

17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Councillor,

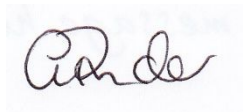
You are summoned to attend the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, in the Elm Room at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

I attach an agenda, relevant minutes, and the Clerk's Report.

Please find time to read through the information before the meeting, making any notes you need to against each item. If you have any queries prior to the meeting please do not hesitate to contact me.

We have one member of the public registered to attend in relation to a complaint contained within the agenda.

Yours faithfully,



G. Pinder  
Clerk to the Council



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**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

*The public will be allowed to speak on any matters of concern, subject to prior written notification being received. A request has been received from Mr Flynn.*

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest from members
3. To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June 2018
4. To receive Police monthly statistics report – for information only
5. To note the contents of the Clerk's Report– for information only
6. To consider the following Planning Applications and note any actions taken:
  - P/2018/0444 59 Deepdale Drive Erection of a 2m high boundary fence.
  - P/2018/0425 - 30 The Meadows, removal of existing detached storage shed, and erection of side extension with mezzanine floor.
  - P/2018/0454 3 Francis Close Creation of a new porch and a single storey side and rear extension.
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  - P/2018/0465 8 Lawton Road Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to remove 1no Lime Tree.
  - P/2018/0495 5 Dane Court Change of use of private owned space at front of public house to small outdoor seating area for customers.
  - P/2018/0503 6 Alness Drive, Single storey side extension along with alterations to front porch.
  - P/2018/0498 2 Stonecross Drive removal of existing boundary wall/fence, and erection of replacement boundary treatment with entrance gates and associated landscaping.
7. To authorise the accounts payable (list included in report)
8. To receive a report from Executive Committee
9. To consider taking legal advice on the village hall lease
10. To consider the actions of the Rocket 190 Group
11. To approve the quarterly budget report and bank reconciliation
12. To consider residents comments and complaints
13. To receive reports from member representatives on local organisations:
  - a) Public Open Spaces
  - b) Village Hall Management Committee
  - c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
  - d) Merseyside Association of Local Councils
  - e) Rainhill Gala
  - f) 4F Centre
14. Date & Time of Next Meeting:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, 7.30pm

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 18th June 2018 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

2 members of the public were present.

**18.62 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: J. DeAsha, J. Fulham and P. Long.

**18.63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on planning matters by Cllrs B. Grunewald and D. Long, Members of St.Helens Borough Planning Authority.

**18.64 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**18.65 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The meeting was adjourned.

A discussion was held with the Group Scout Leader of 4<sup>th</sup> St.Helens (St.Anns Church) Rainhill Scout Group regarding incidents at the Scout Hut, Old Lane. After over 8 months of repeated incidents, more attention was now being paid by Merseyside Police, but issues had not ceased. The Parish Council agreed to lend their support to the efforts already being made and would contact both Rainhill High and Merseyside Police.

The meeting was reconvened.

**18.66 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT**

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Concern was expressed that some crimes were not being reported in the statistics. The Clerk was instructed to request an explanation.

**18.67 CLERK'S REPORT**

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and the issue of short term parking be pursued with Amber Taverns and that paediatric defibrillator pads could be ordered for the Village Hall.

**18.68 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was resolved to note the following actions taken in relation to planning applications:

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

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P/2018/0346 - Ardna Craig, 35 View Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order (T20) to 1no beech.

P/2018/0364 - 82 Ashton Avenue, certificate of lawfulness for single storey extension to rear and side elevations, along with alterations to garage roof.

P/2018/0399 - 28 First Avenue, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension.

P/2018/0405 - 25 Derwent Close, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

An objection had been submitted to the following application:

P/2018/0386 - 808 Warrington Road, two storey side extension, part two storey part single storey rear extension and dormer to the rear.

A letter supporting the Conservation Officer's concerns be submitted on the following application

P/2018/0390 - Victoria Hotel, 507 Warrington Road, consent to replace and display assorted advertisement signs consisting of 1no fascia sign, 8no hoardings and 2no other illuminated and non-illuminated signs.

