stables/shelters have been taken from field over one year 2. (LONGTON LANE) victim has left phone on bus and someone has taken it 3. (CARTMEL DRIVE) refusal to pay taxi fare 4. (WARRINGTON ROAD) making off without payment
Public Order	3	8	5	166.7	1. (WARRINGTON ROAD) verbal abuse from offender to victim 2. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave 3. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave 4. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave 5. (WARRINGTON ROAD) male has shouted abuse at staff regarding parking 6. (BRETHERTON COURT) known offender is outside address shouting at resident 7. (ST HELENS LINKWAY) 2 males fighting on hard shoulder 8. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0	
Robbery Personal	0	0	0	0	
Theft Bike	0	0	0	0	
T.F.M.V.	3	0	-3	-100	
Theft Shop	2	1	-1	-100	1. (WARRINGTON ROAD) unknown offender enters shop and takes items amounting to less than £5
T.O.M.V.	1	1	0	0	1. (CHATSWORTH ROAD) victim has parked motorcycle outside shops and it has been taken
Vehicle Interference	0	0	0	0	
Total	14	18	4	28.6	
ASB	18	15	-3	-16.7	

Brief description of ASB in February 2022

1. (BRANDRETH CLOSE) parking issues
2. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave
3. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave
4. (ELGIN COURT) school kids kicking bottles and being loud after school
5. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave
6. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave
7. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave
8. (TWO BUTT LANE) off road motorcycle riding in park
9. (FAIRLIE DRIVE) neighbour dispute
10. (WARRINGTON ROAD) youths who do not attend the school outside on bikes
11. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave
12. (ELGIN COURT) school kids kicking bottles and being loud after school
13. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of youths in beer garden refusing to leave
14. (VIEW ROAD) group of youths near library on bikes
15. (FAIRLIE DRIVE) neighbour dispute

Area: Rainhill D24
 Month: March 2022

	2021	2022	Diff	%	
Burglary Business & Community	3	1	-2	-66.7	1. (SCHOOL LANE) unknown male walking around the farm at night, chased off by an alpaca
Burglary Residential	1	1	0	0	1. (BREHERTON COURT) someone tries front door of informant, does not gain entry
Criminal Damage	3	9	6	200	1. (TWO BUTT LANE) acid is poured over informants car causing damage 2. (BREHERTON COURT) known offender kicks internal door causing damage 3. (HOLT LANE) offender throws object through window causing it to smash 4. (RAINHILL ROAD) unknown offender causing damage to front door of vehicle 5. (ST ANN PLACE) unknown offender has scratched vehicle door 6. (ELLABY ROAD) fight in the street and this has lead to damage to a vehicle 7. (FAIRLIE DRIVE) unknown offenders have ripped petrol cap off vehicle 8. (EXCHANGE PLACE) metal pole on gate has been ripped out and thrown, causing further damage to plants 9. (LONGTON LANE) graffiti is sprayed by unknown offender on informants wall
Drugs	0	6	6	600	1. (WARRINGTON ROAD) offender has been found to be in possession of cannabis by school 2. (WARRINGTON ROAD) offender has been found to be in possession of cannabis by school 3. (VIEW ROAD) male found in possession of cannabis 4. (MILL LANE) male seen at table in PH building cannabis reefer and is detained 5. (MILL LANE) male found to be in possession of cannabis 6. (LAWTON ROAD) cannabis farm found inside property
Other Theft	1	8	7	700	1. (WARRINGTON ROAD) making off without payment for petrol 2. (WARRINGTON ROAD) making off without payment for petrol 3. (WARRINGTON ROAD) making off without payment for petrol 4. (WARRINGTON ROAD) 2 males jump out of a car, grab 2 boxes of books and items, get back in car and drive off 5. (CHAPEL LANE) unknown offenders steal fuel from building site 6. (WARRINGTON ROAD) making off without payment for petrol 7. (WARRINGTON ROAD) making off without payment for petrol 8. (WARRINGTON ROAD) making off without payment for petrol
Public Order	8	14	6	75	1. (BRANCKER AVENUE) known offender has threatened family member with weapon 2. (DUNBEATH AVENUE) school students have shown their bum to each other 3. (FAIRLIE DRIVE) neighbour dispute 4. (WARRINGTON ROAD) group of underage people in beer garden of PH shouting and swearing 5. (WARRINGTON ROAD) customers of PH have been refused service and have threatened staff 6. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people in the beer garden refusing to leave when asked by staff 7. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people have been shouting at informant outside the shop and then followed them 8. (ELLABY ROAD) fight in private property 9. (WARRINGTON ROAD) males engaged in violence in PH fearing others safety 10. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people stood outside shop, no offences disclosed 11. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people playing football in street and had a dog with them intimidating others 12. (WARRINGTON ROAD) objects being thrown at cars

					13. (VIEW ROAD) people shouting at informant upsetting them 14. (RAINHILL ROAD) neighbour dispute
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0	
Robbery Personal	0	0	0	0	
Theft Bike	0	0	0	0	
T.F.M.V.	1	3	2	200	1. (MOOREWAY) vehicle left parked unlocked and items have been taken 2. (MOOREWAY) unknown offenders have stolen items from vehicle 3. (MALHAMDALE AVENUE) unknown offenders have stolen cash from vehicle
Theft Shop	2	5	3	100	1. (WARRINGTON ROAD) male has stolen items from shop 2. (WARRINGTON ROAD) male has stolen items from shop 3. (WARRINGTON ROAD) male and female have stolen items from shop 4. (WARRINGTON ROAD) unknown persons have stolen items from shop 5. (WARRINGTON ROAD) unknown persons have stolen items from shop
T.O.M.V.	2	2	0	100	1. (OLD LANE) theft of motor vehicle by unknown persons 2. (RAINHILL ROAD) keys left in taxi and vehicle later stolen
Vehicle Interference	1	1	0	100	1. (MOORWAY) unknown offenders have entered the vehicle but no items taken
Total	25	50	25	100	
ASB	14	23	9	64.3	

