



**Minutes of a meeting of
RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 24 June 2019 at 7pm**

Present: Councillors: Bardsley, Grice, Lamb, Lee, Long, Monk (Chairman),
Newton, Nichols, Reynolds, Sterry, Travis, Wesley

In attendance: Victoria Swainbank

Absent: Councillor Collins

886. Apologies for Absence:

Councillors: Brown (Holiday) Jones (Family)

887. Declaration of Interest and Updating of the Register:

Councillors Bardsley and Nichols read and signed the Declaration of Office.

888. Formal announcements from the Chairman:

We need to develop an exciting and inspiring vision for the future of our village if we are to influence future events and not just be influenced by them. I want the Council to be the beating heart of this vision.

Our thoughts will need to be translated into a plan, the type of which needs to be determined. It will be a major commitment and will need input from the whole community.

In developing our plan we will need to work closely with the borough councillors and in this respect I am seeking a rapprochement. We have a common objective which can be more effectively achieved through cooperation.

I would also request that the emphasis of the borough report to council is changed to what the councillors are doing for Rainford rather than what is happening in the Town Hall.

You will have noted in clause 58c in the draft standing orders that approval is sought to set up working parties. If these orders are approved, I would like to press ahead with the formation of 2 working parties: one to examine and recommend the best route to developing our plan for the future and the other to regularly review matters before the council and recommend how they be accomplished as rapidly and smoothly as possible.

I would like to appoint a councillor as a schools' liaison officer to develop a closer relationship between our schools and the council rather than the current ad hoc arrangement.

889. To hear and respond to any questions/deputations by Councillors or members of the public:

1. Vehicles Parking in the Village

Councillor Sterry had spoken with a resident regarding the situation of parking and irresponsible driving on the corner of Whalley Avenue and Church Road (Co-Op Store) Councillor Sterry stated there had been a number of near misses and that there is an accident waiting to happen. Councillor Lee stated that residents of Whalley Avenue had been asked if they would like it to be a one-way system and they had declined. Councillor Grice said that this issue has been raised on numerous occasions

and should be looked at again. Councillors were in agreement. Councillor Rob Reynolds will request a presence of a parking enforcement officer to attend. Councillor Lamb requested that vertical bollards be placed so that when a delivery needs to be made to the store these will move down into the ground, and then back up once the delivery is made to avoid any parking.

2. Rainford Neighbourhood Watch

Councillor Sterry wanted to make the Council aware of a Facebook group that is in place. Councillor Sterry explained that there had been a lot of consternation from Village groups and residents with regards to this group. A NEW neighbourhood watch scheme is in the process of being set up in the correct format and volunteers and co-ordinators will have the correct vetting.

890. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Rainford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15 April 2019:

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record, with the amendment of Councillor Nichols not being Absent, proposed by Councillor Nichols, seconded by Councillor Lamb and carried unanimously by those who were present.

891. Matters arising from the minutes not itemised on the agenda:

- i. 868:8 Pavilion Keys, Councillor Monk is making a visit to the Pavilion, he suggested that locks are changed and users of the Pavilion speak to the Clerk's Office if they wish to have further keys, as at present we are unsure who has keys. Council agreed to this.
- ii. 871:1 The Administration Assistant informed the Council that the chain would take 3-4 weeks to complete the inscriptions on the chain. Councillor Monk proposed that this is completed as soon as possible, this was seconded by Councillor Grice and carried unanimously.
- iii. 871:3 The Administration Assistant informed the Council that the Newsletters had now been collected and would be being delivered over this week and next.

