

## Rainford Parish Council

### MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 APRIL 2015 COMMENCING AT 7PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT RAINFORD VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** **Councillors:** Aspinall, Brown, Collins, Grice, Jones, Leach, Lee, Lyons, Mussell, D Nichols, Reynolds, Sheedy, Wesley (Chairman)

**In attendance:** S Powell (Clerk)  
V Nelson (Administration Assistant)  
2 Residents

**277. APOLOGIES:** **Councillors:** Monk, R Nichols

**278. ABSENT:** None

**279. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
None.

**280. FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**  
None.

**281. TO HEAR AND RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS/DEPUTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
None: Mr Houghton had not attended the meeting as planning application P/2015/0190 that he had been objecting to had been amended.

**282. POLICE REPORT**  
The Clerk read out a summary of the report. (See Appendix 1). Additional information was requested regarding the crime figures for Anti-Social Behaviour. The full report is available from the Clerk.

**283. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23 MARCH 2015**  
**268iv** Councillor Collins pointed out the Councillor A Jones should have a capital J.  
**268iv** Councillor D Nichols stated that the draft minutes were not a true record of the meeting and Councillor Sheedy agreed. Following a discussion, it was decided that the following should be inserted:  
**268iv** It was the feeling of the meeting that Borough Councillor Allan Jones' behaviour and attitude towards Mr Taylor and members of the Parish Council was inappropriate.  
**275 iv** Councillor Sheedy reminded all members of the Parish Council about upholding the Code of Conduct (Copy can be found in Appendix 2)  
**RESOLVED: That with the above amendment and additions, the minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record.**

**284. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**  
**268ii** Councillor Brown informed the meeting that she had met with a Councillor from West Lancashire regarding the traffic problems on News Lane, Ferny Knoll and Nipe Lane. However, due to the current period of purdah before the elections on 7 May 2015, the matter cannot be taken any further at present.  
**268iv** Councillor Wesley indicated that for the same reason, the meeting for Councillors regarding the Village Centre Improvement Scheme had been moved to 11.05.15.

**272viii** Councillor Aspinall stated that this matter had now been resolved to the resident's satisfaction.

**275i** Councillor Mussell advised members that in her role as a Borough Councillor she was investigating the possibility of Zebra Crossings being installed on Cross Pit Lane by the Primary School and on Old Lane where the Linear Park crosses the road.

## **285. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. CVCA Newsletter
2. Email from Borough Councillor Allan Jones altering the date of the meeting for Councillors regarding the Village Centre Improvement Scheme to Monday 11 May 2015 **It was confirmed that this meeting is for Parish Councillors only and that a separate meeting was being held on 12.05.15 for members of Rainford Hub**
3. Letter from Centrol Recycling group advising of an increase in service charges
4. Document detailing Bar Stocktake results (56.87%)
5. Letter from resident (with photographs) regarding the dilapidated state of the Noticeboards at Hill Top, Kings Moss & Crank **Following a short discussion, Councillor Jones asked for this item to be placed on the agenda for the next FPA meeting. Councillor Mussell to check whether new noticeboards would have to have the St Helens Crest on them**
6. Letter from CPRE re Liaison with Parish Councils with help to make effective representations regarding planning applications
7. 2 magazines from CPRE
8. Letter from Barclays Bank re Assisted Service Counters
9. Letter from Resident (with photograph) re small area of land on the corner of Ormskirk Road and Stanley Avenue **To be discussed at the next Rainford in Bloom meeting**
10. Document from the new Internal Auditor setting out the basis of the services to be provided.
11. 4 Letters from residents objecting to planning Application P/2015/0190
12. Letter from Ordnance Survey about its conversion from a Trading Fund to a Government – owned Company
13. Letter from NHS Blood & Transplant asking for extra promotion for the donor session on 1 May 2015
14. Letter from Betty & Ray Lowe thanking the Chairman and the Parish Council for the visit and flowers on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary **Read out in full**
15. Letter from Barclaycard re changes to the terms and conditions for merchant accounts
16. Letter and leaflets from the U3A promoting the organisation
17. Brochure for Rainford Show 2015 (5 September)
18. Letter from John Sheward, Head of Asset Management at St Helens Council confirming the proposals for The Village Centre Improvement Scheme and giving details of the Funding Package totalling £317K **Read out in full**
19. Letter from Royal Mail re correct address confirmation
20. Card for use at Booker Wholesale
21. 2 letters from Barclays Bank detailing bank charges for the current and bar accounts
22. Letter from the TV Licencing Authority requesting confirmation that the property does not require a TV licence
23. RHS Newsletter
24. 4 cards re invitation to Chairman's Evening
25. Letter from Centrol Recycling informing the Council that their general waste licence has been revoked.

