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RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
16th October 2023

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

Cllrs: G. Barker (Chair), S. Barlow, A. Daniels, D. Greaves A.V Howitt, M. Jones, S. Rutherford J. Tasker, K. Stevenson
Laura Boyle Con Neighbourhood Policing LP Neighbourhood St Helens Team 3
5 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.

A representative from Whiston Woods Campaign wanted to thank the Parish Council for its support. The representative gave an update on their position and they have had to request information under the FOI due to information disappearing from Knowsley Borough Council website. St Helens Council are supporting the plan. The land has been secured for 100 years and only half of the land has been used. It was asked for the Parish Council to support Whiston Town Council and Whiston Woods Campaign and ask for a public meeting. Chair agreed to discuss with Parish Councillors to draft a letter to be sent.

The meeting was recommenced.

20.1102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: I. Brown, D. Hendrick, W. Williams, J. Woodhouse, G. Ward

20.1103 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

20.1104 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September 2023

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

20.1105 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

To receive Police monthly statistics for September. Chair commented the statistics were encouraging. Police Officer Boyle commented they have been made aware of ASB issues and are targeting the area. Some Cllrs aware of the individuals involved and will forward the information to Officer Boyle. Also made aware of the issues within the ECO garden. There will be additional patrols on mischief night. The Cllrs agreed to do a social media push

Resolved that the update noted.

20.1106 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

The painting of the war memorial is now nearly finished and has been done very kindly by a resident of Rainhill free of charge. They are also going to look at the issue with the lighting.

Officer Boyle has confirmed a patrol car will be available on Remembrance Day to alleviate the issues with traffic trying to get past the road closure as experienced last year.

Next PCSO surgery is to take place at the library on 24th October 2.00pm – all to share and publicise.

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

20.1107 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/2023/0501/HHPA Prior approval for single storey rear extension projecting 6.8m from the rear, 3m max height and 3m at the eaves. 21 The Meadows
- P/2023/0517/CLP Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension. 14 Ellaby Road
- P/2023/0530/HHFP Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch. 34 Calder Drive

Comments/objections have been submitted on the following applications

Network rail have placed 2 signs on Skew Bridge and have not applied for listed building consent. The Clerk has contacted both Network Rail & St Helens Planning department and Network Rail are submitting an application.

The Clerk has requested an update on numerous occasions for St Anns church wall with St Helens Council

The Holt Appeal – The Parish Council planning group submitted an objection with the original plan this still objects against the appeal.

The Council noted the actions taken.

20.1108 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved to authorise the payments listed on the Schedule of Payments for October 2023 (Voucher Nos 27,28,29,30,35 Administration = 1915.68 Open Spaces=13,985.96 includes 4 DD Village hall part of grant 8,996.76and 1 s137 payment 1,005.00) and November 2023 (Voucher Nos 31,32,33,34,25 and 4 DD administration= 2506.67 Open Spaces 279.42 S137= 1,030.80)

INCOME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
4F	Insurance	891.09
Rainhill Town	Pitch hire	245.00

Information noted.

20.1109 TO APPROVE THE TIMETABLE FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Clerk confirmed nomination forms have been sent out. The closing date for nominations is 17th November 2023. It has been published on RPC website and social media platforms and paper copies have been placed in the Library, Millennium Centre, Post Office, and Rainhill Village Hall. The Clerk will forward copies of nomination forms to members of Awards Group (Cllrs Greaves, Stevenson & Barlow) by 20th November.

Awards Group meets at a convenient time before 30th November

Recommendations of Awards Group ratified by full Council at 11th December Council meeting.

Member’s agreed, the awards evening will take place, on the same basis as in previous years, Room has been provisionally booked for Friday 9th February 2024. Members agreed to promote.

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Was resolved that the timetable be agreed.

20.1110 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

The Council noted the current budgetary position and approved the report and bank reconciliation

20.1111 TO DISCUSS SWITCH ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT

Cllr Tasker reported still awaiting the decision on the road closure application The switch on is to take place on Sunday 26th November with the switch on taking place at 4.30pm. 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. Stalls are being organised by East Liverpool Riding School for the Disabled and will not duplicate the stalls that will be set up within the Post Office. Trinity Church has asked to participate and Hi Notes – it was agreed there would not be a payment made. Cllrs Barlow, Rutherford, Stevenson, Woodhouse, Tasker, Jones and Greaves as committee to look at the village's involvement and organisation and to include Tony from Rainhill Rotary.