892. Accounts for Payment

Receipts for May 2019		Payments for May 2019	
Bar	£3433.31	Bar	£ 5676.13
Events	£	Building	£ 2803.77
Function Extras	£365.00	Communications	£ 123.51
Main Hall	£2360.00	Earmarked	£ 1662.50
Office Rental	£1820.00	Events	£ 2248.90
Other	£1791.35	Fees	£ 822.08
Reception Room	£255.00	S137	£ 73.80
VAT Refund	<u>£509.44</u>	Staff	£13172.35
		Utilities	<u>£ 2510.24</u>
	£10534.10		£29093.28

Payments for May 2019 = £29093.28 including £ 692.57 reclaimable VAT

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Bank balances @ 31.05.19:

Current Account £1627.50

Business Premium Account £43863.59

Councillor Nichols proposed the figures for May 2019 were accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Lee and carried unanimously

893. Membership of the Finance, Planning & Administration Committee:

Councillor Monk proposed that Councillors Lamb and Sterry become members of the Finance, Planning & Administration Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Newton and carried unanimously.

894. Delegation of Powers to the Finance, Planning & Administration Committee:

Councillor Monk proposed that the Council delegates to the Finance, Planning & Administration Committee the authority to authorise and commit to expenditure of up to £5000 per item TO BE AGREED provided that such expenditure or commitment falls within the amount approved in the Council's annual budget for the relevant year. Any expenditure or commitment not within the approved annual budget shall require the prior approval of the Council. The Council may revoke this delegation at any time. This was seconded by Councillor Nichols and carried unanimously.

894a. Correspondence:

The Administration Assistant read out the following correspondence:

1. Letter from Mr Joe Cunliffe regarding the Chairman's speech, the administration Assistant gave a brief outline of the letter and stated that it was available for councillors to view and that it had been responded to.
2. Membership to the CPRE
3. CVCA Newsletter
4. PPL/PRS License renewal
5. Email from a Resident via Borough Councillor Allan Jones regarding issues raised regarding Walking Day.
6. Response from C/Inspector Matt Drennan regarding the above.
7. Email from Chris Lamb to be sent onto Merseyside Police regarding an incident of a missing 12-year-old girl.
8. Response from C/Inspector Matt Drennan regarding the above.

Since the last Council meeting:

109 visitors to the Clerk's office and 129 incoming phone calls.

895. Committee Reports:

- **Bar Refurbishment Committee:** *Councillor Long*
Councillor Long is in talks with 3 different companies regarding the update, 1 company is actively working on the plans and 2 others will be meeting with Councillor Long in the next couple of weeks.
- **Borough Council:** *Councillor Reynolds*
Councillor Reynolds informed the meeting that there have been talks with Mersey Travel regarding the number 38 Bus, that goes via Bleak Hill Road and Kiln Lane.
- **Community Development Committee:** *Councillor Lee informed the meeting that the news letter had now gone out.*
Mike Olley had given them a report on defibrillators in the village and training that had been given. Plans for the Art Exhibition will start next meeting.
Councillor Reynolds stated that her had spoken to Wendy of Wendy's Flowers and Crank CVCA regarding holding a Scarecrow festival and they had no objections.
The Christmas Fayre had been discussed; Councillor Lee stated that in her opinion it was too big of a role for the Council alone to be organising. A discussion took place and it was agreed that Councillor Reynolds would hold a small fact-finding meeting with regards to the Fayre.

- **Health & Safety Committee:** *Councillor Reynolds informed the meeting that the committee had not met since the last full Council meeting, but that he intended the committee would meet and discuss the Health & Safety procedures that are in place.*
- **Personnel Committee:** *Councillor Reynolds informed the meeting that the committee had not met since the last full Council meeting.*

896. Plans

Councillor Reynolds proposed that the following plans be accepted P/2019/0357/HHFP, P/2019/0367/HHFP, P/2019/0373/HHFP, this was seconded by Councillor Chris Lamb and carried unanimously.

With regards to the following plans and issues raised from Borough Council's Highways and environmental services it was agreed to wait for further information to come through before making a commitment.

P/2019/0395/FUL, P/2019/0427/FUL, P/2019/0401/FUL.

897. Check List for planning Applications

Councillor Nichols agreed in principle, however found the check list too comprehensive and that it should be more of a guide.

