

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

1 member of the public were present.

Prior to commencement of business the meeting was adjourned to allow members of public to raise any concerns. Those present reported:

Update on Rainhill Gala. The event will take place over the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 bank holiday and will cover 2 areas including the school and Dane Court car park. A road closure has been applied for and will be in place from Weaver Avenue to Warrington Road. They are short of volunteer stewards. Cllr Barker will request volunteers from the Rotary and Cllr Barlow will put a request on Rainhill Community group.

The meeting was recommenced.

**20.985 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Barlow declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application P/2022/0852/FUL reported in the minutes.

**20.986 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: D. Greaves, A.V Howitt, K. Stevenson, W. Williams.

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

To consider and approve the minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and & Ordinary Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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

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

To receive the police report for December 2022. Chair commented police are responding to reports and CCTV has been provided to allow identification on individuals

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

**Cllr Hendrick entered the room at 7.40pm to join the meeting**

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

Good Citizenship awards confirmed to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The Clerk requested volunteers to help set up the room from 3pm.  
Cllr Tasker confirmed as contact whilst Clerk is on annual leave.

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

**Cllr Barlow left the room**

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**20.990 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/2022/0849/FUL Demolition of existing detached workshop and the erection of 1no detached dwelling with associated access and landscaping works Ashfield Norlands Lane  
P/2022/0866/HHFP Erection of a two-storey front extension with a porch, single storey side extension to form garage and render to front elevation. 10 Fairlie Drive  
P/2022/0867/OUP Outline application for the creation of 5no dwellings with some matters reserved except access, appearance, layout and scale. Land Adjacent To 25 Sandstone Close

Comments/objections have been submitted on the following applications

P/2022/0852/FUL Installation of 'parcel locker' at front of premises. Co-Op 580 - 598 Warrington Road

**The Council noted the actions taken.**

Cllr Barlow returned to the meeting

**20.991 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
<b>JANUARY</b>			
K Adamson	Telephone @ £18.99/month	18.99	
	Clerk's Salary – Jan	1257.48	
	Microsoft Annual Subscription	79.99	
	Table Covering Roll GCA 10.82 + 2.17 Vat	12.99	
	TOTAL With S.137 payment for GCA as below	1,569.45	TFR612
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Jan	394.32	TFR613
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	92.16	STO
Water Plus	Water Holt Playing Fields 34.26+4.05 vat	38.31	DD
Corona Energy	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields 31.30 + 1.57vat	32.87	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	531.22	DD
<b>S.137 Payments</b>			
Hi Notes	Grant awarded	300.00	TFR614
Kathryn Adamson	Refreshments GCA	200.00	TFR612
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
K Adamson	Clerk's Salary including jan backpay – Feb	1308.45	
	Telephone @ £10.50/month +2.10 vat	12.60	
	2023 Diary	4.00	
	GCA owed for refreshments	3.49	
	TOTAL	1379.51	TFR615
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Feb	416.05	TFR616
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	92.16	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields 40.31 +4.77 vat	45.08	DD

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Corona Energy	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields 30.92 + 1.55 vat	32.47	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	531.22	DD
<b>S.137 Payments</b>			
MMA Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaques	693.00	TFR617
Forget me Not Balloons	GCA	119.79	TFR618
Cllr James Tasker	GCA refreshments	30.50	

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

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>

**Information noted.**

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

**The Council reviewed the current budgetary position and bank reconciliation and resolved to approve the report.**

**20.993 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT TIMETABLE**

**Resolved that the schedule set out be agreed. The first meeting of the editorial group would take place either in person or online via teams as soon as possible. Expenditure for printing and artwork and distributing was agreed in principle.**

**20.994 TO APPROVE FUTURE MEETING DATES**

It was resolved that the following meeting dates for 2023/24 (all Monday 7:30pm unless stated otherwise) are approved

The following dates are proposed to be published in the 2023 Annual Report (all Mon unless stated otherwise):

Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023(already booked /approved)

APCM 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (already booked/ approved)

12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Finance Working Group 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

The following dates will not be published in the 2023 Annual Report:

2024 Annual Parish Meeting Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024

2024 Annual Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**20.995 TO CONSIDER THE CLERKS MEMBERSHIP TO SLCC**

Members agreed to renew the annual subscription of £161.00

**The Council resolved to approve the annual subscription**

**20.996 TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO CHRISTMAS TREE FOR 2023**

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Members resolved to keep the Christmas Tree for 2023 and to look at possible road closure. Clerk to confirm cost. Improvements to be discussed prior to event regarding PA system with possible stage area for choir.

**20.997 TO CONSIDER THE BT PHONE BOX**

Various ideas discussed. Cllr Rutherford to arrange for lock to be secured. Quotes for repainting and boarding up to be obtained by Cllr Barlow.

**Resolved members to discuss at the next meeting.**

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

- a) **Public Open Spaces**  
Cllr Tasker confirmed further to discussions with the football teams they would be in a position to cover and take responsibility for some of the maintenance costs. Cllr Daniels suggested putting out to tender if the maintenance costs were charged to the PC.
- b) **Village Hall Management Committee**  
Cllr Daniels was unable to attend the last meeting but has been made aware of a leak within the kitchen area.
- c) **Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society**  
Nothing to report. Cllr Barker has requested Rocket celebration to be added to the next agenda.
- d) **Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils**  
Next meeting Wednesday 1st February 2023, the in-person venue will be Prescot Town Hall in Knowsley, but remote attendance will also be possible via Zoom.
- e) **Rainhill Gala**  
Update was provided by member of public at beginning of meeting
- f) **4F Centre**  
Cllr Barker reported healthy reserves in place with maintenance and plumbing works being completed. Healthy uptake of groups and awaiting funding news from CO-OP
- g) **Monthly Market**  
Cllr Tasker has contacted possible fruit & veg provider. Awaiting a reply. Next meeting is to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 at Millennium Centre with the previous individuals involved aiming to get a small committee together with an aim of an April start.

**The updates were noted.**

**20.999 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Resident has requested a meeting to discuss advice & support on funding. This meeting has been booked in

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

**20.1000 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Rocket Celebration. Phone Box. Coronation in May

**20.1001 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 starting at 7.30pm the venue being Rainhill Village Hall and the Annual Parish Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**20.1002 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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

Minute  
20.1003

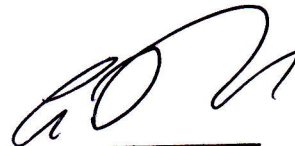
Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)  
Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

**20.1003 TO SET A PRECEPT FOR 2023/24**

It was resolved that St Helens Council be advised that the Precept for 2023/24 will be £68,340.

It was resolved that the Budget paper, submitted by the Clerk and supporting the above Precept amount, is approved.

The meeting closed at 20.57 pm.



Chair of the Parish Council  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2023