**18.69 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>
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	DD
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	STO
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	16.00	STO
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	16.00	STO
G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Jun	1168.87	
	Photocopying	27.00	
	Telephone	15.15	
		1211.02	TFR307
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - June	329.01	TFR308
HMRC	Tax & NI (Apr - Jun)	667.81	TFR309
Physio-Control	Replacement Battery for Defibrillator	92.40	TFR310
GMS Services Ltd	Legionella Risk Assessment Holt Lane	120.00	TFR311
GMS Services Ltd	Legionella Risk Assessment AFP	120.00	TFR312
Vinyline	Updating Honours Board	48.00	TFR313
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
St.Helens Council	Barrier Baskets 2018	4751.14	TFR314

**18.70 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP**

Resolved that the actions of the Rocket 190 Group be noted.

**18.71 TO CONSIDER RAINHILL CIVIC SOCIETY REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF PLAQUES AND PROPOSAL FOR KENDRICK'S CROSS**

Cllr. B. Grunewald reported that the costs involved with the plaques and interpretation boards had been assessed by Officers at St.Helens Council and funding would be considered once a final figure was obtained. However, priority for funding would be given to ensuring Christmas decorations could be erected in Rainhill Village. It was resolved that the Clerk could continue to assist with the provision of a replacement Kendrick's Cross.

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**18.72 TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL TREE PLANTING PROJECT**

Resolved that, subject to no substantive objections arising from neighbour consultation, two trees be planted in front of nos. 364-390 Warrington Road. The location and species of tree, together with the exact form and extent of consultation was deferred to Executive Committee.

**18.73 TO CONSIDER REPAIRS NEEDED TO THE SANDSTONE WALL**

No quotes were available for consideration and this item was deferred to a future meeting.

**18.74 TO CONSIDER ISSUES ARISING FROM TOUR OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES**

Resolved that:

- i. A new bin be ordered for the play area at Two Butt Lane.
- ii. The Clerk write to owners of land adjacent to Albert Fellowes Park to assess if similar drainage issues are present.
- iii. All members assess new areas for bulb planting and a list of suggested sites be compiled.

**18.75 TO CONSIDER A REPLACEMENT NOTICE BOARD**

Resolved that a two door noticeboard be ordered from Parish Notice Board Company at an approximate cost of £995.00.

**18.76 TO REVIEW THE POLICE/COMMUNITY COMPACT**

Resolved that the Clerk invite Merseyside Police to a meeting to discuss the Police/Community Compact and several other issues.

**18.77 TO CONSIDER INCIDENTS AFFECTING THE SCOUT HUT, OLD LANE**

Resolved that issues with contacting Merseyside Police be raised via the Borough Council representative, and letters be written to both Merseyside Police and Rainhill High to support the Scout Group in their actions.

**18.78 TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO PLANT TREES AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

Resolved that subject to a suitable scheme being agreed with all parties, that does not adversely affect the drainage of the park, nor incur maintenance charges for the Parish Council, that a tree planting scheme be supported.

**18.79 TO CONSIDER PITCH HIRE AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

Resolved that in order to preserve the playing surface in a suitable condition for Saturday games, permission for Sunday hire of the requested pitches be refused.

**18.80 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR LONG-TERM AGREEMENT FOR PITCH HIRE AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

Resolved that subject to conditions concerning the maintenance of the area as public open space and no additional maintenance costs being transferred to the Parish Council, that the Parish Council has no objection to agreeing a long-term agreement for pitch hire at Albert Fellowes Park with Rainhill United.

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**18.81 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM RAINHILL CRICKET CLUB TO CROSS ALBERT FELLOWES PARK**

Resolved that access be permitted across Albert Fellowes Park to Rainhill Cricket Club, subject to agreement of details.

**18.82 TO CONSIDER A SERVICE TO MARK MERCHANT NAVY DAY**

Resolved that Merchant Navy Day would be supported, a 2.5 yard Red Ensign be purchased and the Clerk make all necessary arrangements for a service.

**18.83 TO CONSIDER UPDATING THE COUNCIL'S IT PROVISION**

Resolved that updated operating software and two external hard drives be purchased, together with additional cloud storage capacity.

**18.84 TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN THE SILENT SOLDIER CAMPAIGN**

Resolved that the Parish Council support the Silent Soldier Campaign. The Clerk to investigate the sponsorship of an additional silhouette and their location in Houghton Street and at the War Memorial.