Additionally, the office has dealt with 782 emails, 110 phone calls and 75 visitors since the last full Council meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the Correspondence be accepted.**

**286. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Income & Expenditure for March 2015 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. (See Appendix 3)

**RESOLVED: That the Accounts be accepted.**

**287. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2014/15**

Councillor Jones stated that a new internal auditor had been appointed and that she had scrutinised the end of year accounts for 2014/15 and was satisfied that they were compliant and accurate. There were no questions from Councillors regarding the accounts and the Clerk was congratulated on producing the end of year figures so quickly and for the Council being in a better financial position than at the same time last year.

**Councillor Jones proposed that the Accounting Statement for End of Year Figures for 2014/15 be accepted, along with the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15. Councillor Reynolds seconded the proposal and it was carried unanimously**

**288. NEW CHAIRS FOR THE VILLAGE HALL**

Councillor Jones informed the meeting of a discussion regarding replacement chairs for the hall at the last FPA meeting. The Clerk had been asked to source replacement chairs at a cost of no more than £4500. It was possible that the chairs could be purchased for significantly less than this.

**Councillor Jones proposed that replacement chairs for the Village Hall are purchased by the Clerk in time for the Chairman's Evening on 15.05.15 at a cost of no more than £4500. This was seconded by Councillor Wesley and carried unanimously.**

Councillor Grice asked for the hall to be decorated. Councillor Jones suggested that this was put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**289. COMMITTEE & COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**289.1 Finance, Planning and Administration.**

Councillor Jones summarised the meeting of the FPA committee which had taken place on Wednesday 22 April 2015. (See Appendix 3 for minutes)

FINANCE

- i. A resident had expressed an interest in the role of Assistant Caretaker.
- ii. The office had not received any complaints from residents regarding the increase in the precept.
- iii. Councillor Brown requested that all Councillors are given a copy of a document she had regarding Financial Regulations. The Clerk took the document but was concerned that it may be out of date. Councillor Jones suggested that this item is placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- iv. Councillor D Nichols gave an update on the financial position of Rainford in Bloom. It was agreed that a contingent donation of £1500 be given to Rainford in Bloom to fund this year's entry.
- v. **Councillor Jones proposed that a baby changing unit should be purchased and installed in the toilet for the disabled. Councillor Wesley seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.**

**RESOLVED: That the Finance Report be accepted**

## PLANNING

6 sets of plans had been considered at the FPA meeting on 22.04.15. There were no objections to 5 applications, but Councillors Brown and Collins had made a site visit regarding application P/2015/0281. They confirmed there were no grounds for objecting to the application. Since the FPA Meeting, 5 further sets of plans had been received by the Clerk, (See Appendix 3 for details). No objections were raised.

Councillor Aspinall moved that all plans be agreed, Councillor Jones seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED: That the plans be agreed en bloc**

### **289.2 Community Development**

- i. Councillor D Nichols informed the meeting that there had not been a meeting of the CDC as such since the last Council meeting, but there had been a number of meetings of the small steering group for Rainford in Bloom, which is benefitting greatly from the expertise of Peter Reddington, Carol Wilson, Jacki Bridge and Barbara Hurst. Councillor Reynolds outlined the route the judges will take and where there will be planters of flowers placed. Councillor Mussell asked if the whole of the Village was included. Councillor Nichols explained that in this first year the area will be kept quite small, but it is hoped it will expand in subsequent years. She also explained that there will be a portfolio with a photographic record of areas of the Village not included in the judges' route this time. Councillor Brown asked about the timetable for the competition; the judging will have taken place by the end of August.
11. Councillor Mussell informed the meeting she was looking into the possibility of turning the site of the old public toilets on Church Road into an Eco Garden.

### **Councillor Grice and 1 resident left the meeting at this point**

### **289.3 Health and Safety**

Councillor Aspinall informed the meeting that the Health & safety committee have not had a meeting since the last Council meeting.

### **289.4 Borough Council**

Councillor Mussell informed the meeting of the following:

- Fly tipping has remained at one incident a month since the waste reception centre closed
- Rainford have the best record in the Borough for recycling
- An initiative to clamp down on owners not clearing up after their dogs has been launched and fixed penalty notices will be issued. Also a campaign to get owners to 'Get a Stick and Flick' in rural environments.
- There have been reports of dogs being trained for Lamping. This is a difficult issue as some forms of Lamping are legal.
- There has been an increase in incidents of livestock rustling.
- The PSO has been active in Rainford informing the elderly and vulnerable about 'Doorstep Scams'.
- She has requested the removal of the waste reception centre sign on Southern Lane
- A Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) team has been created to drive forward Child protection issues with particular regard to child exploitation.

