

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: S. Barlow, G. Barker, G. Ward, (Chair), D. Greaves, S. Rutherford, K. Stevenson J, Tasker, J. Woodhouse.

No public session requested.

**20.1004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations

**20.1005 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: I. Brown, A. Daniels, M. Jones A.V Howitt, W. Williams.

**20.1006 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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

**20.1007 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT**

To receive the police report for January 2023. Chair commented on what is the difference between public order and ASB.

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

**20.1008 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT**

Chair wished PCSO good luck in her new post and many thanks for the relationship built with Rainhill over the past two and half years.

The Parish Council agreed for a donation of £30.00 to be made to Rainhill Village Hall for their kind offer of various glassware. The Parish Council thanked the Village Hall.

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

**20.1009 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/2023/0032/HHFP Single storey rear extension (re-submission of P/2022/0479/HHFP) 19 Ansdell Villas Road

P/2023/0039/HHFP Erection of a front dormer window. 8 Owen Road

P/2023/0049/HHFP Single storey side and rear wraparound extension 97 Mooreway

P/2023/0059/HHFP First floor side extension along with a single storey rear extension and garage conversion. 3 Loyola Hey

P/2023/0071/COT Works to 4no trees (T1-T4) within a conservation area. 17 View Road



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P/2023/0084/CLP Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed erection of a 1.8m high fence. St Bartholomews Catholic Primary School School

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 – application refused.

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 -application withdrawn

**The Council noted the actions taken.**

**20.1010 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was agreed to add the remaining part of the Village Hall grant 2,683.00 to the final payment making the final payment of 5,789.01. The Village will be requested for supporting invoices for this amount.

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
<b>March</b>			
K Adamson	Clerk's Salary	1308.45	
	Telephone @ £10.50/month +2.10 vat	12.60	
	Home Office Allowance	1183.38	
	Mileage – Dec - March	72.80	
	Stationery- Notebooks & pens	7.50	
	Litter pickers	294.68	
		2879.41	TFR620
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Mar	416.05	TFR621
HMRC	Tax & NI (Jan - Mar)	791.23	TFR622
Rainhill Village Hall	G.H Electrical Services (motion detection sensor light switches)	830.00	
Rainhill Village Hall	G.H Electrical Services (surge protection)	440.00	
Rainhill Village Hall	ABM (Intruder Alarm Maintenance)	538.94	
Rainhill Village Hall	Lomax Glass & Glazing (New window locks and replacement glass unit)	175.00	
Rainhill Village Hall	TIC (insurance premium increase after valuation)	211.81	
Rainhill Village Hall	Premier Pest Control (removal of wasps nest)	96.00	
Rainhill Village Hall	Screwfix (Paint)	102.25	
Rainhill Village Hall	Cartridge People (Printer)	178.51	
Rainhill Village Hall	Simply Window Cleaning (Gutter & Window cleaning)	174.00	
Rainhill Village Hall	Currys (PC Monitor)	89.00	
Rainhill Village Hall	B&B Hygiene Ltd (Cleaning products)	192.55	
Rainhill Village Hall	Ready Made Curtains	77.95	
	Total	3106.01	
Rainhill Village Hall	Remainder of 2022/2023 grant	2683.00	
	Total	5789.01	TFR623
Rainhill Village Hall	Donation for glasses	30.00	TFR624
Water Plus	Water – Rainhill Park	92.16	STO

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Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields 40.32 + 4.77 VAT	45.09	DD
Corona Energy	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields 28.45+1.43vat	29.88	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	531.22	DD
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
Vinyline	Honours Board Update 40.00 + 8.00 vat	48.00	TFR625
St Helens Council	ECO garden Maintenance 473.78 + 94.76 vat	568.54	
	Wildflowers 2022/2023 940.57 + 188.11 vat	1128.68	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1697.22</b>	<b>TFR626</b>
<b>S.137 Payments</b>			
St Helens Council	Christmas Tree & Decorations 3335.00 + 667.00 VAT	4002.00	TFR627
<b>April Scheduled Payments</b>			
K Adamson	Clerks Salary - April	1308.45	
	Telephone @ £9.21/month +1.84 vat	11.05	
	Easter Posters ECO garden	6.00	
	Overpayment in March for phone due to contract change	-2.10	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1323.40</b>	<b>TFR628</b>
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS-April	416.05	TFR629
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	92.16	STO
Water Plus	Water- Holt Playing Fields 48.13+5.70vat	53.83	DD
Corona Energy	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	26.69	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	531.22	DD
St Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground	0.50	TFR630
St Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground	0.50	TFR631
St Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens	1.00	TFR632
St Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park	4.00	TFR633
Print Centre	Printing of Annual Report	1285.00	TFR634
Ste Hurst	Design of Annual Report	55.00	TFR635
SLCC	12 month membership	187.00	TFR636
NALC / LALC	12 month membership	1110.96	TFR637
<b>S.137 Payments</b>			
CPRE	Donation	15.00	TFR638
CPRE	Annual Membership	61.00	TFR639

It was resolved that the items were approved for payment.