Brief description of ASB in March 2022

1. (VIEW ROAD) parking issues before and after school
2. (WARRINGTON ROAD) member of the public on electric scooters
3. (WARRINGTON ROAD) underage people in the beer garden and entering the pub using the toilet
4. (WARRINGTON ROAD) member of the public steps out into the road
5. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people throwing stones at cars and sitting in play area of pub
6. (WARRINGTON ROAD) underage members of the public in the beer garden
7. (BRANDRETH CLOSE) 2 males drive up a close, get scrambler bikes from the back of van and then ride them
8. (DUNBEATH AVE) people loitering and drugs can be smelt, no other offences disclosed
9. (WARRINGTON ROAD) someone throws a football at a car as informant has driven past
10. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people playing football in the road
11. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people threatening others with a dog
12. (VIEW ROAD) people playing football in the road and ball has gone into informants garden
13. (WARRINGTON ROAD) wheelie bins tipped over by unknown offenders
14. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people climbing scaffolding and swinging
15. (WARRINGTON ROAD/VIEW ROAD) road is blocked with wheelie bins
16. (VIEW ROAD) people playing football in the library car park (private premises)
17. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people throwing eggs at cars
18. (EXCHANGE PLACE) people in the park smoking cannabis, patrols attend - no cannabis
19. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people standing outside the co-op, no offences disclosed
20. (VIEW ROAD) people standing on footpath shouting
21. (WARRINGTON ROAD) people have taken items from the shop and are then throwing balls at windows
22. (VIEW ROAD) people near the church, concern but no offences disclosed
23. (DUNBEATH AVE) school students hanging around and smoking cigarettes and climbing on balcony

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL - CLERK'S REPORT MAY 2022

The Clerk's report is in two parts:

- The first part relates to actions that have already been taken. These items will not have a corresponding Agenda item and shouldn't need any further discussion.
 - The second part relates directly to Agenda items and is intended to assist any discussion of Agenda items. These notes are for information only and should only be discussed as each Agenda item is reached.
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PART 1 - ACTIONS TAKEN

5. CLERKS REPORT

All actions resulting from resolutions made at the 7th March ordinary meeting have either been completed or are in progress. Additionally I can report the following:

5.a MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20th APRIL 2022

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting have been circulated to members, and to those who attended on the night. Amendments received have been incorporated. The minutes are presented at **Appendix 1** to be accepted as a true record, though they will only be signed at next year's meeting.

5.b INTERNAL AUDIT

Internal Audit was held on 25th April and the Council's accounts and financial processes were inspected and reviewed. No problems were highlighted and the internal audit section of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was completed and signed off as fully meeting all requirements. **Appendix 2**

5.c CORRECTION TO MARCH MINUTES

Remainder of grant to Village Hall TFR 553 293.01 meaning TFR 553 is now 828.00 TFR554 now 1204.44 due to additional cost of 12.00 for flagpole delivery and national pay award and ECO garden Easter posters £4.00 .TFR555 now 371.25 due to pay award. TFR564 now 1145.83 due to a reduction in costs. Litter pickers TFR569 final total 295+vat 59.14 total 354.76 TFR560. TFR 567 & 568 now included in table of payments made – annual report distribution not yet paid as under dispute. Change to leaflet distribution amount.

Now all shown in the corrected minutes

5.d MAINTENANCE OF RAINHILL ECO GARDEN

A schedule of the maintenance works required for the Eco Garden has been received from St.Helens Council for approval. The regime is the same as last year's and will incur a cost of £473.78 (+ VAT £94.76) Total £568.54 Previously, as this is an annual renewal of an existing contract, authority has been delegated to the Clerk to renew (min 18.53). I have added this to the table of payments for authorisation.

5.e PLANTING OF WILDFLOWERS

A schedule of the maintenance works required for the planting of wildflowers on Warrington Road has been received. Previously, as this is an annual renewal of an existing contract, authority has been delegated to the Clerk to renew. I have added this to the table of payments for authorisation.

A member of the public has volunteered to apply via various funding avenues for Donations. To date the Cookhouse has very generously donated £250.00

5.f BARRIER BASKETS

The members agreed at the previous finance meeting for the barrier baskets to be Continued. A schedule of works has now been received and the amount has been added to the table of payments for authorisation.

5.g INSTALLATION OF FLAGPOLES

The cost of £1225.14 to excavate, install and re-instate 2no underground sockets to the provided brief and erect 2no flag poles as per the specification has been received from St Helens Council using their contractors. The amount has been added to the table of payments for authorisation.

5.h UPDATE ON LIBRARY

As St Helens have deferred any update of the library until after the elections have taken Place this item will be added to the agenda in June.

5i 195 CELEBRATION

As the Queens jubilee celebrations are taking place in May this item will be added to the June agenda

5j NATIONAL SALARY AWARD 2021/22 AND NI INCREASE

The Clerk was notified of a national salary award of 1.75% in March 22 and the increase is backdated to April 202. This was included in March salary payment and shown in the minutes. In April 2022 and NI increase of 1.25% has been imposed.

5k DONATED DEFIBRILATOR

The Clerk has now been given the donated defibrillator from Rainhill Rockets and is still awaiting information from the landlord of the proposed location.

5l REQUESTED SIGNAGE FOR VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk has emailed a request on behalf of the Village Hall to the Dane Court Landlords regarding signage. A reply confirmed it would be looked into. A reminder email has been sent. At the time of closing the agenda no reply had been received and another email has been sent.