898. The Land at the rear of the Village Hall.

Councillor Monk proposed that the overgrown plot of land which borders on to Pilkington Street, which forms part of the lease for the Village Hall should be maintained and fenced off. Councillor Monk further proposed that Rainford Parish Council inform St.Helens Council when the lease for the Village Hall is renewed, that it is prepared to have the plot of land that borders Pilkington Street taken out of the lease.

Councillor Reynolds had No Objections to this. Councillor Nichols requested that the Council decide what they want to do with this plot and the Car Park and that it would not be wise to let it go just yet.

Councillor Grice proposed that we keep the land and fence it off with access only from the car park until the Council have made a decision. This was seconded by Councillor Newton, All in favour with an abstention from Councillor Reynolds.

Councillor Nichols stated that the Council needs to take more pro-active steps in resolving this matter.

899. Proposed development to the rear of the Red Cat Public House, Red Cat Lane, Crank.

This matter was discussed under plans.

900. Sound-proofing between the Reception Room and the Main Hall

Councillor Rob Reynolds proposed that the Council agree to a £300 spend budget on the curtains, this was seconded by Councillor Lee and carried unanimously.

901. Disabled Parking Bay on Church Road

Council agreed to go ahead with changing the TRO as St.Helens Council have stated this will be added next year.

901a. Mobile Radar Speed Sign

After a discussion regarding the different types the Council would like further costings and information on PTSC901 with regards to the Borough Councils recommendations on using their lighting contractors. All Council agreed that this was a good tool to have with regards to the data that this radar has.

902. Membership of Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Councillor Nichols proposed the membership, seconded by Councillor Reynolds and carried unanimously.

903. Rainford Rangers Booking.

After a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Long that we refund the hall hire to the club minus the deposit, but state that this is not usual practice and has been done

as a good will gesture. This was seconded by Councillor Reynolds and carried unanimously.

904. Donation for Little Longborough Dance Club

After a discussion regarding the fact that as a rule the Council do not give donations to groups that are outside of the Village (even though they use the Village Hall) Councillor Reynolds proposed that this request be declined, this was seconded by Councillor Grice and carried unanimously.

905. Light bulbs in the Village Hall

Councillor Nichols proposed that the Council go ahead with the change over to LED bulbs, this was seconded by Councillor Lee and carried unanimously.

906. Curtains in the Main Hall

Councillor Grice proposed that the Council go ahead with the quote given by JC Joel for the repair work to the curtains, this was seconded by Councillor Nichols and carried unanimously.

907. Grievance & Disciplinary Procedures.

Councillor Monk proposed that these procedures be put into place, this was seconded by Councillor Nichols and carried unanimously.

908. Revised Standing Order.

Councillor Nichols stated that No's 5 & 6 the wording needs to be altered, No 13, we do not meet on the 4th Monday in December, No 18, 12 is too many.

Councillor Reynolds stated that we no longer have a Carol Service so this needs to be removed.

Councillor Nichols proposed that after amendments made that the revised Standing orders be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Grice and carried unanimously.

909. Any Other Business:

1. Councillor Grice felt that the signage of the new tenants in the upstairs of the building is not in keeping with the building and feels very strongly that they must be removed. The administration assistant informed the Council that an email had been sent to the Conservation Officer for her opinion on the matter.
2. Councillor Long asked what had happened to the Silent Silhouettes, The Administration Assistant informed the Council that they are still at the Village Hall in storage. Councillor Long asked what had happened to them going to the schools? Councillor Monk stated this would be something that the School's Liaison Officer would be delivering.
3. Councillor Grice asked if anyone knew what was happening with the Golden Lion, Councillor Sterry said that the plans were still active 10 days prior to the meeting for a refurbishment.

872. Diary Dates

03.07.19	7pm	Community Development Committee Meeting
17.07.19	6.30pm	Finance, Planning & Administration Committee meeting
22.07.19	7pm	Full Council Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Councillor David Monk
Chairman, Rainford Parish Council
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