

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
11th September 2023

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 11th September 2023 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: G. Barker (Chair), I. Brown, D. Hendrick, A.V Howitt, J. Tasker, J. Woodhouse, G. Ward,

0 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.

20.1084 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: S. Barlow, A. Daniels, D. Greaves, M. Jones, S. Rutherford, K. Stevenson, W. Williams

20.1085 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

20.1086 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 24th July 2023

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

20.1087 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

To receive Police monthly statistics for July & August. Cllr Ward reported the Pub Watch meetings are working well. They have raised the issue of the problem with drugs and the police need to be targeting.

Resolved that the update noted.

20.1088 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

Fr John Williams, Rev Dr Alan Conant, St Anns Choir and the Warden Mike Halliwell thanked for helping make the recent Merchant Navy Day ceremony possible on the 3rd September.

The Clerk has requested the management company fix the fence that is directly under The PC noticeboard. It is in a very poor state of repair. The management company have confirmed they will sort the fence rails. Also they have had 3 failed attempts at the jet washing Dane Court, all down to noise issues and trying to find the best time to do it. They have someone looking at a more conventional scrub clean of the areas, using a Trial of some cleaning agents to see what results this brings. If it is successful, they will go down that route instead.

The Clerk is awaiting an update from St Helens Council as to when the repairs will be completed on St Anns Church Wall

The Clerk is awaiting a reply off Network Rail regarding the signage on both sides of Skew bridge.



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The Clerk has constantly been challenging the invoices for 8 months off Scottish Power. A refund of £6145.10 has now been received and the direct debit will now be £93.00 per month. The Clerk has submitted a complaint. The contract is up in November and the Clerk will compare with alternative providers.

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

20.1089 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/2023/0404/HHPA Prior approval for a single storey rear extension with pitched roof, projecting 5m from the rear, 3.85m max height and 2.4m at the eaves. 14 Sandstone Close
- P/2023/0405/HHFP Proposed new front gate and associated landscaping. 523 Warrington Road
- P/2023/0410/HHFP Two storey side extension, single storey rear and front extensions. 33 King Edward Road
- P/2023/0421/HHPA Prior approval for single storey rear extension, projecting 5m from the rear, 3.75m max height and 2.5m at the eaves. 23 Mooreway
- P/2023/0436/HHFP Single storey side extension. 6 Mossdale Drive
- P/2023/0446/HHFP Single storey front porch extension. 12 Whitmoor Close
- P/2023/0442/HHFP Single storey side and rear wraparound extension. 8 Stapleton Close
- P/2023/0444/CLP Erection of a single storey rear extension. 172 Rainhill Road
- P/2023/0469/HHFP Single storey rear extension. 12 Lowther Drive
- P/2023/0471/HHFP Two storey rear extension. AMENDED DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT 66 Chatsworth Road
- P/2023/0476/HHFP Single storey rear extension with garage conversion. 23 Sherman Drive
- P/2023/0480/HHFP Demolition of the existing garage, conservatory, rear extension and dormer windows, and the erection of a single storey side and rear wraparound extension with render to all elevations. 25 The Meadows

Comments/objections have been submitted on the following applications

- P/2023/0465/COT Works to 1no tree within a conservation area. 21 View Road
Referred to tree officer

The Council noted the actions taken.

20.1090 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved to authorise the payments listed on the Schedule of Payments for September 2023 (Voucher Nos 20,21,22,23,24,25 & 26 and 4 DD totalling £6,254.69).

INCOME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
August	1 st Payment Rainhill Town	247.00

Information noted.

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20.1091 TO CONSIDER INVISIBLE DISABILITY WEEK

Cllr Howitt reported space has been booked at the front of the co-op on 14th October 10am-12pm. Noticeboard to be used and notelets. Cllr Howitt to forward information on lanyards required. Cllr Howitt requested volunteers to attend. Happy to chat bench discussed and awaiting further information.

Resolved for awareness event to take place on 14th October.

20.1092 TO DISCUSS SWITCH ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT

Cllr Tasker reported application for road closure consisting of a 14-page document has been submitted but has now informed a different application is required. The road closure has been put in as a joint event between RPC & Rainhill Gala. The switch on is to take place on Sunday 26th November with a suggested plan A & plan B dependant on the road closure. Cllr Barker to request a village resident to do the switch on. All schools have confirmed they can attend. Necessary to liaise with Rotary to ensure PA system is suitable and the staging for the choirs. Christmas tree agreed as previous years. Cllrs Barlow, Rutherford, Stevenson, Woodhouse and Greaves as committee to look at the village's involvement and organisation.