PART 2 - AGENDA ITEMS – SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been assessed and comments submitted as indicated:

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/2022/0126/HHFP Single storey rear extension with internal alterations. 13 Elmswood Avenue

P/2022/0132/HHFP Demolition of existing outbuilding to rear, erection of single storey rear extension, first floor front extension with external alterations and alterations to existing driveway 96 Ashton Avenue

P/2022/0133/HHFP Erection of two storey side extension. 3 Goldsworth Fold

P/2022/0181/HHFP Garage conversion and new front porch. 26 Bartholomew Close

P/2022/0233/ADC Consent to install 1no set of individual halo illuminated letters/signage at entrance. Victoria Hotel 507 Warrington Road

P/2022/0243/HHFP Demolition of existing detached garage and the erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension. 30 Kendricks Fold

P/2022/0247/HHFP Single storey rear extension. 18 Stour Avenue

P/2022/0248/CLP Certificate of lawfulness for proposed garage conversion. 40 Fairlie Drive

P/2022/0251/HHFP Demolition of existing garage with the erection of two storey side extension with front dormer and white render to first floor 4 St James Road

P/2022/0253/HHPA Prior approval for single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory, projecting 7.42m from the rear, 3.71m max height and 2.22m at the eaves. 4 St James Road

P/2022/0280/LBC Listed building consent for the installation of steel mesh parapet panels to replace vandalised glazing. Rainhill Railway Station

P/2022/0282/HHFP Two storey extensions to both sides and the rear. 48 View Road

Comments/objections have been submitted on the following applications

P/2022/0188/FUL Stable block consisting of 2no. stalls, WC, hay and tack storage (part retrospective). Land Between School Lane And Junction 7 M62 School Lane

22/00060/ful Erection of convenience store (use class e) together with plant and bin store, plus public house replacement freezer store, relocation of public house smoking shelter and beer garden following demolition of pub out-building and reconfiguration of car park with vehicular access from holt lane the holt hotel 285 Warrington road

The Tree and woodlands officer has been contacted on the following applications to confirm a consultation process has been undertaken

P/2022/0211/COT Works to various trees within a conservation area. 116 St James Road

P/2022/0264/TPO Works to various trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order (T19-22 & G6.1-6.4). Follyfield 11 Owen Road

P/2022/0285/TPO Works to various trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order. 7 Briars Close

The Council should note the actions taken.

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7. TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

MAY			
Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
K Adamson	Telephone	18.99	
	Salary - May (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1169.45	
		1188.44	TFR566
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – May	371.25	TFR567
Water Plus	Water – Albert Fellowes	72.48	DD
Corona	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	TBC	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	60.00	DD
St Helens Council	ECO Garden Maintenance 473.78+94.76 vat	568.54	TFR568
St Helens Council	Wildflower Planting 940.57 +188.11 vat	1128.68	TFR569
St Helens Council	Barrier Baskets 4309.55+861.91vat	5171.46	TFR570
G Barker	Jubilee flags & bunting	214.50	TFR571
St Helens Council/Jones Lighting	Installation of 2 x flagpoles	1225.14	TFR572
Rainhill Village Hall	To cover cost of cleaner for Jubilee Childrens party	20.00	TFR573

The Council should consider approving the above payments.

INCOME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
APRIL 2021		
St Helens Council	1 st Precept Payment	34,170
The Cookhouse	Donation towards wildflower planting	250.00

For information only.

8. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/22

The Annual Governance Statement forms Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return documentation for submission for External Audit, and must be approved before Section 2 - the Accounting Statements. The Governance Statement is signed each year by the Chair, and simply confirms that the Parish Council acknowledge their corporate responsibility for ensuring a sound system of internal control and have followed all appropriate regulations in its practices and the preparation of its accounts.

In order to respond positively to the assertions made in the Governance Statement members should read the report at Appendix 3.

A copy of the Governance Statement is attached in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return at Appendix 4.

The Council should consider the Annual Governance Statement and consider approval for signing by the Chair on behalf of the Council.

9. TO APPROVE THE 2021/22 ACCOUNTS FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT & BANK RECONCILIATION

As the Governance Statement has now been approved, Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Accounting Statement can be considered. A copy of the main page of the submission is attached together with accounts summary, separate spreadsheet extracts of income and expenditure, and a bank reconciliation to the end of March 2022. (Appendix 5a b c d & e) - Following the successful completion of the Internal Audit on 25th April 2022, the External Audit submission is ready for approval by the Council and signing by the Chair.

The timetable for all the stages in this process is as follows:

Approve Accounts at this meeting 9th May 2022

Submit to External Auditors by 16th May 2022

Display All Notices on notice board and web by 16th May 2022

Make Accounts Publicly Accessible 13th June – 22nd July

Publicise Audited Accounts by 30 September

The last step is dependent on the External Auditor approving the submission.

The Council should consider approval of the Accounts; the Annual Governance and Accountability Return; and Bank Reconciliation for signing by the Chair on behalf of the Council.

10. TO CONSIDER UNDERTAKING A TOUR OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

Each year the whole Council is invited to undertake a tour of open spaces. Could a suitable date be agreed, and an indication given of who will attend - just for numbers.

The Council should consider whether a tour is to be undertaken and agree a suitable date.

11. TO CONSIDER PAYMENT FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW

As members are aware there were issues as with previous years with the delivery of the Annual Report. The company has offered a discount for this year and next year. The cost originally being £425 + 85.00 vat total of £510 has been discounted to £300 + 60 vat £360. The amount has been changed in the minutes for approval The clerk suggests for the next delivery a full list of roads of the area to be covered be compiled and a day to day update to be provided from the company delivering

The Council should consider if any further actions are required and note the updates.

12. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATION Information only

Cllr Barker to provide an update

The Clerk has been informed Following a Rainhill Rocket club meeting they can confirm they will be holding a football tournament over the jubilee weekend. It will involve their under 10s and under 11s teams who both play nine a side, they will invite local teams including Rainhill United. They will inform Liverpool County FA of their intentions and invite young local referees to carry out the refereeing duties. It is their intention to name the tournament the Rainhill Jubilee Football Tournament but are open to suggestions for an alternative name

The council should note the update

13. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GRANT APPLICATIONS/ EXTERNAL COMPANY AND STATEMENT OF WORKS

An update to be received by Cllr Stevenson and Woodhouse

The Council should note the update

14. TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A SAIL SHELETER IN AN OPEN SPACE

This item has been included on the agenda to allow discussion between members.

The council should discuss and decide if any further research should be performed.

15. TO CONSIDER THE UPKEEP OF THE RED TELEPHONE BOX

Members should consider the red telephone box and options of upkeep.

The Council should consider what actions it wishes to take.

16. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM St BARTHOLOMEWS

Further to receiving a grant application form from St Bartholomews Primary School. They are hoping to achieve the Archdiocese 'Live Simply' award for their school. As part of the award, they would like to set up an indoor recycling station for the children to use.

They would like to ask for £400 to purchase an 80 litre box quad unit.

It is transparent so very visual for all to see.

The application has been emailed prior to the meeting to all members.

The Council should consider if they wish to award the donation

17. TO DISCUSS AN ANTI SOCIAL CRIME CAMPAGIN AND ITS REPORTING

This item has been included to allow a discussion between members.

The Council should consider if any actions are required.

18. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

The Clerk has dealt with correspondence including those relating to:

The road furniture (crash barriers) down at the stoops roundabout are in a shocking state of disrepair or missing in places. St Helens Highways have confirmed the location has been raised for repair as planned maintenance programmed works. Due to the location traffic management will have to be in place. Due to the nature of the works this will probably commence later in the year. The highways inspector will monitor Rainhill Stoops as part of his scheduled inspection.

19. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a) Public Open Spaces
- b) Village Hall Management Committee
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
- e) Rainhill Gala
- f) 4F Centre

20. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Members are given the opportunity to suggest items for discussion at future meetings.

For information only.

21. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

13th June 2022, 7.30pm

25th July 2022, 7.30pm

**Rainhill Annual Parish Meeting
20th April 2022
Held at Rainhill Village Hall**

Present Cllrs: G Barker, A V Howitt, D Hendrick, A Daniels, I Brown, M Rothwell, S Roscoe, K Stevenson, J Tasker, J Woodhouse, Sarah Smith (Community Support Officer- W/Powers), and 17 residents.

1. Due to The Chair, Cllr W. Williams not attending due to illness Cllr G Barker will chair the meeting and, welcomed residents to the meeting, thanked them for attending, and explained how the meeting would progress.
2. Apologies were received from Cllrs D, Greaves, G, Ward, W, Williams and G, Roberts.
3. Community Support Officer Sarah Smith stated the main issue in Rainhill recently has been ASB and due to residents not previously reporting incidents resources were going elsewhere. Reporting has now increased due to being encouraged thus enabling a dispersal zone to be put in place Tue-Thur. 10 notices were given out. Also after the dispersal zone patrols were increased and 8 more names were passed onto youth outreach team who work with the parents. Sarah reported there have been various meeting held with the Councillors, residents and businesses providing a positive response from businesses and parents.

Councillors confirmed they are working with the police, schools and businesses to look at what best provision of services could be implemented.

Cllr G Barker thanked the Police representatives for their attendance and for all their service in protecting the residents of Rainhill on a daily basis.

4. It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 21st April 2021 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The following was provided by Chair Wil Williams in his absence Read by Cllr G Barker.

What a 12 months we have had! The fight against COVID continues and although life has returned to normality for most, it remains a threat to many. We have seen Rainhill flourish since the lifting of restrictions, with new businesses opening, community groups re-engaging and our community coming back together. A highlight of this for me was seeing the large crowds for Christmas Lights switch in the Village, with Rainhill Rotary and St Barts School Choir participating in the event. As a Parish Council we have continued to support our residents, businesses, and the community at large. For the third year in a row Rainhill Parish Council has NOT raised our Council TAX Precept as we are fully aware the impact of COVID, increase in living costs and the rise in utilities is having on our residents.

We continue to address concerns as and when they arise. A common subject of conversation is ASB in the Village area, as a Parish Council we are in continued talks with Merseyside Police, Businesses and Residents. We are planning an additional CCTV camera within the village and will be shortly launching a 'Spot it, Report it Share it – Campaign' aimed at asking witnesses to report all ASB incidents to Merseyside Police. We have Zero Tolerance for ASB in Rainhill.

Rainhill Parish Council are committed to maintaining Rainhill as a fantastic area to live, work and study. We have big plans for the future of Rainhill and thanks to a lot of hard work we are beginning the grant application process for large scale projects the likes of which Rainhill hasn't seen for 40+ years. We have recently worked with

the Ukraine Crisis appeal in conjunction with Polskie providing support and supplies with amazing community support.

5. The Clerk briefly presented the draft accounts for 2021/22 to the meeting:
The Parish Council is in a stable state financially and is conforming to all statutory requirements and national association guidelines
Total Income for 2021/22 was £71.9k which is made up of precept and income from pitch hire. We also reclaimed just more than £2100.00 in VAT.
Total Expenditure for 2021/22 was £58,334.61 which is just over £6,543.00 more than on the previous year. Covid still having an impact on events. Administration remains the highest cost as this covers a multitude of expenses. Environmental Expenses were down by just over £3k,(the previous year having expenditure for the dog park) spending on Publicity was decreased slightly with improvements on website being done without charge and spending under Section 137, which covers grants and other items not allowed for under other legislation has a significant rise due to 2 Good Citizenship ceremonies taking place in the same year due to Covid. Also more grants have been agreed for various community causes.
At the end of the 2021/22 financial year the accounts show a balance of £112K this is made up of a cash balance of £51k and reserves of £61k. The reserves are higher due to the probability of costs being imposed by St Helens Council for the maintenance of open spaces and also 9K in election costs and the reduction CIF funding. Following a budgeting exercise this year's precept has been set at £68,340, this is not an increase on the last two years.
6. Anita Hoey spoke on behalf of the 4F centre reporting that although she had been managing the centre for 7/8 years she had been involved for 18 years with her son being a user of the centre. The centre has excellent facilities and is used by groups day and night. The centre is supported by a committee of Parish Councillors and has a healthy financial balance. There are a large umbrella of groups using the centre of an evening but Anita wishes to increase and promote the centre for use by Children's groups. Due to St Helens Council removing certain funding, particularly for disability groups, it has had an impact on some groups being able to use the centre.
The Chair described the 4F as Rainhill's hidden jewel and acknowledged there has been some issue around parking in front of the gate which Cllr Tasker has rectified by arranging the 'H' road marking now in front of the building.
7. Ann Davey spoke on behalf of the Civic Society (RCS) reporting that the Society was hit by Covid and not able to hold meetings but still carrying on monitoring planning applications and heritage research. Rainhill Remembered Group meet monthly in the library. Flower boxes have now been planted and also various sites across Rainhill including the Stone Cross with more areas planned to be completed. New opportunities have also been grasped due to restrictions and Heritage walks have now evolved. The first AGM for 2 years is due in the near future and a concert on the 4th June 2022 to celebrate the Jubilee is being organised with the Society looking forward to planning lots more future events.
The Chair noted we are always incredibly thankful to Rainhill Civic Society for their dedication and hard work. In particular the floral displays across Rainhill which never go unnoticed.
8. Les Jackson gave a report on behalf of Rainhill Eco Group. The Group is made up of representatives of local organisation and residents and the ECO garden was set up in 2013 to encourage wildlife and be a community garden. After Covid the group have been able to get back to working within the garden and are now playing catch up. There is a huge issue with vandalism – graffiti, plants being pulled up and the

