

Rainford Parish Council

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

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

In attendance: Sally Powell (Clerk)
Victoria Swainbank (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Councillor: Monk

712. APOLOGIES: Councillors: D Nichols (Reason for absence not given), R Nichols (Business),
Wesley (Unwell)

713. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND UPDATING OF THE REGISTER:

Councillor Aspinall informed the meeting that from 17.05.18 he will no longer be a Church Warden at All Saints Parish Church.

Councillor Collins informed the meeting that she has become a member of the Parochial Parish Council at All Saints Parish Church.

714. FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman informed the meeting that the possibility of a twinning of Rainford with Farindola, Italy had been mooted. Following a discussion during which Councillor Lee explained why the previous twinning with a village in France had come to an end, the Clerk was asked to gain further information regarding the proposal.

715. TO HEAR AND RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS/DEPUTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Councillor Reynolds asked the Council on behalf of a resident, if there was a possibility of a clothes bank being sited within the perimeter of the Village Hall. The profit would go to one of the local primary schools. There was a short discussion and it was agreed that there was no suitable site for a clothes bank at the Village Hall.

716. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23 APRIL 2018

RESOLVED: Councillor L Mussell proposed the minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Councillor Grice and carried unanimously.

717. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None.

718. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

(See Appendix 1 for the Income & Expenditure figures for April 2018)

Councillor Lee requested clarification re payments for Bar services, which the Clerk gave.

RESOLVED: Councillor P Jones proposed that the Income and Expenditure Figures for April 2018 be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Brown and carried unanimously.

719. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk summarised the following correspondence:

1. Email from Martin Cox thanking all those who attended the St George's Day service
2. Email from Rainford Tennis Club with details of A Family Fun Day on 29.04.18
3. Email from Mark Dickens regarding the land at the rear of the Village Hall, stating that it would be marketed in due course, as St Helens Council had a duty to raise revenue where appropriate *There*

was a discussion regarding this and it was agreed that this should be itemised on the agenda for the next full Council meeting

4. Card from Tony and Elizabeth Cook for the Anniversary flowers
5. Card from Betty Lowe MBE thanking the Chairman for a very enjoyable Chairman's evening
6. Letter from Blood & Transplant services confirming future blood donor sessions
7. Email from Dean McGauley with publicity material for Armed Forces Day on 23.06.18
8. Letter from Mike Berry from the Police & Crime Commissioner's office with details of grants for community projects attempting to deter people from becoming involved in anti-social and criminal behaviour.
9. Email from Phil Cunliffe thanking all involved in arranging the Defib course.
10. Email from the Carer's support Group inviting the Chairman to attend their summer buffet lunch on 11.07.18 at 1.30pm
11. Email from Di Watmough, Senior advocate and Independent Visitor co-ordinator for NYAS regarding volunteer opportunities working on a one-to-one basis with children in care. *It was agreed that the Parish Council should assist with this*
12. Copy of Clerks & Councils Direct magazine
13. Copy of The Clerk magazine
14. Letter from St Helens Council re the outline planning application for the development at Lords Fold, which will be considered by the Planning committee on 22.05.18
15. Letter from Jacqueline Wilburn with the results and recommendations from the Internal Audit for the year ending 31.03.18
16. Email from Peter Reddington with suggestions for the area to the right of the Village Hall. *Councillor D Mussell raised the issue of disabled access at the front of the building. The Chairman reminded the meeting that he and the Clerk had met with the Conservation Officer regarding this and that permission would not be given to alter the steps into the building, so a ramp at the front of the building was not feasible*
17. Email from a resident requesting support for getting a lid for their black recycling box. *Councillor Grice stated he had a spare one which the resident could have*
In April, the Clerk's office has responded to 173 Telephone Calls and 104 Visitors
To date in May, the Clerk's office has responded to 86 telephone calls and 122 visitors

