

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
4th SEPTEMBER 2017

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 4th September 2017 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, J. Doyle, J. Fulham, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, D. Long, P. Long, C. Moore, and W.M. Wood.

964. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: B. Grunewald and M. Donovan. Apologies for late arrival were received from Cllrs: J. DeAsha, J. Fulham, L. Glover, S. Glover and D. Long, due to attendance at a meeting at St.Helens Council.

965. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on behalf of: Cllrs: J. DeAsha, J. Fulham, and S. Glover– Members of Borough Planning Committee, and D. Long – Cabinet Member.

The meeting was adjourned.

A presentation was made by a member of the public in relation to unauthorised golf practice and motorised vehicles on Albert Fellowes Park.

A minutes silence was held in memory of former Parish Councillor Pat Johnson.

The meeting was reconvened.

966. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 24th JULY 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 24th July 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

967. TO RECEIVE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Concern was expressed at the general increase in crime in Rainhill. Clerk instructed to request details of resolution of crime to be included in statistics to understand how effective Police measures are.

968. CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted, and that judging of the Logo Competition be delegated to the Executive Committee for determination. Clerk instructed to obtain quotes for cleaning of war memorial.

969. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that the following actions be noted in relation to planning applications:

The following applications be left to neighbourhood consultation and that no additional comments be submitted:

P/2017/0593 - Shirebrook Fairchild Farm, Foxs Bank Lane, single storey extension to front elevation to include conversion of existing garage to habitable room and front porch, and creation of Juliette balcony to first floor left side elevation.

P/2017/0608 - 180 Rainhill Road, demolition of existing rear extension/sunroom, and erection of a single storey rear extension, first floor side extension, and single storey front extension.

P/2017/0612 - Rainhill Nursery School, Deepdale Drive, extension to existing school building including associated landscaping.

P/2017/0618 - 2 St Davids Close, demolition of existing attached garage and erection of a single storey side extension.

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P/2017/0626 - 4 Stonecross Drive, erection of first floor side extension above existing garage.

P/2017/0628 - 531 Warrington Road, works to assorted trees covered by a tree preservation order.

P/2017/0661 - 1 View Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to prune 1 beech tree – since withdrawn.

P/2017/0694 - 20 Lincoln Way, two storey side/rear extension, and two storey extension to front elevation.

It was noted that objections had been submitted to the following applications:

P/2017/0637 Rocklands House View Road, demolition of existing single storey chalets and erection of 1 x 4 bedroom detached dwelling and 4 x 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings with driveways.

P/2017/0644 139 Stoney Lane, certificate of lawfulness for proposed use as a children's care home (maximum up to 3 young people).

970. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was resolved that the following items were approved for payment:

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - Sept (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.52	
	Photocopying & Paper – July	16.50	
	McAfee Antivirus	17.99	
		1136.01	TFR248
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – July	301.53	TFR249
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - Sept	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Sept	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Sept	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Sept	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Sept	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park - Sept	52.00	STO
Rainhill Town FC	Refund of Pitch Hire Fees	187.00	074
Rainhill Recreation Club	Refund of Pitch Hire Fees	187.00	075
Regency Property Asset Mgt	Ground Rent for Village Hall	35.00	TFR250
B Walsh	Website Consultancy and Support	50.00	TFR252
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal Premium	1055.88	TFR251
HMRC	Tax & NI (Jul - Sep)	616.60	TFR253
Kirby Roofing Limited	Repair to AFP Sports Pavilion	72.00	TFR255
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
S.137 Payments			
Rainhill Trials Commemoration Group	Donation	100.00	TFR254

971. TO APPROVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS FOR CHANGING ROOMS

Resolved that:

- Craig Roller Shutters be appointed to undertake annual checks on the roller shutters at Albert Fellowes sports pavilion; and
- CC Elec Ltd be appointed to undertake Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting testing; Electrical Installation Condition Report; and PAT testing at both playing field sites.