**18.85 TO CONSIDER CHANGE TO MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND POLICY**

Resolved that a new policy for Regulation 30(8) of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2008 & 2013 be adopted and the Chair be authorised to sign.

**18.86 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and no further action be taken as Cllrs DeAsha and Grunewald had address both issues.  
Cllr Donovan reported that a resident of Kendal Drive had complained about the height of a boundary fence. The Clerk was instructed to contact St.Helens Council Enforcement Officer to assess the situation.

**18.87 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 all sites had been inspected the previous weekend. On further investigation reports of giant hogweed at the Eco Garden were discovered to be Elder.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr C. Moore reported that the issue with a hole at the rear of the building had now been resolved. A funding application had been made to Biffa. A donation of £460 had been made by the Zumba group.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: no report
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: no report
- Rainhill Gala: Cllr B. Grunewald reported that contact had now been re-established. Unfortunately the first meeting had been missed so figures for attendance at 2018 gala were not yet available though there were thought to be around 7,000 visitors. Cllr B. Heydon added that the work undertaken by the Gala Committee was outstanding and a letter of support should be sent and publicised on social media.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L. Glover reported that there were no current issues and the next meeting would be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

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**18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

**18.88 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

## Police Report

Merseyside Police Report for Rainhill Parish Council Meeting Monday 23rd July 2018

Area: Rainhill Month: June 2018

	2017	2018	Diff	% Diff	Description
Burglary Business & Community	0	0	0	0	
Burglary Residential	7	2	-5	-71	1) Group of offenders enter property via insecure rear kitchen door - property stolen - Sandon Close 2) Unknown offenders (3) force entry by barrelling rear door - Audi keys taken - disturbed -vehicle not taken - Sherman Drive
Criminal Damage	7	6	-1	-14	1) Youths suspected of damaging the rear perimeter fencing of the Scout Hut - Old Lane 2 & 3) Unwitnessed criminal damage to motor vehicles x 2 at owners residential property - Dunbeath Avenue 4) Window to Renault van smashed 13/6 - unknown offender - Dunbeath Avenue 5) Window to Peugeot van smashed 13/6 - unknown offender - Renwick Avenue 6) Front nearside window of Ford Focus smashed 23/6 - unknown offender - Sherman Drive
Drugs	0	3	3	100	1) Male aged 15 made off from police - stopped & searched - found with cannabis - referred to Youth Offending Team 2) Male seen discarding white powder - male searched & arrested for possession of a controlled drug - Ashton Avenue 3) Male arrested for possession of a controlled drug & driving under influence of drugs - Chapel Lane
Other Theft	11	3	-8	-73	1 & 2) Fuel put into vehicle x 2 incl.customer no money - failed to return as promised - Shell Warrington Road 3) Parking posts removed by unknown person - Longton Lane Warrington Road
Public Order	1	8	7	700	1) Neighbour dispute - victim sworn at by neighbour - Sandhurst Road 2) Neighbour incident with other neighbour shouting abuse - Ratcliffe Place 3) Neighbour ran towards other neighbour - complaint of ball kicked at informants vehicle - Horwood Avenue 4) Verbal abuse to informants 9 year old daughter - Rainhill Road 5) Females parents whose daughter attends school reacted to a comment made by a male pupil - Rainhill High school 6) Dispute between parents over bullying - parent verbally abused - St Anns primary school 7) Report of harassment being investigated - Warrington Road 8) Threats made to female student - Rainhill High
Robbery Business	0	0	0	0	
Robbery Personal	0	0	0	0	1) Pedal cycle taken from younger male by two older males who arrested shortly afterwards - Stoney Lane
Theft Bike	0	0	0	0	
T.F.M.V.	3	1	-2	-67	1) Drivers window of panel van smashed - drills stolen - no CCTV - Railton Avenue
Theft Shop	6	1	-5	-83	1) Bottle of cider stolen - no attempt to pay - Bargain Booze
T.O.M.V.	3	2	-1	-33	1) Ford Focus taken when parked on the driveway - vehicle keys not stolen - Second Avenue 2) Vauxhall Astra taken as a female was removing child from the vehicle - Second Avenue
Vehicle Interference	1	0	-1	-100	
Total	39	26	-13	-33	
ASB	14	10	-4	-29	



