


RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
11th December 2023

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

Cllrs: I. Brown, A. Daniels, A.V Howitt, M. Jones, S. Rutherford J. Tasker (Chair), J. Woodhouse

0 members of the public were also present.

No requirement prior to commencement of business the meeting for meeting to be adjourned to allow members of public to raise any concerns.

20.1122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: G. Barker, S. Barlow, D. Greaves, D. Hendrick, K. Stevenson, W. Williams, G. Ward

20.1123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

20.1124 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16th October 2023 and Finance Minutes Closed meeting held on 13th November 2023.

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

20.1125 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

To receive Police monthly statistics for October & November

Resolved that the update noted.

20.1126 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

Cllr Tasker to be point of contact whilst Clerk takes annual leave 13th – 18th December 2023 (3 days) return back to work 19th December 2023.

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

20.1127 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/2023/0594/FUL Demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of 1no replacement dwelling. 15 St James Mount

P/2023/0616/HHFP Single storey rear and side extensions. 16 Old Lane

P/2023/0618/HHFP Retention of timber fencing to the rear boundary, safety railing to the southern boundary, rendered masonry walls and pillars with infill railings and automatic gate to the front boundary. 96 Ashton Avenue

P/2023/0635/HHFP Retention of external wall insulation 5 Victoria Terrace

P/2023/0653/HHFP Single storey rear extension 14 Ellaby Road

P/2023/0665/HHFP Extension to existing driveway. 1 Bartholomew Close

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P/2023/0670/CLP | Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed garage conversion. | 22 Sandstone Close

P/2023/0671/OUP | Outline application for the creation of 4no dwellings with some matters reserved except access, appearance, layout and scale. (Resubmission of P/2022/0867/OUP) | Land Adjacent To 25 Sandstone Close

An objection has been submitted to the following applications:

None

Comments were submitted on the following application:

None

Following applications referred to the tree & woodlands officer

P/2023/0630/TPO Works to 2no beech trees covered by TPO. The Sheiling Mill Lane

P/2023/0645/TPO Works to 1no quercus robur tree covered by TPO. 22 Fairlie Drive

P/2023/0649/TPO Works to 1no Beech tree covered by a tree preservation order to crown thin and crown lift and 1no Beech tree within a conservation area to do a minimal crown lift 15 Knowsley Road

The Council noted the actions taken.

20.1128 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved to authorise the payments listed on the Schedule of Payments for December 2023 (Voucher Nos 005 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 Administration = 2926.67 Open Spaces=247.35 Environmental = 5688.98

Information noted.

20.1129 TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEMS AND CONTROLS AND APPOINT AN AUDITOR

Resolved that the Council has considered the 'review of effectiveness' and has not identified any concerns arising from this. The Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Controls, and Testing of Key Internal Controls documents are approved. The Council appointed Clerk from Bold Parish Council to undertake internal audit for 2023/24.

20.1130 TO CONSIDER RAINHILL IN BLOOM AND THE ROSE BOWL

Cllr Howitt proposed as suggested at previous meeting for the event to centre around front gardens, pots & hanging baskets. The paperwork used by the Civic Society could be adopted and amended for Parish Council use. Cllr Jones to make contact with the ECO garden to confirm their involvement in the judging process. Suggested for it to be promoted in Spring with a closing date to be in June and the judging to take place in July. Suggested cards be used to encourage individual residents to take part. Paperwork to be forwarded to the Clerk.

Resolved for it be added to March Agenda

20.1131 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CCTV – For information only

No progress as yet. Awaiting lamp post renewal before camera can be fitted to it. A St Helens Council representative is chasing with streetlights. The new camera and the one in Weaver Avenue will be covered by the Council's cctv maintenance programme. The council has also agreed to pay half of the fibre broadband installation costs incurred by the Village Hall. They will be able to use their fast connection to enhance the performance of the cameras in the village.

Information Noted.


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20.1132 TO AGREE OPEN SPACE CHARGES FOR 2024/2025

St Helens Council have confirmed the costs for maintaining the following open spaces for 2024/2025 Deepdale Drive, First Avenue, Holt Lane, Old Lane, Swan Gardens, Two Butt Lane, Warburton Hey. The cost will be £24,130.20 + £4,826.04 VAT total £28,956.24. It has been confirmed the following year the rise will be between 2-5%

The Council resolved to agree the Service Level Agreement

20.1133 TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR A GRANT FROM

- **SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY.**
- **EAST LIVERPOOL RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

The Council resolved to award both grants each £250

20.1134 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- a) Public Open Spaces
The BT phone box has now been confirmed as available for purchase. The forms will be signed by the Chair.
Cllr Tasker reported Rainhill United have had a few issues submitting the soil samples but now looking at receiving 45K of funding.
Rainhill Rockets have requested to have Rainhill PC logo on their kits in recognition of the support they have received.
- b) Village Hall Management Committee
Cllr Ward not at meeting – no update
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
Cllr Ward & Hendrick not at meeting – no update
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
Cllr Barker & Ward not at meeting – no update
- e) Rainhill Gala
Nothing to report
- f) 4F Centre
Manager of centre thanks the Parish Council for confirming grant for 2024/2025

The updates were noted.

20.1135 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resident 1

Cllr Jones has been asked by the businesses in Elgin Court if there could be sign placed on Warrington Road to tell passers-by that there are shops there to help drive more business. Cllr Jones to forward information to Cllr Tasker and it will be followed up with highways.

Resident 2 – Entrance to the Dog Park has become very muddy. Clerk has taken advice from the contractor who fitted the plastic matting and the Councillors agreed to monitor the situation as placing further matting will only push the issue further into the dog park.

Comments and Complaints noted.

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20.1136 TO CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Library, Milestone refurbishments, Rewilding of open space. Cut through on Warrington Road/Rainhill Road, Phone Box, Farmers Market, Ashton Ave speed limit near school, Christmas event.

20.1137 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 15th January 2024 and 4th March 2024 the venue being Rainhill Village Hall

20.1138 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
20.1139 & 20.1140	Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

20.1139 TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PANEL

Resolved that the recommendations of the Good Citizenship Award Working Group be approved and that the Clerk notify the successful nominees. The Awards Evening was set for Friday 9th February 2023. With the same format as the previous GCA event. Each winner will be able to bring 2 guests each.

20.1140 TO CONSIDER ANNUAL 1 POINT INCREMENTAL RISE FOR PARISH CLERK

Resolved that the Council agrees to 1 point rise to January pay scale.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chair of the Parish Council
15th January 2024