

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 16th October 2017 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

Cllr J. DeAsha welcomed back Cllr B. Grunewald on behalf of the Parish Council.

**985. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: M. Donovan and J. Fulham.

**986. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on behalf of: Cllrs: J. DeAsha, and S. Glover – Members of Borough Planning Committee, and D. Long – Cabinet Member. Cllrs D. Long and P. Long declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application P/2017/0761.

The meeting was adjourned.

A presentation was made by a member of the public in relation to wildflower displays on Warrington Road. A number of points were clarified before the meeting was resumed.

The meeting was reconvened.

**987. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**988. TO RECEIVE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT**

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Concern was expressed at the increase in crime numbers and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to request a meeting.

**989. CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**990. 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/2017/0701 53 Amanda Road, single storey extension to side and rear elevation, and new roof to existing garage

P/2017/0703 814 Warrington Road, single storey rear extension

P/2017/0707 Plumb Centre, Hemmingsway, consent to display 6 fascia signs; 1 architrave entrance sign; and 1 poster sign

P/2017/0710 Rainhill Recreation Club, Victoria Terrace, grading and importation of topsoil, new pipe drainage and seeding of southern part of site

P/2017/0712 172 Rainhill Road, replacing flat roof with pitched roof over existing detached garage

P/2017/0721 12 Second Avenue, erection of rear conservatory

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P/2017/0729 9 Owen Road, works to multiple trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order  
P/2017/0732 58 Holt Lane, retention of rear extension.

P/2017/0735 Rainhill High School Media Arts College, Warrington Road, demolition of existing single storey extension on 6th form block and erection of a two storey teaching block.

P/2017/0747 Crantock, Mill Lane, conversion and extension of existing garage and outbuildings to link into the existing dwelling, single storey front extension along with a rear infill extension

P/2017/0761 30 The Meadows, single storey rear extension projecting 6.0m from the rear, 4.0m high overall and 4.0m to the eaves

P/2017/0766 531 Warrington Road, two storey extension to side and rear elevations.

P/2017/0777 P and S Self-drive, Station Road, change of use from existing car repair garage to retail unit (florist), along with shop front alterations to east and west elevations.

P/2017/0809 45 St James Road Certificate of lawfulness for roof alterations including full width rear dormer with pitched roof.

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

P/2017/0730 Land to rear of 576 Warrington Road, erection of a two storey dwelling on land to the rear of The Village Butcher

P/2017/0784 11 Owen Road, demolition of existing conservatory, pool house, chimney and front entrance and erection of 2no two storey rear extensions, covered pergola and 2no front dormers.

**991. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - Oct (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.32	
	Photocopying & Paper – Sept	15.00	
		1116.32	TFR257
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Oct	301.53	TFR258
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - Oct	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Oct	16.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Oct	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Oct	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Oct	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park - Oct	52.00	STO
BDO LLP	External Audit Fee	360.00	TFR262
Village Hall	Repayment of Insurance Premium	3024.00	TFR259
St. Ann Millennium Centre	Room Hire – Merchant Navy Day	17.50	TFR260
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - Nov (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.52	
		1101.52	TFR263
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Nov	301.53	TFR264
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - Nov	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Nov	16.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Nov	55.06	DD
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<b>S.137 Payments</b>			
Dementia Friends	Donation	100.00	TFR261

**992. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Resolved that the report from the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be noted.

**993. TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

The Council reviewed the current budgetary position and bank reconciliation, and resolved to approve the report.

**994. TO APPROVE THE TIMETABLE FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

Resolved that the arrangements proposed by the Clerk be accepted and that the Awards Evening be set for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.

**995. TO CONSIDER ROAD CLOSURE FOR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

Resolved that the Parish Council would meet the cost of the road closure to facilitate the Remembrance Service, this expenditure would be met each year and should be added to the budget.

**996. TO CONSIDER THE OUTCOME OF THE CLERK'S APPRAISAL**

Resolved that, following the Clerk's appraisal and subsequent discussion by Council members, the Clerk will progress to salary scale point 33, in accordance with the written terms and conditions of employment.

**997. TO APPROVE THE AUDITED ANNUAL RETURN**

Resolved that the final version of the Annual Return be approved and accepted and payment be authorised.

**998. TO CONSIDER ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

Resolved that the Clerk investigate registering the Commercial Hotel as an asset of community value. Other sites would be considered in due course. Return to next meeting.

**999. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP**

The Council noted the actions taken by the Rocket 190 Group.

**1000. TO CONSIDER UNAUTHORISED ACTIVITIES AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

Resolved that signage be erected to indicate 'No Golf' and 'No Unauthorised Vehicles' at both entrances to Albert Fellowes Park.

**1001. TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR THE WEB SITE DOMAIN NAME**

Resolved that the domain name rainhill.gov.uk be pursued. The current domain name rainhillparish.org.uk be maintained until the new site is established.

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**1002. TO CONSIDER WEB SITE SECURITY**

Resolved that a SSL certificate was not considered necessary. Clerk instructed to remove contact form from web site to reduce risk.

**1003. TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR CLEANING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL**

Resolved that Stone Central be appointed to undertake cleaning of war memorial.

**1004. TO CONSIDER REPAIRS TO CHANGING ROOMS AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

Resolved that Kirby Roofing be appointed to undertake roof repairs to changing rooms at AFP.

**1005. TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO DCLG CONSULTATION**

Resolved that a representation be submitted to consultations on both the Liverpool City Region Strategic Housing and Employment Land Market Assessment, and the DCLG white paper 'Planning for the right homes in the right places' as detailed in the Clerk's report.

**1006. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and that contact be made with St. Helens Council regarding the wildflower areas. Clerk to investigate solutions and return to future meeting. The issue of on street parking was recognised as a long standing problem. An item would be placed in the next Annual Report. Cllr S. Glover offered to report the overhanging vegetation.

Cllr J. Carroll expressed disappointment on behalf of the Parish Council, that the cost of work undertaken to remove graffiti from the War Memorial would not be reimbursed by the offender.

**1007. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr S. Glover reported that the Eco Garden would be hosting 'Something Spooky in the Garden' on 28<sup>th</sup> October. Discussions had been held with Rainhill Town to facilitate the First Team's return to Rainhill. Discussions would now be held with St. Helens Council to assess the feasibility.
- Village Hall Management Committee: A meeting was held 12<sup>th</sup> September. A campaign had been launched to raise funds for upkeep of the building. Several user groups had made donations. Cllr T. Long suggested contact with local colleges to provide practical work experience for trades students.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr B. Wood reported that the group had recently received a presentation on the Mersey Bridge. It was suggested that the Parish Council enter a team in the forthcoming quiz.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Parish Councils were reminded that resolutions could be submitted to MALC for consideration.
- Rainhill Gala: Cllr B. Grunewald reported that all issues had been considered during the meeting.
- 4F Centre: A charge had been introduced for waste collections, which was an additional expenditure.

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**1008. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that a Finance Meeting would be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 7.30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall. The next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, starting at 7:00pm and would be followed by the Christmas Meal.

**1009. 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>
1010	Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

**1010. CONSIDERATION OF LOGO COMPETITION**

It was agreed that all of the designs submitted were of a very high standard. Resolved that Cllr D. Long would circulate options for the preferred submission for further assessment by the Executive Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.43 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2017