Councillor Aspinall stated that a lawn had been dumped on to the Linear Park from the bridge on Southern Lane.

### **290. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i. Councillor Lee asked who was responsible for tending the flowerbeds outside the band room. Councillor D Nichols stated Rainford in Bloom would take up the issue. Councillor Brown requested that the area to the left of the Village Hall is also included.
- ii. Councillor Lee informed the meeting that there had been many favourable comments about the Village from those visiting a railway exhibition in the Parish Hall last weekend.

- iii. Councillor Sheedy stated that he had been involved in two incidents where cars had not stopped when he was on the zebra crossing outside the Village Hall with his family. He was encouraged to report the incidents to the police.
- iv. Councillor Reynolds requested that all Councillors donate a raffle prize for his Chairman's Evening.
- v. The Chairman acknowledged that it was the last Council meeting for Councillors Leach, Lyons and Sheedy. Councillor Sheedy had served since July 2014. Councillor Leach joined the Parish Council in 2003 and had been Chairman 2006/07. Councillor Lyons had served since 1989 – a tremendous achievement. She thanked them all for the service and commitment they had given to the Parish Council and wished them all the best for the future.
- vi. Councillor Sheedy stated his willingness to stand for co-option for the vacant ward in due course.
- vii. The Chairman thanked all those who had attended the recent Civic Service at the URC Church and the service for St George's Day at All Saints. She also thanked those who had supported her last fund-raising event as Chairman; the excellent St George's Day Supper hosted by Rainford Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association.

**291. DIARY DATES**

11.05.15	7pm – Meeting for all Councillors with Borough Councillor A Jones and John Sheward regarding the Village Centre Improvement Scheme.
15.05.15	6.30pm Annual meeting of the Parish Council followed by the full Council meeting for May 2015. This will be followed by the new Chairman's Evening
19.05.15	6pm – Annual Parish Meeting (Reception Room)
25.05.15	Bank Holiday
06.06.15	11am – Borough Councillors' surgery
10.06.15	3pm – Crime Awareness Forum (Reception Room)
15.06.15	5pm – 6pm Police 'Have Your Say' meeting (Rainford Police Station)
17.06.15	6.30pm – FPA (Council Chamber)
20.06.15	Walking Day (Service at 2pm at All Saints Church)
22.06.15	7pm – Full Council Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.36pm

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Chairman

## APPENDIX 1

### POLICE REPORT SUMMARY

**The Police Report covers the period from 01.03.15 to 31.03.15**

1. Apologies for non-attendance from Constable (4250) Laura Boyle and PCSO (0211) Keith Howard.
2. Routine Speeding and Traffic Operations continue in the area.
3. Crime figures for this period:
  - ASB = 2
  - Criminal Damage = 1
  - Burglary/Attempted Burglary = 7
  - Theft other = 3
  - Theft of/from a Motor vehicle = 3
4. Operation Handle continues to help prevent burglaries, provide a visible presence and identify unlocked premises (particularly garages).
5. Residents are being encouraged to report suspicious activity by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency. Additionally, information about a crime can also directed to Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111
6. HV Patrols were increased at the locations of reported crimes.
7. The next 'Have your say' meeting will be held on 15.06.15 between 5pm & 6pm at Rainford Police Station. The local policing team will be on hand to offer advice and help with any problems residents are having.

**APPENDIX 2**  
**RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED AND CO OPTED MEMBERS**

**Introduction**

This Code applies to you as a member of this Authority when you act in your role as a member and it is your responsibility to comply with the provisions of this Code.

You are a representative of this Authority and the public will view you as such, therefore your actions impact on how the Authority as a whole is viewed and your actions can have both positive and negative impacts on the Authority.

This Code is based upon the “Nolan Principles – the Seven Principles of Public Life”, which are set out at Appendix 1.

**Interpretation**

In this Code:-

“Authority” means the Parish Council.

“Borough Council” means the St. Helens Borough Council.

“Meeting” means any meeting of:

- (a) the Authority;
- (b) any of the Authority’s committees or sub-committees

whether or not the press and public are excluded from the meeting in question by virtue of a resolution of members.

“Member” includes a co-opted member.

“Monitoring Officer” means the officer appointed to that role by the St. Helens Borough Council.

