

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: G. Ward, (Chair), I. Brown, A. Daniels, D. Hendrick, S. Rutherford, , J. Tasker, J. Woodhouse.

0 members of the public were present.

**20.966 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made

**20.967 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: S. Barlow, G. Barker, D. Greaves, A.V Howitt, M. Jones, K. Stevenson, W. Williams.

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

To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

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

To receive the police reports for October & November. Chair noted the ASB down on both months.

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

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

The Chair thanked all concerned for the very successful Christmas light switch on.  
**It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted.**

**20.971 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/2022/0692/HHFP Part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension. 31 Stephenson Grove
- P/2022/0694/HHFP Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey rear extension 18 Alness Drive
- P/2022/0698/CLP Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of single storey side extension 12 Dorgan Close
- P/2022/0700/HHPA Single storey rear extension projecting 5.4m from the rear, 3m high overall and 2.55m to the eaves 7A Owen Road
- P/2022/0701/FUL Change of use from dwelling (C3) to Childrens Home (C2) for 1 no young person 96 Sandhurst Road
- P/2022/0728/HHFP Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. 60 Ashton Avenue
- P/2022/0741/HHFP Single storey side extension linking into existing detached garage which is to be converted to a habitable room. 76 School Lane
- P/2022/0754/HHFP Two storey front and rear extension, with single storey rear extension. 26 The Meadows
- P/2022/0786/FUL Erection of a 2.4m high paladin fencing St Bartholomews Catholic Primary School School Lane
- P/2022/0787/HHFP Retention of outbuilding for home working use. 118 Holt Lane



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P/2022/0798/HHFP External insulation system on property with white-coloured rendering. 23 St Davids Close  
P/2022/0799/HHFP Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, alterations to the existing front elevation incorporating 2no dormer windows, 2no bow windows, 1no bullseye window, and materials, detached garage, and a replacement 1.8m front boundary wall and gates. 103 Rainhill Road  
P/2022/0804/HHFP Single storey side extension, partial garage conversion and new roof, along with double fronted driveway and extended drop kerb. 6 Oakston Avenue

Comments/objections have been submitted on the following applications

P/2022/0715/FUL Erection of a convenience store with parking, landscaping and associated infrastructure. Land And Passageway Between 637 And 639 Warrington Road

The Council noted the actions taken.

**20.972 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REFERENCE
<b>December 2022</b>			
Water Plus	Water – Albert Fellowes 76.80 + 15.36 vat	92.16	DD
Water Plus	Water – Holt 34.54+ 4.09 VAT	38.63	DD
Corona	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	TBC	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park 504.65+26.57vat	531.22	DD
K Adamson	Clerks Salary December included 9 months backpay(April-Nov) due to local government pay award	2037.87	TFR607
	Telephone (15.83 + 3.16 vat)	18.99	
	Mileage End of September – Dec	76.05	
	Printer Ink 7.25 + 1.45 VAT	8.70	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2141.61</b>	
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – December	394.32	TFR608
HMRC	TAX & NI for October -December	649.45	TFR609
Unity Trust	Bank Charges	18.00	SO
<b>S.137 Payment</b>			
St Bartholomews School	Donation Christmas Lights Switch On	100.00	TFR610
Rotary Club Rainhill	Donation Christmas Lights Switch On	100.00	TFR611
Rainhill Luncheon Club	Donation	300.00	TFR606

It was resolved that the items were approved for payment.

INCOME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT

Information noted.

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**20.973 TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEMS AND CONTROLS AND APPOINT AN AUDITOR**

Resolved that the Council has considered the 'review of effectiveness' and has not identified any concerns arising from this. The Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Controls, and Testing of Key Internal Controls documents are approved. The Council appointed Hazel Broatch to undertake internal audit for 2022/23.

**20.974 TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF AN OUTDOOR WASHING FACILITY**

Members agreed to adjourn until next meeting.

**20.975 TO CONSIDER THE RECENT ST HELENS COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW CONSULTATION**

Resolved for Cllr Tasker to forward a paragraph to the Clerk to submit via email.

**20.976 TO CONSIDER THE BT PHONE BOX**

Resolved members to agree a recommendation at the next meeting.

**20.977 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A GRANT FROM RAINHILL HI NOTES MINIS & RAINHILL HI NOTES COMMUNITY CHOIR.**

Members agreed to award a £300 grant

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

- a) **Public Open Spaces**  
Cllr Tasker confirmed a meeting is being held on 21.12.22 with St Helens Council to discuss the proposed open spaces maintenance charges.
- b) **Village Hall Management Committee**  
Next Meeting is in January.
- c) **Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society**  
An email was received from the society making the PC aware there are 2 representatives, and they only require one. Cllr Ward has offered to stand down but shared disappointment as all the support had been received positively.
- d) **Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils**  
Meetings have now been scheduled.
- e) **Rainhill Gala**  
The Gala is to go ahead next year with the next meeting to take place in January.
- f) **4F Centre**  
Nothing to report.
- g) **Monthly Market**  
On hold

The updates were noted.

**20.979 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Cllr Tasker reported the train issues are not just affecting Rainhill but all of the North. Correspondence has taken place several times with Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham raising the issues and concerns. It was hoped to have been resolved before the end of the year, but recent industrial action and staff shortages have had an impact. Unfortunately, it is outside of the control of the Parish Council.

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

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**20.980 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Outdoor Washing facility. Phone Box.

**20.981 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 starting at 7.30pm the venue being Rainhill Village Hall

**20.982 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items for the reason stated

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
20.983 & 20.984	Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

**20.983 TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PANEL**

Resolved that the recommendations of the Good Citizenship Award Working Group be approved and that the Clerk notify the successful nominees. The Awards Evening was set for Saturday 4th February 2023. With the same format as the previous GCA event.

**20.984 TO CONSIDER THE OUTCOME OF THE CLERK'S APPRAISAL**

Resolved that, following the Clerk's appraisal and subsequent discussion by Council members, the Clerk will be awarded two salary point increments to be implemented in January pay run. Therefore, the Clerk will progress to salary scale point 28, in accordance with the written terms and conditions of employment.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

  
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Chair of the Parish Council  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2023