

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
22ND JANUARY 2018**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd January 2018 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

Representatives from Merseyside Police and the Police and Crime Commissioners Office were present. 5 members of the public were also present.

18.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Donovan, and apologies for late arrival were received for Cllrs: DeAsha and Fulham.

18.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on behalf of: Cllrs: J. DeAsha, and S. Glover– Members of Borough Planning Committee, J. Fulham, B. Grunewald & D. Long – Cabinet Members, L. Glover – Borough Councillor and P. Long – candidate in 2018 election.

18.03 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th December 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Cllrs: DeAsha and Fulham entered the meeting during consideration of the following item.

18.04 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ALLEYGATES AT ALNESS DRIVE

The Chair brought forward the following item from item 17 for consideration. It was resolved that the issue would be dealt with by the ward Councillors.

18.05 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONERS OFFICER AND MERSEYSIDE POLICE AND DISCUSS MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Inspector Drennan, Merseyside Police discussed the most recent crime statistics for Rainhill and provided comparison figures for St.Helens as a whole. Clarification was sought on several points and it was agreed that details of crime resolutions would be provided. It was considered that national government should be made aware of the increased crime statistics to prevent further cuts.

Mr M Berry, Police and Crime Commissioners Office, detailed the victim support services being commissioned. Youth funding had been provided to two groups in St.Helens. A rise in the precept was proposed and consultation was underway. Discussions about the future of St.Helens Police Station were ongoing.

It was resolved to accept both reports and both officers were thanked for their attendance.

18.06 CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and the following actions be undertaken: write to Halton Borough Council in relation to consultation on their Local Plan; research how other Parishes deal with publication of Clerk's salaries; bring forward a policy on lone working; research advice and training on lone working.

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18.07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Submit a representation objecting to the loss of trees in relation to the following application:
P/2017/0959 - Rocklands House, View Road, demolition of existing single storey chalets and proposed reduction of existing site levels and development of 3 residential dwellings comprising of 1 x four bedroom and 2 x three bedroom detached dwellings with garage and driveway parking and associated landscaping.

18.08 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - Jan (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1021.92	
	Photocopying - Dec	17.50	
		1054.42	TFR274
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Jan	310.40	TFR275
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Jan	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Jan	16.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Jan	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Jan	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Jan	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park – Jan	52.00	STO
St Helens Council	Erection of signs at AFP No Golf	594.00	TFR273
St Helens Council	Grounds Maintenance - Exchange Place	468.18	TFR276
Stone Central	Clean War Memorial	1260.00	TFR277
CC Elec Ltd	Electrical Testing Reports at APF & Holt	510.00	TFR278
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - Feb (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1110.35	
		1125.35	TFR279
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Feb	310.40	TFR280
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Feb	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Feb	16.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Feb	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Feb	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Feb	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park – Feb	52.00	STO
S.137 Payments			
Oakdene School	Donation – Christmas Lights Event	100.00	077
Willowbrook Hospice	Donation – Christmas Lights Event	100.00	078

18.09 TO CONSIDER NOMINATING THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Resolved that following completion of the ongoing purchase, contact be made with the new purchasers to arrange a meeting, and the Commercial Supporters Group be informed of the proposed meeting with new purchasers.

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18.10 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.

18.11 TO CONSIDER THE INTRODUCTION OF POLICIES FOR THE COUNCIL

Resolved that, subject to the amendments proposed, the Child Protection Policy put forward be adopted. Further a policy on inclusion should be drafted for consideration.

18.12 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT TIMETABLE

Resolved that the schedule set out be agreed. A meeting of the Editorial Group would be arranged.

18.13 TO APPROVE THE FUTURE MEETING DATES

It was resolved that the following meeting dates for 2017/18 (all Monday 7:30pm unless stated otherwise) are approved:

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 25th April 2018 (already approved)

APCM 14th May 2018 (already approved)

18th June 2018

23rd July 2018

3rd September 2018

15th October 2018

Finance 12th November 2018

10th December 2018

21st January 2019

4th March 2019

The following dates will not be published in the 2018 Annual Report:

2019 Annual Parish Meeting Wed 24th April 2019

2019 Annual Parish Council Meeting 13th May 2019

The Clerk was authorised to publish any amendments to commencement times via the website.

18.14 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM RAINHILL RECREATION CLUB TO USE PITCHES AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

Resolved that in the interests of protecting the playing surface the request be denied.

18.15 TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO CONTAINER AT HOLT LANE

Resolved that subject to a successful award of grant funding, the Parish Council would act as third party contributor for the provision of a storage container at Holt Lane playing fields.

18.16 TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR PROVISION OF HERITAGE PLAQUES AND BOARDS

This item was deferred for consideration to Executive Committee.

18.17 TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR DECOMMISSIONING OF CHANGING ROOM SHOWERS

Resolved that the lowest tender submitted by Laughton & Wallace be accepted and the work commissioned.

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18.18 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and that further information on accidents relating to the manhole cover be requested.

Cllr B. Wood drew attention to the Holocaust Memorial Service planned at St.Helens Town Hall, further a complaint had been received regarding the accessibility of the noticeboard.

Cllr J. Fulham reported complaints about the late running of the 10A bus service, and the shortage of housing for young people.

Cllr J. Doyle reported that the 289 bus service does not serve residents at Rainhill Stoops. Clarification of the route was provided and the Clerk was requested to seek an amendment.

18.19 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 January's Eco Garden meeting had been cancelled.
- Village Hall Management Committee: It was reported that the Townswomen's Guild had relocated to St. Ann's Millennium Centre. Grant funding from Wren was still being processed. A review of discounts offered to regular users will be carried out and recommendations made before the AGM. The January meeting had concentrated on maintenance issues.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr B. Wood detailed the latest talks in the Speaker Programme together with the Quiz planned for 11th May.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr B. Wood reported that future meetings would be held at Prescot Town Hall and invited other Councillors to attend.
- Rainhill Gala: no report.
- 4F Centre: new users had commenced which helped the financial position. A new kitchen had been ordered.

18.20 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 5th March 2018, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

18.21 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>
18.22	Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

18.22 PRECEPT

It was resolved that St Helens Council be advised that the Precept for 2018/19 will be £67,000.

It was resolved that the Budget paper, submitted by the Clerk and supporting the above Precept amount, is approved.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
5th March 2018