**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL - CLERK'S REPORT  
JULY 2018**

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The Clerk's report is in two parts:

- The first part relates to actions that have already been taken. These items will not have a corresponding Agenda item and shouldn't need any further discussion.
  - The second part relates directly to Agenda items and is intended to assist any discussion of Agenda items. These notes are for information only and should only be discussed as each Agenda item is reached.
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**PART 1 - ACTIONS TAKEN**

**5. CLERKS REPORT**

All actions resulting from resolutions made at the 18<sup>th</sup> June ordinary meeting have either been completed or are in progress. Additionally I can report the following:

**5.1 PROGRESS WITH MERCHANT NAVY DAY**

At our last meeting it was agreed that a service would be held to mark Merchant Navy Day. A date of 6pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> September has been requested with St. Ann's Church, please add this to your diaries. A Red Ensign flag has been purchased, and the flag hoister has confirmed his availability. The Critchley Room at the Millennium Centre has been booked until 7pm for tea/coffee afterwards. Confirmation has yet to be received from invited speakers.

**PART 2 - AGENDA ITEMS – SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES**

**6. 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/2018/0444 59 Deepdale Drive Erection of a 2m high boundary fence.

P/2018/0425 - 30 The Meadows, removal of existing detached storage shed, and erection of side extension with mezzanine floor.

P/2018/0454 3 Francis Close Creation of a new porch and a single storey side and rear extension.

P/2018/0466 Valluga Old Lane Erection of replacement dwelling.

P/2018/0487 10 Second Avenue Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side extension.

No comment has yet been submitted for the following applications, the closing date for comments will still be open at the time of the meeting:

P/2018/0495 5 Dane Court Change of use of private owned space at front of public house to small outdoor seating area for customers.

P/2018/0503 6 Alness Drive, Single storey side extension along with alterations to front porch.

P/2018/0465 8 Lawton Road Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to remove 1 no Lime Tree.

P/2018/0498 2 Stonecross Drive removal of existing boundary wall/fence, and erection of replacement boundary treatment with entrance gates and associated landscaping.

The following applications are still under consideration, the closing date for comments will still be open at the time of the meeting:

P/2018/0456 533 Warrington Road Erection of new dwelling with attached garage.

**The Council should note the actions taken.**

**7. TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
G Pinder	Photocopying	19.00	
G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - July	1135.48	
	Telephone	15.00	
	External Hard-drive x 2	98.98	
	Red Ensign from Hampshire Flags	42.36	
		1311.32	TFR315
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – July	316.60	TFR316
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - July	16.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - July	16.00	DD
Water Plus	Albert Fellowes Park – July	160.70	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields – July	6.33	STO
Royal British Legion	Silent Soldier Silhouette	250.00	TFR317
Rainhill Village Hall	Drainage work to fill sink hole	947.00	TFR318
Physio-Control	Replacement Paediatric Pads for Defibrillator	79.84	TFR319
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	

G Pinder	Salary - Aug (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.32	
		1101.32	TFR320
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – August	316.60	TFR321
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - August	16.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - August	16.00	DD
Water Plus	Albert Fellowes Park – August	160.70	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields – August	6.33	STO

**The Council should consider approving the above payments.**

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

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> July the following resolutions were agreed:

- that Cllr. B. Heydon be elected Chair;
- that the Clerk confirm to Rainhill Save our Green Belt Group that the Parish Council's position was unaffected by consultation on amendments to the NPPF;
- that a flowering cherry be proposed for the tree planting project, and that subject to agreed amendments the consultation flyer be distributed to properties fronting Warrington Road, nos. 364-390;
- that, as CIF money had been committed to retain the school crossing patrol service at Oakdene School, no further action was necessary;
- that the Clerk obtain a quote from Penketh Fencing to replace the sandstone wall, and that authority be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair, to accept the quote offering the best value for money; and
- that no review of the Standing Orders was required.

**The Council should note the actions of the Executive Committee.**

**9. TO CONSIDER TAKING LEGAL ADVICE ON THE VILLAGE HALL LEASE**

The land on which the Village Hall is located is split into two sections. One is owned outright and the other is leased from Lariche Investments, and a ground rent of £5.00 per annum is paid.

