



**RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE RECEPTION ROOM AT RAINFORD VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON MONDAY 14 MAY 2018 COMMENCING AT 7PM**

**Present:**                   **Councillors:** Aspinall, Brown, Collins, Grice, G Jones, P Jones, Lee, Long, L Mussell, D Mussell Reynolds (Chairman), Wesley

**In attendance:**       S Powell (Clerk)  
Victoria Swainbank (Admin Assistant)

**Apologies:**               **Councillors:** A Jones (Unwell), D Nichols, R Nichols (Business), Wesley

**Absent:**                   **Councillor:** Monk

Councillor Reynolds welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 16 May 2016 were circulated and

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Clerk read out the apologies received and the reasons for absence. Councillor G Jones informed the meeting that Councillors D Nichols and Wesley had sent apologies via her. No reason for absence was given.

**2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 16.05.17**

The Clerk read out the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16.05.17. Councillor Aspinall proposed the minutes as a correct and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Brown and agreed unanimously.

**3. REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL AFFAIRS 2017 – 2018**  
**(COUNCILLOR DAVID GRICE, CHAIRMAN 2017 – 2018)**

Councillor David Grice gave a report.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018 – 2019**

Councillor Rob Reynolds gave a report.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Copies of the Balance Sheet as at 31.03.18 had been circulated.

Councillor P Jones, Chairman of the Finance, Planning & Administration Committee, went through the sheet and reported the following:

- 2017/18 had been a come back year for the finances of the Parish Council, with the year ending with a better surplus for contingencies.
- The boiler may need replacing in this financial year and funds had been ear-marked for this purpose. A discussion regarding this took place.
- The Clerk was thanked for producing the figures
- Councillor P Jones asked if there were any questions regarding the figures and a general discussion took place regarding the maintenance of the Village Hall and the possibility of applying for a PWLB loan for any major refurbishment work required.

**6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor L Mussell reported the following:

- Mark Dickens, the officer involved in the discussions regarding the land at the rear of the Village Hall is no longer working for St Helens Council. A general discussion regarding the land ensued and there was general agreement that this issue needs to be followed up.
- The start to the work at Windle Island has been stop/start. Further details will follow.

**7. OPEN FORUM**

1. Councillor D Mussell stated that he would liaise with the schools regarding the 'Poppies on the Lawn' project. The Clerk was asked to contact the schools. There was a discussion regarding Remembrance Sunday 2018. It was agreed that the Parish Council should mark the occasion in some way. Councillors Reynolds, D Mussell & L Mussell will organise it.
2. Councillor Grice opined that the new screen in the Main Hall is too high. A discussion took place and the Clerk was asked to find out the feasibility and cost of having it lowered.

As there were no further issues, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Annual Parish meeting closed at 7.50pm

**SIGNED:** .....

**Councillor Rob Reynolds  
Chairman Rainford Parish Council 2018/19**