

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
21st September 2022

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 21st September 2022 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: S. Barlow, I. Brown, D. Greaves, S. Rutherford, K. Stevenson, J. Tasker, J. Woodhouse, G. Ward (Chair), W. Williams.

6 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:

They wanted to discuss a matter regarding what had happened in a public house on the previous Saturday.

The Chair informed the member of the public this was not the platform to do it and the individual involved could put it in writing to the Clerk.

The meeting was recommenced.

20.922 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

20.923 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: G. Barker, A. Daniels, A.V Howitt, D. Hendrick, M. Jones.

The Chair gave an update on the recovery of Cllr Hendrick which seems to be moving in a positive direction.

20.924 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th July 2022

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

20.925 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

To receive the police reports for July & August 2022. Chair noted the stats okay for July but the August ASB could become an issue. Cllr Tasker asked if cameras could be installed within Dane Court and Cllr Ward confirmed it was in discussion with the management company but broadband is a current issue but is currently being addressed. Cllr Tasker will discuss the issues with PCSO.

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

20.926 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

Cllr Tasker confirmed he will be emergency point of contact for the Clerks annual leave. The Clerk confirmed item 5.f pay back projects that dates have now been received and a meeting will take place.

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



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20.927 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/2022/0449/HHPA Prior approval for a single storey rear extension projecting 4.6m from the rear, 3.36m max height and 2.45m at the eaves. 5 Marian Drive
P/2022/0455/CLP Change of use from dwelling (C3) to Childrens Home (C2) for 1no young person. 96 Sandhurst Road
P/2022/0415/S73 Removal/variation of condition 2 on approval P/2020/0789/FUL. Replace approved plans and elevations with revised plans to show additional balconies and new window locations, as well as 'setting out' plan Land To Rear Of 533 Warrington Road
P/2022/0479/HHFP Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension. 19 Ansdell Villas Road
P/2022/0493/COT Works to various trees within a conservation area 546 Warrington Road
P/2022/0495/HHFP Two storey front and two storey rear extensions with single storey rear extension 26 The Meadows
P/2022/0524/HHFP Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. 587 Warrington Road
P/2022/0546/COT Works to 2no holly trees in conservation area. 1 Lawton Road
P/2022/0554/HHFP Erection of a single storey rear extension, two storey side extension following demolition of the existing single storey side extension, and alterations to the existing bay window. 156 Rainhill Road
P/2022/0560/COT Works to 2no trees in a conservation area (T1 - Lime and T2 - Goat Willow). 37 St James Road
P/2022/0576/HHFP Extension to front of garage, new ensuite to rear and change garage roof from flat to pitched. 2 Eden Close
P/2022/0580/FUL Siting of 2no. maintenance cabins, a polytunnel for gardening and erection of a timber fence Briars Hey Residential Home Mill Lane

Comments/objections have been submitted on the following applications

The Council noted the actions taken.

20.928 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

SEPTEMBER			
Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
K Adamson	Telephone 15.83 + 3.16 vat	18.99	
	Salary - September (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1199.26	
	owed 2p for July as paid 1199.24 should be 1199.26	0.02	
	owed 12p for August as total pay should have been 1218.25 but paid 1218.13	0.12	
	Mileage June-September	98.65	
	French Flag 2.97+0.60 vat	3.57	
	Total	1,320.61	TFR589
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – July	371.25	TFR590
Water Plus	Water – Albert Fellowes	92.16	DD
Water Plus	Water – Holt Playing Fields (quarterly)347.76+41.26 VAT	389.02	DD



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Corona	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	25.90	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	60.00	DD
Village Hall	Room Hire for Residents Library Meeting	48.75	TFR591
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal Premium 2022/2023	1807.19	TFR592
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit 2021/2022 300.00 + 60.00 VAT	360.00	TFR593
HMRC	Tax & NI (July – September)	634.32	TFR594
Stone Central	Cleaning & Repairs to War Memorial 2,881.75 + 576.35 VAT	3,458.10	TFR595
LALC	Cllr Training	35.00	TFR597
Unity Trust	Bank Charges (July-September)	18.00	DD
S.137 Payments			
Longton Lane Primary School	Donation for Road Safety initiatives	578.00	TFR596

It was resolved that the items were approved for payment.

INCOME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
AUGUST		
Rainhill Town	1 st /3 instalments pitch hire 2022/2023	329.00
Rainhill Rocket	Pitch Hire 2022/2023	361.00

Information noted.

20.929 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE LIBRARY

Cllr Stevenson reported work is continually going on behind the scenes and dual tracking plans are in place and ongoing.

The information was noted

5 members of the public left the meeting

20.930 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON ST HELENS COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Cllr Tasker attended a St Helens Council meeting. It mainly covered Newton. The Cllrs discussed the possibility of requesting some of the old boundaries back.

The Council resolved representation will attend the meeting being held on 22.09.22 at the Town Hall.

20.931 TO CONSIDER A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT KING EDWARD CLOSE

Discussion was had regarding ownership and the residents wish if the land was to be progressed. A consultation exercise will be carried out before any decisions are made to move forward on the proposals.

The Council agreed due to the timing of the year to add the item to the January meeting.

20.932 UPDATE TO BE GIVEN ON THE UPKEEP OF THE RED TELEPHONE BOX

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Cllr Barlow confirmed ideas still being researched. Royal Mail are currently looking at possibilities of changing telephone boxes into post boxes. Cllr Barlow will research the contact and pass details for Clerk to make contact and further information. Cllr Williams raised concerns over the lock being broke and he is willing to source a lock and fit to make it secure.