The lease was originally granted in 1966 for 66 years, giving it an expiry date of 2032, now only 15 years left to run. The original lease contain a renewal clause indicating:

9. Option for Renewal

If the Tenant shall wish to renew this Lease for a further term of 50 years and or such desire shall give notice to the Landlord not less than 6 months nor more than 12 months before the expiry of the term granted by this lease then the landlord will grant to the Tenant a further term of 50 years of the demised premises to commence from and after the expiration of the term granted by this lease subject to the like covenants and provisions as are contained in this lease except this present covenant for renewal but at a rent which shall be a fair market rent for the demised premises (excluding the value of any buildings standing thereon at the time of such notice) such rent to be agreed between the parties and if not so agreed to be determined by an arbitrator to be appointed on the application of either party by the President for the time being of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors or other similar body then carrying on the functions now exercised by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors the decision of such arbitrator to be final and binding on the parties and the costs of such arbitration to be in the award of the arbitrator the costs of the new lease and counterpart and the stamp duty on the counterpart to be borne by the Tenant

In line with the terms set out above we would have to wait until 2031 before giving notice of the wish to renew, which would potentially leave the Parish Council and Management Committee in a precarious position.

In order to assess whether it is possible to seek renewal prior to 2031, and secure the future tenure of the Village Hall, it is recommended that legal advice be sought on renewal of the lease in advance of the timescales set out above.

**The Council should consider whether to seek legal advice on early renewal of the lease for the Village Hall land.**

#### **10. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP**

The Steering Group met on 10.7.18 and two meetings have been held with Rainhill High. The loan agreement has been signed and returned to National Railway Museum and it is hoped that publicity will soon be permitted to announce the replica Rocket taking part in the event. Insurance has been agreed and transportation has been booked. Details of storage have been agreed but need to be finalised and stewardship needs to be arranged.

Progress has been made on the production of a web site. Rainhill High will build the site in consultation with the Steering Group. In order to develop this, a web package needs to be purchased. This costs £79.99 for a one year contract. A 10 year contract can be obtained for £599.00, but it is recommended that a one year contract be purchased and a decision on future years can be taken at a later date.

The programme of events continues to be finalised with some events being withdrawn and other new ones added.

It is considered that there is now sufficient content to approach local businesses to become involved.

**The Council should note the actions of the Rocket 190 Group and authorise expenditure of £79.99 to set up the web site for one year.**

#### **11. TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

I have prepared a quarterly budget report, attached at appendix 1, to provide an update on the financial position. I have explained the expenditure in relation to the budgeted figure and the reason for any major variance. A bank reconciliation has been prepared for signing by the Chair, copy also attached.

The figures show underspend on:

Administration and Public Open Spaces.

And overspend on:

Environmental Improvements – Christmas decorations and barrier baskets; and

Publicity – due to publication of the annual report early in the year, this will balance out.

If members wish to email any questions in advance of the meeting, I would be happy to prepare a response in time for the meeting.

**The Council should note the current budgetary position and approve the report and bank reconciliation.**

#### **12. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

The Clerk has dealt with correspondence including those relating to: Access to community noticeboards; Leaning wall on Warrington Road; Unavailability of St.Helens

Star; refilling of barrier baskets; removal of a piece of fencing and preseason drainage work at Albert Fellowes Park, Coop Foodshare project, and provision of a tree for Gordon Jamieson, further details are available on request. The following complaints require further consideration:

Parking, overhanging vegetation and pavement repairs

Two complaints have been received regarding parking issues:

14.6.18 – Parking around Weaver Avenue causing dangerous road conditions.

28.6.18 – Email reads as follows:

“Can you tell me whether our Parish Council have a policy regarding the following two issues members of the public in Rainhill face on a daily basis in a number of areas in Rainhill.

Walking is top of the health agenda in most of the health policies being put forward by experts in the area of health and fitness, in particular keeping the older folk fit. Can the council tell me whether there is a policy here in Rainhill, which would ensure pedestrians could walk in safety along our pavements without having to walk in single file because of trees growing from gardens into the pedestrian walkway making it an unsafe environment for walkers of all ages. This is a situation which the council should be aware of on behalf of the public and the dangers which this situation if not addressed will put walkers in.

