

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
9th May 2022

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 9th May 2022 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: G. Barker, S. Barlow, I. Brown, D. Greaves, D. Hendrick, A.V Howitt, S. Rutherford, M. Jones, J. Tasker, K. Stevenson, J. Woodhouse, , W. Williams (Chair).

5 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:

A member of the public congratulated the members for being successful in the elections. The member of the public raised the issue of the dropping of the speed limit on the linkway and if the Parish Council would support the safe crossings campaign. The Chair confirmed he would request it be added to the next agenda.

A member of the public raised concern for keeping the library open and stated concern over its possible closure. A group use to regularly meet for refreshments. The Parish Council will get further information and look at how it could support it starting up again. The Chair stressed the Parish Council are committed to opposing any closure of the library.

The meeting was recommenced.

20.851 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: G. Ward, A. Daniels.

20.852 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2 declarations of interest were made for item 16 from Cllrs Greaves & Williams.

20.853 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th March 2022

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

20.854 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

To receive the police reports for February & March

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

20.855 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

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

20.856 TO CONSIDER 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

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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 undertook

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 noted the actions taken.

20.857 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
Water Plus	Water- Holt Playing Fields	24.57	DD
Corona	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	123.23	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
	B&Q – cable ties	29.03	
	Banners	51.95	

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Total		60.00 355.48	
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	60.00	TFR573
K Adamson	Litter Hoops	242.70	TFR574
G S Leaflets	Annual Report Distribution (This replaces the amount identified in March minutes due to a reduction)	306.00	TFR560

It was resolved that the items were approved for payment.

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

Information noted.

20.858 TO APPROVE TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/22

Resolved that the Annual Governance Statement be approved for signing by the Chair on behalf of the Council.

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

It was resolved that the accounts presented by the Clerk, having been scrutinised by internal audit, be approved and that the Annual Accounting Statement be signed by the Chair and Clerk on behalf of the Council, and the Bank Reconciliation be approved for signing by the Chair.

20.860 TO CONSIDER UNDERTAKING A TOUR OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

9th June 2022 at 7pm to meet at Holt Open Space

The Council resolved to undertake a tour of the open spaces.

20.861 TO CONSIDER PAYMENT FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW

Delivery was discussed by the members and the clerk confirmed a further discount had been given. The members agreed not to use the company again and to look at various different delivery options next year.

The Council resolved to pay the delivery company

20.862 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Barker confirmed there are various celebrations being planned, Children's party to be held at the village hall and a concert to be held at the ex-services club. A poster has been created to be displayed around the village promoting a fancy dress day on Friday 3rd June. It will begin from 12 noon up to midnight to encourage people to dress up and come into the village and visit the businesses. A clean up event will be required and can run through the 27th, 28th and 29th May. £250.00 has so far been spent on bunting and flags and Cllr Barker suggested starting to

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

Cllr Stevenson and Woodhouse reported the match funding report has now been completed and they now will be compiling a business plan, researching and a consultation process looking at funding requirements and a possible sports cage. It has provided information on both open and closed funds. A mental health survey is also planned to be distributed to schools. Cllr Stevenson requested for Cllr Tasker to provide a balance on S106 monies available.

The update was noted.

20.864 TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A SAIL SHELTER IN AN OPEN SPACE

Cllr Stevenson reported quotes vary greatly between £5K to £8K. Also the police have confirmed when sheltering from the weather young people often congregate in the hot spots of the village.

The discussion confirmed for Cllr Stevenson to provide various quotes and additional information for the next agenda.

20.865 TO CONSIDER THE UPKEEP OF THE RED TELEPHONE BOX

The members confirmed they wished to keep the telephone box. Cllr Greaves & Barlow will research what other Parish Councils have used theirs for and for it to be added to next agenda.

It was resolved to add as an agenda item at next meeting.

Cllr Greaves and Williams left the room

20.866 TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM St BARTHOLOMEWS

The members all voted in favour of supporting the set up an indoor recycling station for the children to use.

Resolved to award the requested grant of £400.

20.867 TO DISCUSS AN ANTI SOCIAL CRIME CAMPAGIN AND ITS REPORTING

Members discussed recent ASB in the village. Cllr Stevenson to confirm with PCSO the position of taking photos to then forward onto the schools. The reporting campaign has had a positive reduction. The Clerk to forward Cllr Howitts photos of young people on the roof in Dane Court to the management for Dane Court.

Resolved to add the production of stickers to the next agenda.

20.868 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted. Cllr Ward reported a residents complaint regarding the 4F and its opening hours and users should only be children. The agreement between the Parish Council (who own the building) and the 4F does not limit its hours and service users. The Chair at the time (Cllr Williams) has liaised with the 4F who have made the service users aware to be courteous to the residents regarding noise. The issue of parking to be added to the next agenda.

Also received complaint regarding weeds on Skew Bridge. This can be targeted in next village clean up.

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The 1st Market has been confirmed to be taking place on the 1st Saturday of June 9.30am to 3.30pm. Stall uptake has been positive. Cllr Tasker will look into the possible future costs.

20.869 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- a) Public Open Spaces
A meeting has taken place with Rockets & Rainhill Town to look at possible 25 yr lease to enable more funding to address the long standing problem with parking and to be able to extend the parking and new changing facilities.
- b) Village Hall Management Committee
AGM is booked to take place on 17th May 2022. Cllr Stevenson will attend. The Chair sourced an office printer & stacking chairs from a organisation closing down and with the help of Cllr Hendrick picked them up and delivered them to the hall.
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
Nothing to report
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
Nothing to report
- e) Rainhill Gala
Nothing to report
- f) 4F Centre
Regular monthly meetings continue to take place. There might be necessary building repairs required in the future and it will continue to be monitored. Groups are starting to build back up again. Very positive working relationship. New desk and chair now in place with lockers being sourced by the Chair of the Parish Council and delivered with the help of Cllr Hendrick.

The updates were noted.

20.870 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Community Garden – King Edward Close, Sail Shelter in open space, Phone Box, First Aid, Anti Social Campaign/ reporting crime stickers, parking near to dog park, tea/coffee sessions for library group.

20.871 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the Ordinary Parish Meeting will be on 13th June 2022 starting at 7.30pm the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm



Chair of the Parish Council
13th June 2022