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972. TO CONSIDER TREE PLANTING SCHEME ON ROADS AND VERGES

Resolved that a working group be established to consider the viability and timing of a scheme. Should a scheme be considered necessary, to determine where trees would be planted. Group to report by June 2018. Clerk to invite members to contribute to group.

973. TO CONSIDER CLEANING OF RAILWAY PLINTH

Resolved that ownership of plinth should be established. Plinth should remain in situ until after the 190th celebration of Rainhill Trials. The cost of cleaning could not be justified.

Consideration of item 11 on the agenda was deferred for consideration with item 18.

974. TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR DEMENTIA FRIENDS

Resolved that a donation of £100.00 be made to Dementia Friends.

975. TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR PROVISION OF BINS

Resolved that the new bin approved at the previous meeting be ordered including the annual cost of emptying.

976. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

Resolved that the actions of the Group be noted and that £100.00 be donated to set up new bank account.

977. TO CONSIDER SALE OF REDUNDANT BARRIER BASKETS

Resolved that the surplus barrier baskets be sold for a price of £50.00. Thanks be sent to Mr G. Phillips for his assistance in removal of the baskets.

Cllrs: J. DeAsha, J. Fulham, L. Glover and S. Glover entered the meeting during discussion on the following item.

978. TO CONSIDER WILDFLOWER AND BULB PLANTING CONTRACT

Resolved that:

- A two year contract for wildflower provision be approved;
- Clerk instructed to write to St.Helens Council regarding problems with wildflower display during 2017;
- Discussion on additional bulb planting be deferred to next meeting, when feasibility of planting areas would be known.

979. TO CONSIDER PLACING AN ADVERT IN THE BEER FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Resolved that the Parish Council would place an advert in the beer festival programme at a cost of £100.00.

980. TO CONSIDER UNAUTHORISED ACTIVITIES AND UNAUTHORISED USE OF PITCHES AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

Resolved that the Clerk investigate the erection of signs and report to next meeting. Clerk instructed to write to pitch hirers and remind them of the need to pay for friendly matches, and encourage the removal of goal posts over the summer break. No additional monitoring of pitch use was required.

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981. TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STORAGE AT HOLT LANE

The Council noted the consultation results and resolved that sufficient funding would need to be identified before planning permission would be pursued.

982. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and that: the Borough Councillors would pursue the issue of bollards at View Road; Issues with noise at the Victoria Hotel were receiving attention; and the signage at Victoria Terrace had been agreed with residents prior to erection.

Cllr Moore reported a vehicle parked on the pavement at Warrington Road, advertised for sale. Clerk to write to PCSO and planning enforcement to pursue its removal. Further, it was reported that the Commercial Hotel was advertised for sale and members of the community were pursuing registration of the building as an Asset of Community Value. Members were requested to lend their support to this request. The Clerk was instructed to look at previous work undertaken to consider other buildings worthy of registering as Assets of Community Value and bring to future meeting.

Cllr S. Glover reported that the Borough Councillors were investigating the introduction of traffic calming measures on Sandhurst Road.

Cllr J. Fulham reported that an attack had occurred on Pennies Pit Park, gangs of youths were known to congregate around the area and damage had been sustained to residential property. PCSOs were aware of the situation. Further, security issues had arisen due to bad design on the properties at Warburton Hey, which required doors to be left open to provide ventilation. This could only be addressed with full refurbishment.

983. REPORTS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: All issues covered in agenda.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Next meeting due 5th September.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Next meeting due 18th September, Cllr. Wood reported that the current subscription fee of £5.00 p.a. may need to be increased to cover the cost of speakers. It was agreed that a card of support be sent to Mr D Houghton.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr. Wood reminded members that the Parish Council were entitled to 3 delegates. The September meeting had been postponed to October.
- Rainhill Gala: no report
- 4F Centre: Next meeting due 13th September.

984. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 16th October 2017, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
16th October 2017