gate on numerous occasions being pulled off. All the incidents have been reported to the police. Sarah Smith confirmed the garden is on the list of areas requiring patrolling. St Anns schoolchildren have visited the garden and planted bulbs then taken back into the classroom and the school has also been given a talk on birds by a representative from the garden. A very successful Easter Egg hunt has taken place with further Halloween event and plant sales planned. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for their support and to residents for their appreciation. The garden are always on the look out for volunteers and all are welcome.

The Chair stated Rainhill Parish continue to support the Eco Garden Management Committee in anyway we can. We thank the committee for their ongoing hard work throughout the year.

9. Steve Clarke reported thanking Brian Heydon and Gillian Pinder for all their hard work with the 190 celebrations. This year the committee have decided due to the restrictions of Covid over the past two years the gala will not be held. The committee have lost a number of members and it is vital more volunteers are found. The committee needs to regroup and restart. If volunteers are not found a discussion will have to be held to look at the viability of continuing.

The Chair reported due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding COVID19, Rainhill Gala have taken the tough but justified decision of cancelling the 2022 Annual Rainhill Gala. Rainhill Parish Council back this decision and wish to pass on our thanks for all their hard work and hopefully we will be able to look forward to 'Rainhill Gala 2023. Cllr Barker stated any support that can be offered will be available and there is a lot of goodwill out there.

10. Peter Reeves reported, Last July I became President of the Rotary Club of Rainhill my Year as president ends in June.

We started as the previous year with covid and zoom.

We had to cancel planned walks because of covid and bad weather and we had our meetings in the Rec Club well separated signing in, masks and hand gel.

Unfortunately we had to postpone our proposed beer festival again which was scheduled from 31st March which would have been 3 weeks ago, and it is now back to the autumn, and will not be till October the 27th to 29th. A date for your diary. At which we will be glad of any of your help.

A few of us went to the beer festivals at Ruskin Hall and Warrington.

We visited Natalie at Riding for the disabled in Rainhill on the 10th December.

We did struggle to do our Christmas Float, we had 11 local street collection routes, as normal as possible, a few had to be cut short with having fewer members out and the time was getting late. We did 7 supermarket visits and 7 local schools.

We attended the turning on of the lights on at Thatto Heath and in the village.

We finished outside the Co-op on Christmas Eve. We raised 11.5k. Which will be distributed to charities and good causes.

This year we have presented bursaries to a lot of young people in Rainhill. Including, 3 deserving school children, 2 Scout groups, a Guide group and a swimming club.

We have had so far 1 new member and we have a few prospective members in the pipeline.

This year we are not having a presentation night for the Community Support Fund (previously called Dragons Den) but the awards will still be going ahead as normal as we have had many applications for money .

We have now organised our Christmas sleigh to collect for the Ukraine refugees, decorating it with blue and yellow bunting. This happened over Easter. Good Friday we were at Tesco St Helens, Easter Saturday we were in the Village outside the Co-op, and Easter Monday at Asda in St Helens.

The sleigh will be returned to its Christmas livery in time for Christmas
We have not yet got a final total for our Ukraine Refugee collection, but it could be in excess of £4000.00

We have already donated £6000.00 to help the Ukraine refugees.

We are having our Charter at Blundles Hill Golf Club this year on Friday 20th May.
And our weekend trip to Llandudno on Friday 10th June. Last time we did that was June 2014.

I would like to thank all our helper volunteers and as we are all getting older we always need more help.

Please visit our web site.

11. Barrie Rushton reported on behalf of Rainhill Railway and Heritage Society, reported the reopening of the museum after 2 years and the return of monthly programme of speakers with the next one being on 09/05/22 by the CEO of the Shakespeare Theatre Prescot. The annual trip to Burtonwood Aircraft museum is organised with a full collection of souvenirs being available to raise funds and will be on sale at future events. At the recent model railway club £200 was raised. Grateful thanks is given to the library staff who continue to monitor visitors to the carriage. A DVD is available to schools to promote. There are continuing discussions with ST Helens Council, Network Rail and the Parish Council regarding the future of the Signal box. Also we are currently in dialogue with the Parish Council regarding arrangements for Rocket 200. 1829 Rainhill Trials was an important event to happen here and we must be proud of that and celebrate accordingly.
Cllr Barker confirmed once the elections and the Jubilee celebrations have taken place discussions for the arrangements will be picked up again.
The Chair thanked the Railway & Heritage Society for keeping Rainhill's rich Railway history and heritage alive. The recent and ongoing 'Save Our Signal Box' is testament to how Rainhill Parish Council is steadfast in protecting our local Heritage.

12. Mrs S. Reeves spoke on behalf Rainhill Women's Institute. The group holds 66 members and is attracting new younger members. They meet on the 4th Monday of every month. Successful events have included Christmas Fayre in the church, Christmas Party in the Village Hall, putting up and decorating the Christmas tree in the Village Hall foyer. The WI also look after the grounds at the front of the church and are also responsible for the poppy display within the church. Most recently we have been responsible for the pillar box toppers – an Easter one at present with a Jubilee one under construction. There are trips arranged for the future and a children's Jubilee party being arranged with tickets being dropped off at the 4 schools. A very active and busy WI.
Cllr Barker thanked the WI for all they continue to do and their hard work within the community.

