

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**25<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: G. Barker, I. Brown, A. Daniels, A.V Howitt, S. Rutherford, M. Jones, K. Stevenson, J. Tasker, J. Woodhouse, G. Ward (Chair).

1 member 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:

They felt the Village Hall was not getting a mention within the minutes of Parish Council minutes when compared to the 4F Centre.

The Chair has asked the Parish Council village hall representatives to liaise with the Village Hall at their meetings to ensure full feedback can be given.

The meeting was recommenced.

**20.895 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: S. Barlow, D. Hendrick, D. Greaves, W. Williams.

The Chair conveyed the Members wishes of a speedy recovery to Cllr D Hendrick following his recent accident and long stay in hospital.

**20.896 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made

**20.897 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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

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

To receive the police reports for June 2022. Chair noted the 0 ASB in June. The work between the Councillors and the schools, police & CCTV monitoring suite has been ongoing and productive. The recent ECO garden incident was not included in the report and has been questioned at a recent pub watch meeting and the police have confirmed why it has not been included will be looked into.

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

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

The Clerk confirmed item 5a a donation from Rainhill Hall has now been received. 6f is now included as Election Charges for the costs of running the Parish Elections in May 2022 have now been received. The Costs reflect the running of the election although the Parish Council will not be charged for any room or hall keeping services for the verification and counting of votes on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Cost has been included in the table of payments for authorisation.

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



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**20.900 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/2022/0363/COT Trimming of 2no holly bushes in conservation area. 1 Lawton Road  
P/2022/0366/HHFP Demolition of the detached garage and erection of single storey extensions to the front and side with additional glazing, new render, brickwork and solar panels to all elevations. 13 The Meadows  
P/2022/0375/CLP Certificate of lawfulness for proposed demolition of existing conservatory with replacement single storey rear extension. 18 Alness Drive  
P/2022/0398/TPO Works to various trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order. 19 And 21 View Road  
P/2022/0412/S73 Modification of condition 6 on approval P/2021/0228/HHFP to amend the tree root protection system. Wylde Cop Mill Lane  
P/2022/0415/S73 Removal/variation of condition 2 on approval P/2020/0789/FUL. Replace approved plans and elevations with revised plans as well as 'setting out' plan Land To Rear Of 533 Warrington Road

Comments/objections have been submitted on the following applications

**The Council noted the actions taken.**

**20.901 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>JULY</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
K Adamson	Telephone 15.83 + 3.16 vat	18.99	
	Salary - July (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1199.24	
	Copier Paper	4.00	
	Total	1222.23	TFR582
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – July	371.25	TFR583
Water Plus	Water – Albert Fellowes	72.48	DD
Corona	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	24.71	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	60.00	DD
James Tasker	Market Flyers	95.00	TFR584
St Helens Council	Election Costs May 2022	6321.72	TFR588
<b>AUGUST</b>			
K Adamson	Telephone 15.83 + 3.16 vat	18.99	
	Salary - August (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1199.26	
	Total	1218.13	TFR585
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – August	371.25	TFR586
Water Plus	Water – Albert Fellowes	92.16	DD
Corona	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	24.91	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	60.00	DD
Netwise	Website Package Hosting, Support and Maintenance - (05/08/2022-04/08/2023) 250.00 + 50.00 VAT	300.00	TFR587
<b>S.137 Payments</b>			

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**It was resolved that the items were approved for payment.**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>June 2022</b>		
St Helens Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> Precept Payment	34,170
<b>July 2022</b>		
Rainhill Hall	Donation towards wildflower planting	100.00

**Information noted.**

**20.902 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

The quarterly budget report and bank reconciliation were approved.

**It was resolved for the Chair to sign the bank reconciliation.**

**20.903 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE LIBRARY**

Cllr Stevenson reported there was nothing to report now due to not receiving information relating to 17 questions that had been asked to St Helens Council. Questions included how it could be run as a community-based project, what happens to the contents and would request to see 4 years of accounts for the library. As of the Parish Council meeting no replies had been received. Cllr Stevenson confirmed all the information had been strongly and repeatedly requested and it will be escalated if necessary. Cllr Stevenson confirmed there is an implication the St Helens Council decision making is flawed with incorrect information. As budgets have already been set for the year the question is asked why is the library set to close in October. It was confirmed the Civic Society has written to Central Government and Cllr Woodhouse has written to the Arts Council. Posters are being designed for window display. Cllr Howitt passed on the extreme concern being shown from all ages and community groups. Cllr Stevenson reported the St Helens Council leader as confirming the decision will not be reversed and to stop emailing. There is a meeting scheduled to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and the information requested was promised before the meeting – This has not been produced.

