

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			
		810.00	TFR545
North West Medical Solutions	9x bleed kits		
	Christmas Tree, Lights & Call out 3073.25 + VAT 614.65		TFR547
St Helens Council		3687.90	
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	364.86	TFR555
	Changed due to national award	371.25	
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 changed again to 255 +51vat 306.00	306.00	TFR560

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EWS Colour Print	Printing of Annual Report	1150.00	TFR561
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.

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The update was noted and external company cost agreed.

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

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20.848 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

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 Fellows 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.

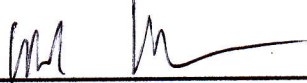
20.850 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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
9th May 2022