13. Mr N. Thompson presented on behalf of Rainhill Town Football Club who run 4 teams. This has been the first full season since Covid with the last 2 years being a struggle. There are 160 players mainly from Rainhill. There is a meeting arranged with the Parish Council to discuss leases and facilities. Support from local businesses for sponsorship has been amazing. Recently the club has raised £350 to go towards the Ukraine transport costs. There is going to be a 50 year celebration on 3rd June at the Ex services Club. Thanks is given to the volunteers and committee members. Thankyou also to the Parish Council for your support.

- Cllr Barker thanked all groups who had attended and reported the Chairs final comments. Queen's Jubilee celebrations – Lead by Cllr. Graham Baker, plans are

in place to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee Coronation. Public Open Spaces – Rainhill Parish Council continue to maintain and look for new ways to maximise the usage for 8 parks spread over 43 acres of Rainhill. The possibility of St Helens Council passing costs for grassing cutting etc. on to Rainhill Parish Council has been budgeted for although at the time we are working with estimates. Christmas Lights Switch on – Due to funding cuts from St Helens Borough Council, Rainhill Parish Council were informed of this decision late September 2021. Rainhill Parish Council agreed to pay the unbudgeted expense and are looking at a permanently planted evergreen tree to reduce future costs. The Parish Council Good Citizenship – Another successful GCA evening with 14 truly deserving recipients.

The Annual Report – The Annual Report went out to residents in March. We have had issues with delivery, Kathryn (Parish Clerk) has been in contact with the delivery company, discussions are on going. Rainhill United and Albert Fellowes Park – We continue to support and work with Rainhill United AFC. Rainhill Rockets, Rainhill Town AFC – We are supporting the installation of a new car parking area to relieve parking issues impacting residents. We are also looking at extending the lease of Holt Lane playing fields to Rainhill Rockets and Rainhill Town which enable them to gain grants and funding for various external organisations. The Village Hall Centre – Rainhill Parish Council are pleased with recent agreements to improve communications. Rainhill Parish Council are happy we were able to increase this year's funding grant to assist with the increase in utility costs. We thank you the Village Hall Committee for their ongoing work in providing a location for many community groups and we look forward to working together. British Legion – Rainhill Cenotaph – Rainhill Parish Council are pleased to announce we are waiting the installation of two flag poles at Rainhill Cenotaph. Rainhill Parish Council responded to a request from Rainhill British Legion for Flag Poles, we were able to pay for the poles including installation and gain planning permission on their behalf. Merchant Navy Day – We continue to promote Merchant Navy Day every September to remember and give thanks to our sometimes forgotten Merchant Sailors. Local Churches – Rainhill Parish Council are proud to have a varied Churches across the Parish. We maintain lines of communication and support. Local Schools – Rainhill Parish maintain contact with our Local Schools and promote inclusion with the wider community. Rainhill Parish Council have worked with Rainhill High and Tower College, creating 2x Youth Ambassadors from both schools.

14. The Chair introduced the Open Forum section:
- Non delivery of the Annual Report was raised and some deliveries were reported to contain leaflets. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council were aware of issues with the delivery and the new firm used this year had not yet been paid due to the non delivery. Copies from tomorrow will be available in the library and next years delivery procedures will be put in place to enable closer monitoring of the delivery.
- Steve Clarke drew attention to the recent issues with ASB within Rainhill and what is the best way to report it. Cllr J Tasker confirmed the recent promotion of the need to report has shown an increase in the number of reports being received leading to a greater police presence. Also confirmed the quickest way was via the Merseyside Police Contact Centre Facebook page which is immediate then either use 101 or 999 or Crimestoppers.
- Cllr Stevenson confirmed a lot is happening pro-actively regarding ASB and working with the police and schools and young person's focus groups to gauge what is required. Neil Thompson confirmed there are football goals left up at AF open space that can be used.

- Steve Clarke felt the whole village needed a clean-up. Pavements required a deep clean. Cllr Stephenson confirmed there was always a form of community clean up happening. Chasing Rainbows recent half term litter picking, the clean up at the Millennium Centre and also at St Anns Churchyard. If the £400k funding that was promised was available more work in the community would be a possibility. The new bins that have appeared recently have appeared with no consultation. All the funding seems to go North of St Helens and not South.

15. Being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Chair, Rainhill Parish Council
19th April 2023



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25th April 2022

Chairman
Rainhill Parish Council
(sent via email)

Dear Sir/Madam

I am pleased to confirm that on 25th April 2022 (following an Interim Internal Audit on 29th November 2022) I undertook a final Internal Audit in respect of Rainhill Parish Council's internal controls for the financial year 2021/22. Acting independently, I have examined the system of internal control by undertaking tests to support the requirements of the. I have taken account of guidance relating to Regulation 5(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Your Clerk, Kathryn Adamson greatly assisted in the conduct of the audit by providing me with all necessary documentation/records.

Based on my examination of your procedures and documentation, I am happy to confirm that the Council's system of internal controls is both effective and adequate for the purpose intended and I have signed the Annual Internal Audit Report section of the AGAR to confirm this.