Resolved the committee continue the organisation.

20.1093 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE COMMEMORATION/ CELEBRATION OF OUR TWINNING WITH LATOUR EN WOEVRE

Cllr Howitt reported a meeting with the RBL and Rev Conant has confirmed the anniversary date as being 20th September 2023. St Anns & RBL have confirmed participation of a small service to take place at the War Memorial of an opening prayer, historical information, recital of the fallen, last post and both the French & British flag will be raised. Cllr Howitt will provide the story board and the event will be put on social media and also inform Latour En Woevre who have looked after the grave for 105 years. Cllr Howitt will forward the information to the Clerk and requested the Clerk produce and order of service. The Parish Council Chair will attend and also invite the Chair of Rainhill Rotary. Cllr Howitt is requesting a couple of bars/restaurants within Rainhill to produce a French supper.

Resolved for the service to take place and information noted.

20.1094 TO APPROVE THE AUDITED ANNUAL RETURN

The Council approved the Annual Return and noted the publishing of it for 14 days from the 1st August.

It was resolved to approve the Annual Return and authorise payment to the External Auditors.

20.1095 TO CONSIDER ACTIONS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Chair to request rotary for PA for the service. Additional lamppost poppies are ready to be picked up. Cllr Tasker confirmed the RBL will provide an order of service this year.

Resolved costs agreed.

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20.1096 TO DISCUSS TURNING THE VILLAGE PINK FOR BREAST AWARENESS

Promotion of breast awareness happens throughout October. Cllrs Greaves & Barlow to liaise with other Cllrs to promote plans.

Resolved to promote breast awareness month.

20.1097 TO DISCUSS THE HOLT CHANGING ROOMS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Cllr Tasker reported the Parish Council owns the building and no improvements have been carried out for a long time. Roof is leaking and requires a new roof. The building requires insulating. A new door & shutter is required to make the building secure. A recent brake in has taken place. Rainhill Rockets are wanting to submit an application to the Football Foundation for 25K – it requires a match funding of 25%. They would source the contractors, quotes and manages the works. 3 quotes would be required for each of the works and the PC requested to provide the funding of up to 25%.
The PC voted and there were 6 for and 1 Abstained

The Council resolved to provide up to 25% of match funding.

20.1098 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- a) Public Open Spaces
Saturday 16th September Royal British Legion are holding a clean up at the War Memorial
Saturday 30th September St Anns are holding a clean up event
Chair of ECO garden has confirmed he is happy to act as a judge for the possible future garden competitions.
- b) Village Hall Management Committee
Cllr Ward to help with the possible change of the internet provider
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
A press release has been done regarding the Railway Carriage by Cllr Stevenson
Rainhill 200 Trials meeting to take place 26th September 7pm at Village Hall
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
Nothing to report
- e) Rainhill Gala
Nothing to report
- f) 4F Centre
Meeting on 28th September
- g) Monthly Market
Meeting has taken place and confirmed the market will continue into October, November and a Christmas one in December. There have been lots of enquiries from stall holders and the last market included a cheese stall and chutneys. The Refugee café from St Helens attended. It continues to go from strength to strength.

The updates were noted.

20.1099 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

The Clerk has dealt with the following -
Barrier Baskets, parking around the junction of Field Way & Rainhill Road (Cllr Tasker has forwarded onto St Helens parking enforcement, Tree advice Warrington Road. Torus property – removal of tree, removal of churchyard rubbish from St Anns.



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Cllr Ward has received a request to confirm the status of a tree at the Black Horse pub.
The Clerk will liaise with the tree officer and confirm its status.

Comments and Complaints noted.

20.1100 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

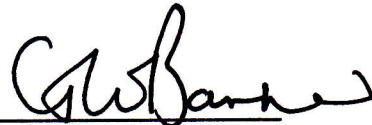
Invisible Disability Update, Remembrance Service, CCTV Update, Rainhill 200 Update, Christmas light switch on event, Turn Village pink for Breast Cancer awareness update

20.1101 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the Ordinary Parish Meeting scheduled to take place on 9th October 2023 will now take place on 16th October 2023 7.30pm the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

Finance meeting 13th November 2023 (Closed Meeting) the venue being Rainhill Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm



Chair of the Parish Council
16th October 2023