It has not been confirmed who owns the Railway Carriage but the contents of the Carriage do belong to Railway & Heritage with the exception of a few items on loan to them. The use of asset transfer was discussed. Cllr Stevenson & Woodhouse have been meeting with local groups to give updates. Cllr Howitt commented the timescales given by St Helens Council have been totally unrealistic.

**The information was noted**

**20.904 TO CONSIDER NEW COUNCILLORS & CLERKS -A WHISTLE STOP TOUR OF POWERS & RESPONSIBILITIES COURSE**

The 2 hour LALC online course is designed for new Councillors and Clerks. It describes the role of the Parish Council, its powers, responsibilities and purpose.

**The Council resolved to let the Clerk know by the end of the 26<sup>th</sup> July if they wish to attend.**

**20.905 TO CONSIDER A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT KING EDWARD CLOSE**

Cllr Daniels and Cllr Greaves had visited a community allotment in Parr. It would be necessary to set up a CIC community group to allow more funding to be accessed. More visits are required to look at other community gardens. The ownership of the land needs to be confirmed. The Clerk has contacted Estates manager at St Helens Council on numerous occasions and has had no reply. The Clerk will chase for an answer.

**The Council noted the information.**

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**20.906 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING FUNDING SIGNPOSTING AS REQUIRED**

Cllrs Woodhouse and Stevenson are able to provide funding information to various groups within the community. Cllr Howitt conveyed thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Cllr Stevenson & Woodhouse for all their hard work.

**Resolved the information would be given as and where required to community groups.**

**20.907 UPDATE TO BE GIVEN ON THE UPKEEP OF THE RED TELEPHONE BOX**

Cllr Jones gave an overview of an organisation Community Heartbeat – a dedicated 999 box – it holds various equipment and provides the electricity for 7 years free. Cllrs Jones stated it was another idea to add to the previous suggestions and he will forward more detailed information to the Councillors.

**Resolved for the item to be included on the next agenda.**

**20.908 TO DISCUSS THE PRODUCTION OF STICKERS TO SUPPORT ANTI SOCIAL CRIME CAMPAIGN AND ITS REPORTING**

Councillors agreed during Spring and Summer ASB sometimes sees a reduction. Quotes and artwork are required from Cllr Williams.

**Resolved for it to be included on the next agenda.**

**20.909 TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF FIRST AID TRAINING FOR BUSINESSES AND THE COMMUNITY**

Cllr Daniels provided an overview of what could be provided. Costs are £250 for a 2 hour session for up to 50. Cllr Daniels confirmed it should be available for members of the community along with businesses.

**Resolved for Cllr Daniels to provide an idea of interested numbers at next meeting.**

**20.910 TO DISCUSS THE WORKING GROUP FOR ROCKET 200**

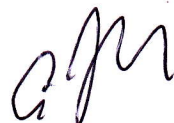
Cllr Barker confirmed the need for all the various agencies to come together to enable the event to grow. A meeting to take place between some of the Parish Councillors, Railway Heritage and Model Railway groups to start with. Clerk to send invites and book room.

**Resolved to continue the liaising with the various agencies to move forward with the organisation of Rocket 200.**

**20.911 TO CONSIDER A COMMEMORATION/ CELEBRATION OF OUR TWINNING WITH LATOUR EN WOEVRE**

Councillor Howitt gave a historical overview of the twinning and suggested a 10 minute service take place with the Rainhill Parish Council, Royal British Legion, Civic Society, and St Anns Church on the 20<sup>th</sup> September ( the date the twinning was signed) with the French Flag being flown on one of the flagpoles at the war memorial.