Yours faithfully

CAROLE BOLTON
RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER/CLERK

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

We acknowledge as the members of:

Rainhill Parish Council
ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, that:

	Agreed			‘Yes’ means that this authority:
	Yes	No*		
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓			<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓			<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓			<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓			<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority’s accounts.</i>
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓			<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓			<i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓			<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓			<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	<i>has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.</i>
			✓	

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each ‘No’ response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

DD/MM/YY

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22 for

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY
Rainhill Parish Council

	Year ending		Notes and guidance	
	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2022 £		
1. Balances brought forward	79	98,419	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.	
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	68,340	68	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.	
3. (+) Total other receipts	3,057	3,638	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.	
4. (-) Staff costs	17,825	20,469	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.	
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).	
6. (-) All other payments	33,976	37,866	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).	
7. (=) Balances carried forward	98,419	112,062	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).	
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	98,419	112,062	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.	
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	177,275	177,919	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.	
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).	
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	N/A	The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
				N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2022 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

DD/MM/YY

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

DD/MM/YY

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

ACCOUNTS 2021/2022

2020/2021		2021/2022	
£	RECEIPTS	£	
68,340.00	Precept	68,340.00	
392.50	Football Pitch Hire	772.00	
710.24	4F Centre Insurance Premium	731.55	
367.98	Other	0.00	
1,586.07	VAT reclaimed	2,134.33	
71,396.79	TOTAL RECEIPTS	71,977.88	71,977.88
	 PAYMENTS		
22,773.51	Administration	25,887.22	
4,179.19	Public Open Spaces	4,615.48	
11,338.29	Village Hall	11,060.99	
8,267.55	Environmental Expenses	5,137.20	
2,773.07	Publicity	1,975.07	
300.00	S137 Payments	7,510.35	
0	Contingency	0	
2,169.33	VAT payable	2,148.30	
51,800.94	TOTAL PAYMENTS	58,334.61	58,334.61
	 CUMULATIVE FUND BALANCE		
78,823.37	Balance Brought Forward at 1/4/2021	98,419.22	
71,396.79	Plus Total Receipts	71,997.88	
150,220.16		170,397.10	
51,800.94	Less Total Payments	58,334.61	
98,419.22	Balance carried forward at 31/3/22	112,062.49	112,062.49

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31/3/22

2020/2021		2021/2022
£		£
nil	A) LONG TERM ASSETS Investments	nil
98,419.22	B) CURRENT ASSETS Cash in Hand	112,062.49
98,419.22	C) TOTAL ASSETS (A+B)	112,062.49
nil	D) CURRENT LIABILITIES	nil
98,419.22	E) NET ASSETS (C-D)	112,062.49
	Represented by:	
56165.82	Fund Balance	50,814.09
42,253.40	Reserves	61,248.40
98,419.22	Total	112,062.49

The above Statement represents fairly the financial position of the Parish Council as at 31st March 2022 and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.

Approved by the Parish Council on

Chair:.....

Responsible Financial Officer:.....

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2021/2022
SUPPORTING NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

1) **ASSETS HELD BY THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

- i. Assets are valued at cost in the Annual Return, in line with most other parish councils. This will be lower than the current value of the assets.
- ii. At the 31st March 2022, the estimated value of the Council's assets was £1,371,922. This valuation is based on replacement costs for Insurance purposes. Significant assets held by the Council and their values include:

Sports Pavilions – Rainhill Park	£248,134
Sports Pavilions – Holt Lane	£295,364
4F Centre building	£847,081

2) **LEASES:**

The Parish Council had the following leases in operation at the close of business on 31st March 2021.

<i>Lessor</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Annual Lease</i>	<i>Year of Expiry</i>
St. Helens MBC	POS Swan Farm	1.00	2055
St. Helens MBC	POS Two Butt Lane	.50	2057
St. Helens MBC	POS Rainhill Park	4.00	2063
St. Helens MBC	POS First Avenue	.50	2057
St. Helens MBC	POS Holt Lane	-	2068
St. Helens MBC	POS Warburton Hey	-	2062
St. Helens MBC	POS King Edward Close	-	2059
Lariche Investments	Village Hall Land	5.00	2032

3) **EARMARKED RESERVES:**

At the 31st March 2020 the Parish Council had the following earmarked reserves.

<i>Earmarked Reserve</i>	<i>Balance at 1/4/2021</i>	<i>Contribution to Reserve</i>	<i>Contribution from Reserve</i>	<i>Balance at 31/3/2022</i>
Development	£42,753.40	£10,000	£0	£52,753.40
Election	£5,495.16	£3,000	£0	£8,495
			Total	£61,248.40

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2020/2021
SUPPORTING NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS
Continued.....

4) SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE:

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 18 of the Local Government Act 2003 enables the Parish Council to spend up to £8.41 per head of population on the electoral role (equivalent to £75,858 in 2021/2022) in any one financial year on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers.

Expenditure was incurred during the 2021/2022 financial year for the following purposes:

Good Citizenship Awards x 2 due to Covid	£599.01
RBL donation, poppies, road closure Donations	£853.99
Christmas Costs	£1761.00
Bleed Kits	£3073.25
Litter Pickers	£810.00
	£295.62
Total	£7392.87

5) ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY:

The following costs for advertising and publicity were incurred during the 2021/2022 financial year.

i)	Publicity	£1,985.57
ii)	Other Advertising	nil

6) PENSIONS:

Payments to the Merseyside Pension Fund are made on behalf of the Council's only employee, the Clerk to the Council / Responsible Financial Officer. Employer contributions were made at the rate of 20.8% of the Clerk's salary for 2021/22.

7) The accounts for the financial year 2021/2022 have been produced according to the 'Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015' and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (18) 'Accounting Policies'.

Rainhill Parish Council
Income 2021-2022

Date	Remitter	Precept	Pitch Hire	Misc Other	TOTAL INCOME	VAT Refund
15-Apr-21	St Helens Council	34170.00			34170.00	
25-May-21	HMRC (VAT 2020/21)				2134.33	2134.33
25-Oct-21	Rainhill Town FC		300.00		300.00	
17-Jun-21	St Helens Council	34170.00			34170.00	
05-Oct-21	Rainhill Rocket JFC		157.00		157.00	
15-Nov-21	4F Insurance			731.55	731.55	
17-Sep-21	Rainhill Town FC		315.00		315.00	
Totals to Date		68340.00	772.00	731.55	71977.88	2134.33