Resolved for Cllr Williams to purchase a lock and as and when further information available for it to be included on a future agenda

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

Councillors agreed to the production of stickers to be displayed in windows at a cost of £60. Cllr Williams to order the stickers from previous quotes.

Resolved for stickers to be printed.

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

The Clerk confirmed there had been over 30 confirmations for a wish to participants. Costs are £250 for a 2 hour session for up to 50. Possible dates to be identified as an evening course. Room to be identified and then publicised.

Resolved for Clerk to liaise with Cllr Daniels to provide.

20.935 TO DISCUSS THE WORKING GROUP FOR ROCKET 200

Clerk confirmed a recent meeting took place on 5th September and it was very much a brainstorming event and wish list. Suggested date has been over the Bank Holiday of May 2029. It will be ongoing up until the event takes place.

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

20.936 TO CONSIDER OPTION TO OPT OUT OF THE SAAA CENTRAL EXTERNAL AUDITOR APPOINTMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The members agreed to opt in

Resolved no further actions are required.

20.937 TO APPROVE THE AUDITED ANNUAL RETURN

The Audited Annual Return was published it for 14 days and commenced on the 14th August 2022. Payment included in the above table.

Resolved the Annual Return is approved and authorised payment.

20.938 TO CONSIDER ACTIONS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE.

Service confirmed as Sunday 13th November. Clerk to liaise with Rev Alan for the service. Cllr Stevenson confirmed happy to read/speak at service. Clerk to liaise with RBL and order 2 Wreaths – One to be paid for by RPC and a donation total cost £50.00 and One for Ward Councillors. Cllr Tasker to liaise with RBL for list to be compiled of groups laying wreaths. Rainhill Rotary to be requested to provide the speakers for the ceremony. St Helens Council have informed the Clerk it will be the responsibility of the Parish Council to liaise with the traffic

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management companies the Clerk has had 2 quotes. The members confirmed to proceed with the quote £680.00

The Members noted the actions.

20.939 TO DISCUSS LITTER ISSUE AT ELGIN COURT

Cllr Tasker confirmed both bins have been replaced but residents are still using them for household rubbish.

Resolved to continue to monitor and also highlight on social media.

20.940 TO DISCUSS RAINHILL STATION ENTRANCE ON TASKER TERRACE

Cllr Tasker received an email regarding how untidy the area is. Discussions included the possibility of artwork/ mural / Rocket theme. Cllr Woodhouse to contact Network Rail regarding permission for wall to be used. Cllr Stevenson to contact Rainhill High School for possible involvement. Cllr Tasker to contact Highways. Cllr Williams to contact the artist who recently completed artworks within Dane Court.

Resolved to research possible artworks

20.941 TO DISCUSS THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Members discussed the scarecrow festival.

Resolved for the RPC to enter a scarecrow

20.942 TO DISCUSS THE DELIVERY OF ANNUAL REPORTS IN 2023

Members discussed the delivery of the reports and the issues over previous years.

Resolved by the members to deliver the reports themselves.

20.943 TO DISCUSS A PARTNERSHIP WITH MERSEYFOREST

Cllr Brown discussed the previous plans and suggested contacting Merseyforest again to look at the possibility of a new plan being drawn up.

Resolved for the Clerk to email Merseyforest and cc Cllr Brown into the email.

20.944 TO CONSIDER MOVING THE BENCHES IN THE CENTRE OF RAINHILL

Cllr Tasker confirmed they can be moved further to the road but still require CCTV confirmation.

Resolved Cllr Tasker & Ward to liaise with CCTV operatives

20.945 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON BROADBAND

Cllr Ward confirmed Dane Court is now cabled up for fibre and the infra structure complete and the wait for it going live is probably down to the equipment exchange. Confirmed also Mill Lane and Blundles Lane will have more works completed over the next few weeks.

Members noted the update.



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20.946 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Alongside the items identified in the agenda - Parking issues at Sandhurst, Holt Lane and Chatsworth had been reported. Cllr Tasker contacted parking services and PCNs were then issued to offending vehicles.

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda and report and meeting be noted.

20.947 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- a) Public Open Spaces
Nothing to report
- b) Village Hall Management Committee
Meeting took place on 13th September. Question was asked regarding the possible relocation of the Railway Carriage. It was explained The land to the west which includes half the hall, the grass with the willow tree on etc., was gifted to the PC, the land to the east adjacent to skew bridge/Warrington Road is leased. The Parish Council are custodians for the Village Hall. A request has been made to have the RPC committee members made Trustees to enable more participation and support.
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
Cllr Ward attended recent meeting and updated the Society regarding the library. The Society passed on their thanks to the Councillors for all the work they are doing for the library and Railway Carriage.
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
Nothing to report
- e) Rainhill Gala
Meeting is to taking place tonight – Cllr Daniels is attending so unable to report.
- f) 4F Centre
Regular monthly meetings continue to take place with the centre being run very successful. Next meeting 6th October.
- g) Monthly Market
Now on hold until New Year with a possible Easter start date. Look at a possible date change due to it clashing with Prescott market day. A meeting will take place at the end of year with interested stall holders.

The updates were noted.


20.948 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Christmas Tree Switch on – Date has been confirmed as Sunday 27th November 2022. Phone Box, First Aid, Skew Bridge/Payback

20.949 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the Ordinary Parish Meeting will be on 10th October 2022 starting at 7.30pm the venue being Rainhill Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10pm


Chair of the Parish Council
10th October 2022