RESOLVED: That the Correspondence be accepted

720. COMMITTEE & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- **Borough Council** –Councillor L Mussell reported the following:
 - There had been 10 offences committed in Rainford in the previous month, including 2 burglaries and one where criminal damage had occurred.
 - Rainford has hotspots of anti-social behaviour
 - Sgt Penn will be going to the High School to speak to pupils about knife crime
 - The next Police surgeries will take place on 22.05.18, 12.06.18 and 03.07.18 between 2pm and 3pm
 - Complaints have been received about the No. 38 bus service. Arriva have indicated that the matter is being looked into and that extra buses will be on that route during the summer
 - Mike Palin is on sick leave.
- **Community Development** – (See Appendix 2 for minutes of the meeting held on 02.05.18)
Councillor Lee reported the following:
 - The newsletter is almost ready for printing. As previously agreed, Councillors will be distributing the newsletters in their own wards
 - The CDC is considering recruiting more resident members
 - The tree in the centre of the Village has not yet been felled as the tree surgeon had attended on a number of occasions, but could not gain safe access
 - The Community cinema is planning a summer programme of Wednesday afternoon showings

- **Finance, Planning & Administration** – (No meeting of the FPA committee had taken place since the last Full Council Meeting)

Councillor P Jones reported the following:

PLANNING - 7 sets of plans were considered. Objections were raised to planning application P/2018/0322/HHFP as Councillor Reynolds alerted the meeting to the fact that the dwelling highlighted on the plans was his house and not the dwelling to which the application pertained.

RESOLVED: **Councillor Grice proposed that with the exception of P/2018/0322/HHFP, the plans be agreed en bloc. Councillor Brown seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.**

A discussion took place regarding the property at the junction of Higher Lane and Rookery Lane. It was confirmed that planning permission is not required to demolish a property. No planning application had been received to build a dwelling on the plot.

FINANCE – This was dealt with under 178

721. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i. Councillor Lee informed the meeting that the bushes alongside Whalley Avenue are significantly over-hanging the road, making it increasingly difficult for cars to pass each other, particularly at the junction with Church Road. The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council regarding this matter.
- ii. Councillor Grice questioned why it was necessary for Councillors to give a reason for their absence at meetings. The Clerk informed the meeting that Councillors have a duty to attend meetings and are required to give a reason for their absence if they do not attend. Councillors represent the residents in their ward and those residents have a right to know if their Councillor has not attended a meeting. The correct procedure is to contact the Clerk with an apology and explanation.

722. DIARY DATES

20.06.18	6.30pm	Finance, Planning & Administration Committee Meeting
25.06.18	7pm	Full Council Meeting
04.07.18	7pm	Community Development Committee Meeting
07.07.18	11am – 11.30pm	Borough Councillors' surgery
08.07.18	6.30pm	Rainford Action Group Public Meeting
18.07.18	6.30pm	Finance, Planning & Administration Committee Meeting
20.07.18	From 1.30pm	Blood Donor Session
23.07.18	7pm	Full Council Meeting
01.08.18	7pm	Community Development Committee Meeting
04.08.18	11am – 11.30pm	Borough Councillors' surgery
22.08.18	6.30pm	Finance, Planning & Administration Committee Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Councillor Rob Reynolds
Chairman, Rainford Parish Council 2018/2019