**Resolved for Cllr Howitt to gain a quote and purchase a French flag.**



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**20.912 TO CONSIDER QUOTE FOR CLEANING AND REPAIR OF THE WAR MEMORIAL**

The quote was discussed for the cleaning and repair of the war memorial. As the company has been previously used and has a positive reputation for working on war memorials and was last cleaned in 2017 the quote for £2881.75 ex VAT was accepted.

**Resolved the quote be accepted and works to be completed before Remembrance Day.**

**20.913 UPDATE TO BE PROVIDED ON BRIERS HALL MEETING – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Cllr Tasker, Howitt & Brown visited Briers Hall and confirmed works being completed are in line with the prior applications. The Company has kept to their word with the upstairs being used as offices.

6 apartments are to be completed by January 2023 and the grounds are being well maintained.

**The update was noted.**

**20.914 TO DISCUSS LITTER ISSUE AT ELGIN COURT**

Cllr Jones reported making a site visit and spoke to individuals concerned. It was reported the bins are being emptied but residents are using the bin for their own black bin bag rubbish so filling them up quickly.

**Resolved Cllr Tasker to contact St Helens Council to look at possible solutions.**

**20.915 TO CONSIDER GRANT REQUEST FROM LONGTON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Request for part funding of two banners with a reminder about the zig zags and a set of 6 Buddy pavement signs to place along the two sets of zig zags outside school to stop cars from parking there. Councillors discussed how other schools have used the same deterrent and how much of a positive effect it has had.

**Resolved by all Councillors to agree to the part funding grant application**

**20.916 TO CONSIDER MOVING THE BENCHES IN THE CENTRE OF RAINHILL**

Councillors discussed the issues with the benches in their present location and if moving them would have any impact.

**Resolved Cllr Tasker & Greaves to confirm the areas available for them to be moved to and impact on CCTV**

**20.917 TO CONSIDER A SERVICE TO MARK MERCHANT NAVY DAY**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 has been confirmed as Merchant Navy Day to fly the red ensign. Time possibly later to not clash with market.

**Resolved for Clerk to liaise with St Anns regarding ceremony**

**20.918 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted.  
Many thanks to the Village Hall for cutting back the Willow Tree to enable the parking spaces underneath to be used.  
Cllr Daniels reported a complaint regarding overgrown vegetation at the Pack Horse Bridge. Suggested payback teams to be contacted.

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Awaiting information from Football teams regarding Holt Lane possible car park extension.

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

- a) Public Open Spaces  
Nothing to report
- b) Village Hall Management Committee  
New sign has now been purchased and will hopefully be installed this week. With the recent absence of the Office Manager wish to acknowledge the excellent service both Maria & Chris have continued to provide. The Committee have requested the possibility of providing easier to understand accounts. Works on toilets and kitchens are the next main priority. Groups are beginning to return but unfortunately luncheon ladies are struggling with volunteers and dwindling numbers attending. The Village Hall has withdrawn from Community Facebook due to having issues of getting online. Next meeting is to take place 13<sup>th</sup> September.
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society  
Have reported they are concerned with activity for Rocket 200. Cllr Barker confirmed meeting is due to happen at beginning of September. The Parish Council wish to convey their sincere condolences to Chris Tigwell on the passing of his Wife.
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils  
Nothing to report
- e) Rainhill Gala  
Meeting is to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> July to discuss future.
- f) 4F Centre  
Regular monthly meetings continue to take place with the centre being run very successful. An offer to paint the inside has been received.
- g) Monthly Market  
2 markets have now been held with the 3<sup>rd</sup> being held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August. Inside is full with a few available outside. Fruit & Veg is still proving difficult to arrange. Charges from St Helens Council will rise from September and a meeting between the stalls and organisers will take place to discuss future.

The updates were noted.

**20.920 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Community Garden – King Edward Close, Phone Box, First Aid, Anti Social Campaign/ reporting crime stickers, Litter – Elgin Court, 200 Trials, Merseyforest, Skew Bridge/Payback Scarecrow Festival, Delivery of Annual Reports.

**20.921 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the Ordinary Parish Meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 starting at 7.30pm the venue being Rainhill Village Hall and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

The meeting closed at 9.26pm



Chair of the Parish Council  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2022