

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
13th June 2023

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

3 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. No concerns were raised

The meeting was recommenced.

20.1043 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apoloiges for absence were received from Cllrs: S. Barlow, I. Brown, D. Greaves, D. Hendrick, M. Jones, W. Williams

20.1044 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

20.1045 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To consider and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2023

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

The Chair used this opportunity to congratulate the Gala committee for all their hard work and how great it was to see the event back. What an amazing day and members of the public have continually praised the event

20.1046 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

To Clerk reported due to the absence of a PCSO reports were not being received. If received before July meeting an update will be given.

Resolved that the update noted.

20.1047 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

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

20.1048 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

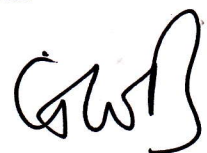
The following applications have been assessed and comments submitted as indicated:

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/2023/0273/FUL | Installation of 'parcel locker' at side of premises (resubmission of application ref: P/2022/0852/FUL) Co-Op 580 Warrington Road L35 4LP

P/2023/0286/HHPA Prior approval for a single storey rear extension, projecting 6.96m from the rear, 3.1m max height and 2.85m at the eaves. Elsinor Mill Lane

P/2023/0322/HHFP Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Internal alterations to form loft conversion with rear dormer. 18 Stapleton Avenue



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P/2023/0323/HHFP Proposed first floor side extension and single storey rear extension. 100 Ashton Avenue
P/2023/0326/HHFP Garage conversion, replacement boundary wall and rendering to property. Rosewood Stonecross Drive
P/2023/0331/HHFP Single storey rear extension and partial garage conversion to habitable room 6 Dorgan Close
P/2023/0332/HHFP Retention of existing stables. Whitewings Farm Foxs Bank Lane Whiston
P/2023/0333/HHFP Garage conversion to habitable room with roof alterations and external alterations 69 Amanda Road
P/2023/0334/HHFP Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension 12 Lowther Drive

Comments/objections have been submitted on the following applications

The Council noted the actions taken.

20.1049 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved to authorise the payments listed on the Schedule of Payments for June 2023 (Voucher Nos 9-12 and 4 DD totalling £3,675.94).

INCOME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
0		

Information noted.

20.1050 TO CONSIDER RAINHILL IN BLOOM AND THE ROSE BOWL

Cllr Howitt provided background information on the Rainhill in bloom competition. The possibility of Rainhill Parish Council to continue the competition due to the Civic Society no longer being able to continue was discussed.

Resolved for Cllr Howitt to provide a possible schedule for next meeting

20.1051 TO CONSIDER THE UPKEEP OF THE RED TELEPHONE BOX

The revised painting cost was agreed at £700.00. Still awaiting costings for the internal works. Clerk to provide possible costs at next meeting.

The members agreed the costs for external works.

20.1052 TO CONSIDER SCHOOL INVITATIONS TO SWITCH ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT

The Members discussed invitations.

Resolved for the clerk to invite St Barts, St Anns, Oakdeane & Longton Lane.

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20.1053 TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ST HELENS COUNCIL OPEN SPACE CHARGES

Cllr Tasker gave an update and members discussed. It was agreed the impact the charges could have on the next precept be put out to residents before the next Finance meeting in November. Cllr Tasker made members aware of other PCs making payments but being given a grant back so it cannot be seen as double taxation.

It was resolved Cllr Stevenson & Woodhouse to seek solicitor advice on payment without prejudice.

20.1054 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ROCKET 200 CELEBRATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr Barker read out a letter that has been sent to both Steve Rotherham & Andy Burnham. The Clerk is waiting a response. Cllr Stevenson informed members a company has been employed by Liverpool/Manchester Councils to manage the celebrations of 200. Possible grant will be available and given directly to the 200 group. Cllr Daniels suggested the heritage grant which has a deadline in July and forwarded the information to Cllrs Stevenson & Woodhouse.

The update was noted.

20.1055 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE LIBRARY – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr Stevenson confirmed nothing to report due to ongoing consultation which is due to end by 31st July 2023. Cllr Tasker informed members that the possibility of Parr library being kept open and included in a new build of Saints RFLC training facility and swimming pool

Resolved for updates if available at the next meeting be given.

20.1056 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

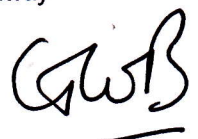
- a) Public Open Spaces
Cllr Tasker updated members regarding Station Street and its pedestrianisation. It is hoped all paperwork will be completed imminently. Cllr Tasker also raised the possibility of a road closure for the Christmas tree lighting with the St Helens Council representative and will provide further information at the next PC meeting.

Whiston Woods have requested a meeting to discuss Knowsley proposed extension of the cemetery. Cllrs to report back at next PC meeting.

Clerk to contact Mersey forest with proposed rewilding of Swan Gardens.

Cllr Daniels updated the members on the recent tree removal the Clerk had arranged with Torus and the implications of a recent fire if it had not been removed.

- b) Village Hall Management Committee
Cllr Ward reported he and the Chair are as requested by the village hall secretary to have a meeting before the next PC meeting.
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
Continue to be concerned with the library and are waiting to see how it progresses. Representative from St Helens Council attended the last meeting and can not provide any further information until the consultation period ends in July. Confirmed the Railway artefacts will not go to St Helens.



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- They also have a day trip to Bala planned.
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
Nothing to report
 - e) Rainhill Gala
Fantastic Fantastic Fantastic – All has been previously said!
 - f) 4F Centre
AGM has taken place and thankfully the manager is continuing. Presently seeking help for repairs needed in the toilets. Seeking grants
 - g) Monthly Market
Well attended with a lot of the stalls selling out. Pattens Potatoes hoping to be available at next meeting. Next meeting 1st Saturday in July.

The updates were noted.

20.1057 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Cllr Tasker reported the long ongoing complaint regarding Dunbleath Ave and the state of the road that St Helens Council has finally booked the works required in to take place over the summer holidays.

Cllr Ward reported the complaint regarding noise in Brandreth Close has been discussed within the pub watch group and taken on board. Holley Court complaint is Riverside Housing responsibility – Cllr Greaves has sent a letter to Riverside Housing and the issue seems to have been resolved.

Comments and Complaints noted.


20.1058 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

200 mtg. Open Spaces. Tree Signage, Rose Bowl – Garden competition, Whiston Woods, Telephone box, Twinning Ceremony, Merchant Navy Day.

20.1059 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the Ordinary Parish Meeting will be on 24th July 2023 starting at 7.30pm the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm


Chair of the Parish Council
24th July 2023