APPENDIX 1

ITEM 718 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

EXPENDITURE				
Date	Company Name	Detail	TOTAL	VAT
03.04.18	Angharad Powell	Bar Services	£ 34.50	
03.04.18	Natasha Powell	Bar Services	£ 34.50	
30.04.18	Bookers	Bar Stock	£ 748.40	
05.04.18	Edmonson Electrical	Light Bulbs	£ 100.08	£ 16.68
	Barclays Bank	Unpaid Cheque	£ 175.00	
06.04.18	Barclays Bank	Bank Charges	£ 138.39	
09.04.18	St Helens Council	Premises Licence	£ 180.00	
09.04.18	St Helens Council	Rent	£ 1,934.00	
10.04.18	Barclaycard	Merchant Services	£ 56.11	£ 5.16
11.04.18	West Lancs Tailors	Laundering Chair Covers	£ 50.00	£ 8.33
12.04.18	British Gas	Gas	£ 1,155.90	£ 192.65
12.04.18	Currys PC World	Laptop	£ 719.00	£ 119.83
13.04.18	Opus Energy	Electricity	£ 431.15	£ 71.86
16.04.18	R Grice	Grass Cutting	£ 20.00	
16.04.18	West Lancs Tailors	Laundering Chair Covers	£ 50.00	£ 8.33
16.04.18	Wendys Flowers	Anniversary Flowers	£ 80.00	£ 13.33
16.04.18	Clear Business	Telecom and Broadband	£ 104.67	£ 17.44
16.04.18	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£ 1,179.96	
16.04.18	Phil Anders	Refurbishment of Reception Ro	£ 3,500.00	£ 583.33
19.04.18	K Tinney	IT Services	£ 120.00	
19.04.18	Audio North West Ltd	Deposit for Sound & Projection	£ 6,549.91	£ 1,091.65
20.04.18	Greenhope Recycling Lt	Glass Recycling	£ 13.50	£ 2.25
20.04.18	Bagnall & Morris Waste	Waste Removal	£ 109.62	£ 18.27
25.04.18	Rainford Carpets	Carpet for Reception Room	£ 1,106.00	£ 184.33
30.04.18	St Helens Council	Rates	£ 1,176.00	
30.04.18	Mahoods Marquees	Round Table Hire	£ 124.80	£ 20.80
			£ 19,891.49	£ 2,354.24

INCOME	
Bank Loyalty Award	£ 19.47
Bar Sales	£ 4,296.35
Community Cinema	£ 60.00
Invoices	£ 7,911.87
Other	£ 80.00
Transfers from HI Account	£ 3,000.00
For transfer to Community Account	£ 100.00
VAT Refunds	£ -
Transfer from Community Account	£ 193.84
Total	£ 15,661.53
CURRENT ACCOUNT	
As at 31.03.18	Bank
Balance Brought Forward	£ 2,752.28
Total Income	£ 12,467.69
Expenses	-£ 15,515.65
Transfers in	£ 3,193.84
Transfers Out	-£ 122.50
Closing Balance	£ 2,775.66
Bank Balances @ 31.03.18	
Current	£ 2,775.66
High Interest	£ 33,059.10
	£ 35,834.76
Debtors @ 31.03.18	£ 5,364.50
Bank Balances + Debtors	£ 41,199.26

APPENDIX 2

ITEM 720

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 02 MAY 2018 AT 7pm
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT RAINFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: Grice, Lee (Chairman), D Nichols (arrived 7.05pm), Wesley
Members: Mike Olley

In Attendance: S Powell (Clerk)

Absent: None

1. **Apologies:** Councillors: G Jones (Holiday), Reynolds, (Business)
Alice Bradley (Holiday)

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11.04.18**

The minutes of the meeting 11.04.18 were approved and signed as a correct record, proposed by Councillor Wesley and seconded by Councillor Grice.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

3.3.8.ii DG informed the meeting that the tree in the centre of the Village was still insitu and some branches had fallen off.

5. ML thanked DG and all those who had helped clear the rubbish on Dairy Farm Lane.

6. The Clerk informed the meeting that arrangements had been made for the Reception Room to be available to Rainford in Bloom on 13.06.18 between 2pm and 7pm for a public meeting between 3pm and 7pm.

8.ii DG informed the meeting that the flag bearing the Parish Council logo was currently being stitched and would be ready soon. It was hoped that it will be flying outside the hall on 04.05.18 for the Chairman's evening.

8.iii The Clerk informed the meeting that Peter Reddington had been approached regarding a plan for the land at the right side of the Village Hall and that he would be making his suggestions in due course.

4. **Community First Aid Course**

3 courses had taken place so far with a total of 13 people attending. 8 people have registered for the next course and 6 for the one after that.

5. **Railway signs/Heritage Boards update.**

As Councillor Reynolds was not able to attend the meeting, this item was deferred.