Resolved the committee continue the organisation.

20.1112 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM SCOTT CLINICS NEW OWNERS

2 representatives attended the meeting. Geoff gave an update and introduced Allerton Gospel Hall Trust. Explained the congregation is moving out from Allerton and they have been looking for a suitable site. They had purchased the site at the end of February. The existing buildings have been vandalised. Their aims are to have a Gospel Hall, a school and a charity on the site with an outreach relief team. A pre app has been put forward to St Helens planning and the trust is working on improving the security. The school would be open from year3 to A level for 250 pupils. The site covers 5 and half acres. Cllrs suggested the trust holding an open day. The trust also offers rapid relief volunteering to the local area.

The update was noted.

20.1113 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON INVISIBLE DISABILITY EVENT

Cllr Howitt thanked Cllrs Tasker, Greaves and Williams for running the event. This was its 4th year of being run and has been very successful with feedback being positive. The Chair thanked the Cllrs for their support.

The update was noted.

20.1114 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON CCTV

Update to be moved to December agenda

Resolved for item to be moved to December agenda.

20.1115 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON RAINHILL TRIALS 200

200 Meeting took place on 26th September and the next meeting is booked to take place 23rd January 2024 at 7pm.

The update was noted.

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20.1116 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON TURNING THE VILLAGE PINK FOR BREAST AWARENESS

Due to timing difficulties with the representative it was agreed to be planned earlier next year.

Resolved to be planned earlier next year.

20.1117 TO CONSIDER A HAPPY TO CHAT PLAQUE ON BLUNDELLS HILL BENCH

Cllr Greaves gave an update on Mental Health issues. There have been awareness days within the village. Pub Watch group have adopted the beer mat initiative and has been very well received. There are courses available that target employees of Barbers and gyms so they are able to support. Cllr Greaves reported that Rainhill has a high suicide rate, domestic abuse & cold related deaths. Cllr Barlow suggested asking a representative from The Florrie – a Mental Health Charity from Liverpool to come and speak at a pub watch meeting about what they do. Cllr Barlow is to attend a meeting on a government initiative and will provide feedback.

The Council resolved to agree to the plaque

20.1118 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- a) Public Open Spaces
Farmers market is fully booked inside and a good mix of stalls outside. The next one will take place in November and a Christmas one will be the final one before having a break in January & February before starting again in March.
Rockets are acquiring quotes for the roof
Clean up in St Anns was very well attended and a lot achieved.
ECO garden are looking to try trail cameras to tackle the ASB within the garden.
- b) Village Hall Management Committee
Cllr Ward not at meeting – no update
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
Cllr Ward not at meeting – no update
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
Nothing to report
- e) Rainhill Gala
Meeting taking place on 17th October. Chair and other Cllrs attended the Cheque presentation. Was a fantastic evening.
- f) 4F Centre
Meeting on 26th October

The updates were noted.

20.1119 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

The Clerk has dealt with the following -
Black Horse pub – TPOs
Barrier baskets – complaint regarding the disappointing state. The Contractors confirmed that from middle of September cease to water, just so we can bring in the barriers and change them over for a new winter season. This allows the barrier to dry out for 2/3 weeks so they can be physically handled and moved from the location. The new planters then need to be grown on for minimum of 2 weeks under glass before we then send

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them back out. We have noticed that this summer has not been particularly kind to certain varieties of plants due to July and August being extremely wet and also windy on some locations more than others and in turn some plants haven't really liked this. We will now take this onboard for next summer's planting and adjust accordingly.

Complaint regarding a bar in the village – information passed onto the pub watch group.

Comments and Complaints noted.

20.1120 TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Wellbeing / Mental Health, Remembrance Service Update, CCTV Update, Christmas light switch on update, Barrier Baskets, ECO Garden, Torus Foodbank.

20.1121 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Finance meeting 13th November 2023 (Closed Meeting) the venue being Rainhill Village Hall
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 11th December 2023

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm



Chair of the Parish Council
11th December 2023