My second question is addressed to both my Parish council members and also to members of our Borough council. On my walks very often have to not only avoid the trees overhanging the pavements but also the quite irritating problem of vehicles parking with either, two wheels on the pavement or on occasions, fully four wheels parking on the pavements .

I am aware that the powers to be, have made this an offence in all boroughs of London and I am amazed that this is not so in council areas outside of London.

There is a strong level of public dissatisfaction being shown with this situation of car parking on public footwalks, and with this in mind I feel that our parish council and our borough council could show the public their concern with this growing problem by stating that pavement parking is looked upon as anti-social in our areas.

Our paving slabs were replaced some years ago for reasons which have never been fully justified except that it was costing money to replace them owing to car parking damage. Most of our footwalks are in a mess and need a degree of repair owing to the problem of cars parking on them.

Can I ask the question as to who is responsible for the repair and maintenance of our footwalks? This will be an enormous burden on rate payers of both today and the future

I have copied this e-mail to Councillor De Asha, Councillor Barry Grunewald and Councillor Tasker and am available to meet with any to look into this situation and would in particular like the views of my local councillors.”

The Clerk confirmed that responsibility lay with St.Helens Council for the overhanging vegetation, pavement repairs and some parking issues, whilst other parking issues lay with the Police. Cllr DeAsha contacted the complainant and arranged a meeting. The Parish Council do not currently have a policy on such issues, havin a policy would have no effect on solving the problems.

**The Council should consider if further action is needed.**

**13. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL GROUPS**

- a) Public Open Spaces

- b) Village Hall Management Committee
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
- e) Rainhill Gala
- f) 4F Centre

**14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, 7.30pm  
15<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 7.30pm

BANK ACCOUNTS / BANK RECONCILIATION

BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 June 2018:-

BALANCE B/F:	67734.62	CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	85706.54
plus		plus	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	70233.84	TSB HOLDING ACCOUNT	36000.00
less		less	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	16261.92	UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	0.00
BALANCE c/f	<u>121706.54</u>		<u>121706.54</u>

Meeting held on 25th July 2018

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Chairman

**Rainhill Parish Council  
Budget Monitoring Report 2018/19**

**Expenditure April - June 2018**

Item of Expenditure	Budget for this period	Actual Spend this period	Budget for 2018/2019	Variance from Budget (£)	Variance from Budget (%)	Explanation for Major Variances (>£500)
1. Association of Local Councils	250	0	1,000	-250	N/a	Premium paid in lump sum will balance throughout the year
2. Wages/Salaries - Gross	4,025	4,041	16,100	16	0	
3. Employer NI & Pension Payments	1,050	983	4,200	-67	-6	
4. Administration	875	206	3,500	-669	-76	No major admin expenses to date
5. Insurance	300	0	1,200	-300	-100	Premium paid in lump sum will balance throughout the year
6. Public Open Spaces	2,750	760	11,000	-1,990	-72	Additional major expenses expected throughout the year
7. Rainhill Village Hall	2,756	515	11,023	-2,241	-81	Fixed grant - will balance at year end
8. Contingency	1,250	0	5,000	-1,250	-100	It is contingency
9. Environmental Improvements (+S137)	2,875	6,640	11,500	3,765	131	Christmas decs & early payment for barrier baskets
10. Election Expenses/Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	
11. Good Citizenship Award	200	0	800	-200	-100	Expenditure incurred in February 19
12. Charter Mark/Publicity	750	1,494	3,000	744	99	Expenditure is always front loaded
13. Website Improvements	250	0	1,000	-250	-100	Will balance throughout year
<b>Totals to End of June 2018</b>	<b>£17,331</b>	<b>£14,638</b>	<b>£69,323</b>	<b>-2,693</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>Ongoing project</b>

**Income April - June 2018**

Remitter	Precept	Pitch Hire	Other	TOTAL INCOME	VAT Refund	Explanation
20/04/18 St Helens Council	33,500			33,500		Precept Part 1 of 2
06/06/18 HMRC				-	2719	VAT Refund
30/04/18 Wren			515	515		Return of 3rd party contribution
23/06/18 St Helens Council	33,500			33,500		Precept Part 2 of 2
<b>Totals to End of June 2018</b>	<b>£67,000</b>		<b>£515</b>	<b>£67,515</b>	<b>£2,719</b>	