Rainhill Parish Council
Expenditure Apr-Sept 2021

Date	Number	Payee	Details of Payment	Bank Charge	Salary Clerk	Tax / NI	Pension	Admin	POS	Publicity	Village Hall	Cont	Enviro	Rocket 190	Sec 137	VAT	Totals
03-Apr-20	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						82.71								112.58
15-Apr-20	STO	Corona Energy	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						13.29							0.67	13.96
20-Apr-20	DD	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						797.60								797.60
26-Apr-21	TRR488	K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - April		1061.88												1061.88
26-Apr-21	TRR488	K Adamson	Telephone @ £18.99/month					15.83								3.16	18.99
26-Apr-21	TRR488	K Adamson	Domain Renewal					43.99									43.99
26-Apr-21	TRR489	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Apr				324.00										324.00
20-Apr-21	TRR490	St Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground					0.50									0.50
20-Apr-21	TRR491	St Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground					0.50									0.50
20-Apr-21	TRR492	St Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens					1.00									1.00
20-Apr-21	TRR493	St Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park					4.00									4.00
20-Apr-21	TRR494	LDS	Annual Report Distribution							525.00							525.00
20/04/2021	TRR495	Print Centre	Annual Report Printing							1095.00							1095.00
20-Apr-21	TRR496	SH Graphic Design	Annual Report Design							50.00							50.00
20-Apr-21	TRR497	CPRE	Donation												61.00		61.00
20-Apr-21	TRR498	S.L.C.C	Annual Membership					166.00									166.00
20-Apr-21	TRR499	Manor Gardens	Improvements to Dog Park entrance						680.00								680.00
20-Apr-21	TRR500	LALC	NALC & LALC Annual Subscription						1153.18								1153.18
20-May-21	STO	Water Plus	Water-Rainhill Park						82.71								82.71
27-May-21	STO	Corona Energy	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						12.15							0.61	12.76
20-May-21	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						145.00								145.00
26-May-21	TRR501	K Adamson	Telephone @ £18.99/month					15.83								3.16	18.99
26-May-21	TRR501	K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - May		1063.08												1063.08
26-May-21	TRR501	K Adamson	Printing march meeting					3.20								0.64	3.84
26-May-21	TRR501	K Adamson	CHCA Registration						410.00								410.00
26-May-21	TRR501	K Adamson	repayment of overpayment to clerk for domain renewal					-0.83									-0.83
26-May-21	TRR502	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - May				324.00										324.00
16-Jun-21	STO	Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields						30.23								30.23
25-Jun-20	STO	Corona Energy	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						11.96							0.60	12.56
18-Jun-21	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						145.00								145.00
18-Jun-21	STO	Water Plus	Rainhill Park						82.71								82.71
26-Jun-21	TRR503	K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - Jun		1063.08												1063.08
26-Jun-21	TRR503	K Adamson	Telephone @ £18.99/month					15.83								3.16	18.99
26-Jun-21	TRR503	K Adamson	Replacement Noticeboard Keys x 2							10.50							10.50
26-Jun-21	TRR503	K Adamson	Printer Inks					12.82								2.56	15.38
30-Jun-21	TRR504	HMFC	Tax & NI (Apr - Jun)														453.36
26-Jun-21	TRR505	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - June				324.00										324.00
30-Jun-21	DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges				18.00										18.00
05-Jul-21	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						82.71								82.71
25-Jul-21	STO	Corona Energy	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						11.96							0.59	12.55
20-Jul-21	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						145.00								145.00
26-Jul-21	TRR506	K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - July		1063.08												1063.08
26-Jul-20	TRR506	K Adamson	Telephone @ £18.99/month					15.83								3.16	18.99
26-Jul-20	TRR506	K Adamson	Printing June meeting					7.00									7.00
26-Jul-21	TRR507	Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - July				324.00										324.00
26-Jul-21	TRR508	Boujee Card Creations	Charts Expenses					17.50									17.50
26-Jul-21	TRR509	St Helens Council	Barrier Baskets 2021 - 2022										4113.20			822.64	4935.84
27-Jul-21	TRR513	Forget Me Not	Charts Expenses					35.00									35.00
05-Aug-21	DD	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						72.48								72.48
05-Aug-21	DD	Water Plus	Water-Holt Playing Fields						20.45								22.94
25-Aug-21	STO	Corona	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields						22.77							1.14	23.91

Rainhill Parish Council
Expenditure Apr-Sept 2021

Date	Number	Payee	Details of Payment	Bank Charge	Salary Clerk	Tax / NI	Pension	Admin	POS	Publicity	Village Hall	Cont	Enviro	Rockett 190	Sac 137	VAT	Totals
20-Aug-21	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						60.00								60.00
26-Aug-21	TFR510	K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - Aug		1063.08												1063.08
26-Aug-21	TFR510	K Adamson	Telephone @ £18.99/month					15.83								3.16	18.99
26-Aug-21	TFR511	Meresyde Pension Fund	LGPS - Aug				324.00										324.00
09-Aug-21	TFR512	Newwise	Upgrade & Support & Maintenance for 2021&2022							305.07						61.01	366.08
01-Sep-21	STO	Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park						72.48								72.48
20-Sep-21	DD	Corona	Electricity-Holt Playing Fields						15.55								15.55
20-Sep-21	STO	Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park						60.00								60.00
26-Sep-21	TFR514	K Adamson	Clerk's Salary - Sept less tax, NI & Pens Ded)		1063.08												1063.08
26-Sep-21	TFR514	K Adamson	Telephone @ £18.99/month					15.83								3.16	18.99
26-Sep-21	TFR514	K Adamson	Printing Parish Meeting					4.40									4.40
26-Sep-21	TFR514	K Adamson	Good Citizenship Awards Table coverings												16.82	3.33	19.95
28-Sep-21	TFR515	Meresyde Pension Fund	LGPS - Sep				324.00										324.00
14-Sep-21	TFR4517	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal Premium					1690.73									1690.73
30-Sep-21	TFR516	HMRC	Tax & NI (Jul - Sep)			452.16											452.16
30-Sep-21	DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00													18.00

BANK ACCOUNTS / BANK RECONCILIATION

BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 Mar 2022:-

BALANCE B/F:	98419.22	CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	76062.49
plus		plus	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	71977.88	ALTO CARD	0.00
less		less	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	58334.61	UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	0.00
BALANCE c/f	<u>112062.49</u>		<u>76062.49</u>

Meeting held on 09 May 2022

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Chairman