6. **Litter project/Rainford in Bloom**

ML reported that this had gone very well. Girlguiding in Rainford had done a litter pick around the Guide Hut and carpark. St Helens Council had collected the bags of rubbish.

DW informed the meeting that she had seen people litter picking on the Linear Way.

It was acknowledged that Rainford in Bloom had done some fantastic work at the station and it was good to see the appreciative remarks from people on Facebook.

8. **Any Other Business**

- i. Councillor Grice informed the meeting that He had instigated a project to get a defibrillator sited near the Beech Gardens area. Dagnall's garage had agreed that the machine could be sited on its wall and MO had checked the suitability of the positioning. The machine would be available 24/7. DG had produced a leaflet for distribution to householders asking for a donation towards the costs involved, to see if enough money could be raised to fund the project. There is a possibility that Rainford 1st responders may be able to assist with funding. If there is a positive response by residents, similar

projects could be implemented in other areas of the Village. MO had been investigating the best defib and cabinet for the project. DG requested help with delivering the leaflets and DN & DW volunteered. MO assured the meeting that anyone who had not had training would still be able to use a defibrillator and that they are portable. The defibs have self-testing batteries.

- ii. MO informed the meeting that there is a national database showing the siting of defibrillators, which the emergency services have access to.
- iii. MO informed the meeting that the shop at the end of Rookery Drive had expressed an interest in having a public access defibrillator sited on the building and that he would be visiting the shop owner.
- iv. DG informed the meeting that St Helens Council had declined the suggestion from the Parish Council that the land at the rear of the Village Hall be included within the lease for the Village Hall. St Helens Council will be marketing the land in due course. The Clerk had written to Mark Dickens at St Helens Council offering to have the land included, at an extra cost, until the end of lease on 31.03.19.
- v. DG asked if the new carpet had been put down in the Reception Room. The Clerk replied in the affirmative.
- vi. DG informed the meeting that the round tables for use in the hall had arrived and that the sound and projection system will be up and running shortly.
- vii. A suggested format for the Newsletter was looked at. It was agreed that the location of defibs within the village should be included. Other items and photos for inclusion were also agreed.
- viii. DN asked if it was necessary to have monthly meetings of the CDC. The Chairman referred to the minutes of the meeting held on 11.04.18 when it was agreed that meetings of the CDC should continue on a monthly basis.
- ix. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 06 June 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Councillor Melanie Lee
Chairman of the Community Development Committee
Rainford Parish Council 2018/19

APPENDIX 3

ITEM 720 PLANS FOR MAY 2018

RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL - PLANS FOR May 2018				
NUMBER	APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	SITE ADDRESS	OBJECTIONS
P/2018/0294/FUL	Householder Application	Erection of 2no two storey dwellingsd along with associated landscaping and access.	Land Adjacent to Rose Farm Cottage, Red Cat Lane	
P/2018/0303/HHFP	Householder Application	Demolition of existing sunroom extension and erection of a part two storey, part first floor side extension: conversion of existing garage to a garden store, single storey rear extension and extension to the existing driveway	48 Lakeside Gardens Rainford	
P/2018/0322/HHFP	Householder Application	Erection of part and two part storey rear extension	8 The Spinney Rainford	
P/2018/0335/HHFP	Householder Application	Demolition of existing outbuilding and garage along with the erection of a porch, single storey side extension and a detached garage.	9 Alder Lane Crank	
P/2018/0336/HHFP	Householder Application	Demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and erection of a two storey side extension and a part two storey part single storey rear extension	6 Sidings Lane Rainford	
P/2018/0342/TPO	TPO Consent Application	Works to 1no Sycamore tree located within Rainford Conservation Area	5 Church Road Rainford	
P/2018/0349/HHFP	Mr & Mrs M Tickle	Demolition of existing front porch, partail demolition of garage (retaining garden store to rear) and erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension.	23 Thickwood Moss Lane Rainford WA11 8QL	