**INCOME**

INCOME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
22/02/2023	Rainhill Town pitch hire (2 <sup>nd</sup> payment of 3)	300.00

Information noted.

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**20.1011 TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF CPRE**

The cost of membership is £61.00. With a donation of £15.00 has been included in the above figure, which will be made at the same time.

**Resolved by members to approve membership and donation.**

**20.1012 TO APPROVE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO NALC/ LALC**

**Resolved to approve the renewal to NALC /LALC**

**20.1013 TO DISCUSS THE INTRODUCTION TO NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING WORKSHOP**

Cllr Tasker gave feedback and information on workshop. Cllr Greaves discussed the benefits of having a plan in place.

**It was resolved for Cllr Tasker to provide further research.**

**20.1014 TO CONSIDER THE MONTHLY MARKET FEE AND PRODUCTION OF POSTERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Market day has been confirmed as 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and will run up to September 2023. The members agreed to support in its full first year with the view for it to become self sufficient in its following year. Market fee will be £75 Cllr Tasker to arrange invoice with St Helens Council. A budget of up to £150.00 was agreed for posters.

**The Council resolved to approve payment of the monthly market fee and budget for posters.**

**20.1015 TO CONSIDER THE BT PHONE BOX**

Cllr Barlow provided update. Various quotes have been received with it being a 3 day job to prep, prime and paint. The box is now secure with lock. Quotes for Perspex to make the box weatherproof to be sought. Cllr Greaves discussed the use of the 4 local primary schools already producing competition posters to go inside.

**Members accepted the quote of £350 for box to be painted.**

**Cllr Greaves left the meeting at 8.10pm**

**20.1016 TO CONSIDER THE KINGS CORONATION**

Cllr Barker has measured the various sites to attain an approximate idea for amount of decoration required. To allow for decoration and bunting a budget of £500 was agreed. Decorations will be put up 2 weeks before and Rotary will assist.

**Members agreed a budget for decoration.**

**20.1017 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE ROCKET CELEBRATION**

Cllr Barker provided an update. The last meeting took place on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Lots of ideas discussed. Looking at the cost of the last celebration Cllr Barker suggested at the next Fiance meeting to discuss if a budget is required.

Cllr Barlow made Cllrs aware she has been working with a resident looking at the possibility of a commemorative stamp being produced. Funding has been successful and a bid submitted.

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Members noted the update

**20.1018 TO DISCUSS PURCHASING LAMP POST POPPIES**

Members agreed for the Clerk to contact RBL and to purchase 25 lampost poppies

**20.1019 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM RAINHILL TOWN FC**

Members agreed a £150 reduction as a goodwill gesture. This leaves a final payment of £150 for this season.

**20.1020 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

- a) **Public Open Spaces**  
Cllr Tasker and Ward had meeting with Rainhill United on site to look as possible improvements. Meetings will be held between the Club, Parish Council and Sports Development St Helens Council. Also football foundation webinar is scheduled to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Tasker to invite Rainhill United.  
The footpath on two butt open space is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month.
- b) **Village Hall Management Committee**  
Cllr Daniels not at meeting – no update available.
- c) **Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society**  
Cllr Ward attended recent meeting to discuss Rocket 200, signal box and possible funding from Rotary.
- d) **Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils**  
No update
- e) **Rainhill Gala**  
Organisation ongoing. Always looking for volunteers
- f) **4F Centre**  
No issues

The updates were noted.

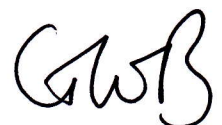
**20.1021 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Cllr Barlow discussed the possible free counselling to become available.  
Cllr Ward discussed the issue of one way traffic in exchange place. Cllr Tasker has reported the issue to highways.

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

**20.1022 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Closure of road for Christmas Celebration



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**20.1023 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and then Annual Parish Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 immediately followed by Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.50 pm.

  
Chair of the Parish Council  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2023