**General Obligations**

1. When acting in your role as a member of the Authority:
  - 1.1 **DO** treat others with respect.
  - 1.2 **DO NOT** conduct yourself in a manner which is contrary to the Authority’s duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct of members.
  - 1.3 **DO NOT** disclose information given to you in confidence by anyone, or information acquired by you which you believe, or ought reasonably to be aware, is of a confidential nature, except where –
    - (i) you have the consent of a person authorised to give it;
    - (ii) you are required by law to do so;
    - (iii) the disclosure is made to a third party for the purpose of obtaining professional legal advice provided that the third party agrees not to disclose the information to any other person; or
    - (iv) the disclosure is –
      - (a) reasonable and in the public interest; and
      - (b) made in good faith and in compliance with the reasonable requirements of the Authority; and
      - (c) you have consulted the Monitoring Officer prior to its release

- 1.4 **DO NOT** prevent another person from gaining access to information to which that person is entitled by law.
2. When using, or authorising the use by others, of the resources of the Authority –
  - 2.1 **DO** act in accordance with the Authority’s reasonable requirements;
  - 2.2 **DO** make sure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes (including party political purposes); and
  - 2.3 **DO** have regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986

### Interests

3. As a public figure, your public role may, at times, overlap with your personal and/or professional life and interests, however when performing your public role as a member, **DO** act solely in terms of the public interest and **DO NOT** act in a manner to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, your friends, your employer or in relation to your business interests
4.
  - 4.1 You are required to register “pecuniary and other interests” (subject to these not being sensitive). Failure to declare or register a pecuniary interest will be a criminal offence if this is done without a reasonable excuse. If you knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information about a pecuniary interest, this will also be a criminal offence. The definitions of a “pecuniary interest” which is disclosable and a “sensitive interest” are listed at Appendix 2.
  - 4.2 You are required to register your own pecuniary interests, but you are also required by legislation to register the pecuniary interests of:
    - (i) your spouse or civil partner
    - (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife
    - (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partnersThis requirement applies if you are aware that the other person has that pecuniary interest.
  - 4.3 In addition to the requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests and in the interest of openness and transparency, the Authority also requires you as an elected or co-opted member to register any involvement which you have either as a member of, or as someone who holds a position of general control or management in, the following bodies:
    - (i) a body to which you have been appointed or nominated by the Authority as its representative;
    - (ii) any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature;
    - (iii) any company, industrial and provident society, charity or body directed to charitable purposes;
    - (iv) any body whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy;
    - (v) any trade union or professional associationThis requirement applies only to you as the elected or co-opted member. It does not require you to register interests (other than the pecuniary interests referred to) of any other person.
  - 4.4 You are required to register your interests within 28 days of becoming an elected or co-opted member or, where your interest has arisen since a previous notification, within 28 days of a disclosable interest arising.

5. There is no requirement for you to declare or register any gifts and hospitality, however **DO NOT** accept any gifts in excess of £50.00 (fifty pounds).

### **Disclosure and participation**

6.
  - 6.1 At a meeting where such issues arise, **DO** declare any personal and/or professional interests relating to your public duties and **DO** take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.
  - 6.2 If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter which is to be considered at a meeting, then unless you have previously sought and obtained a dispensation from the Borough Council's Standards Committee, you must disclose your pecuniary interest and you must not take part in any discussion of the matter. You must not take part in any vote on the matter. Subject to 6.3, you must withdraw from the meeting.
  - 6.3 In circumstances where your disclosable pecuniary interest in an item relates to a planning or licensing matter which is before a relevant meeting and there is provision for members of the public to address meetings where such matters are considered, you must not take part in the discussion, but subject to having previously obtained a dispensation in relation to this matter, you may make representations to the meeting to the same extent as any other member of the public is entitled to. You are not required to withdraw from the meeting unless members of the public are similarly required to withdraw.
7. Certain types of decisions, including those relating to a permission, licence, consent or registration for yourself, your friends, your family members, your employer or your business interests, are so closely tied to your personal and/or professional life that your ability to make a decision in an impartial manner in your role as a member may be called into question and in turn raise issues about the validity of the decision of the Authority. **DO NOT** become involved in these decisions any more than a member of the public in the same personal and/or professional position as yourself is able to be and **DO NOT** vote in relation to such matters.
8. **DO NOT** improperly use knowledge gained solely as a result of your role as a member for the advancement of yourself, your friends, your family members, your employer or your business interests.

### **Pre-determination or bias**

9. Where you have been involved in campaigning in your political role on an issue which does not impact on your personal and/or professional life, you should not be prohibited from participating in a decision in your political role as member, however **DO NOT** place yourself under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence you in the performance of your official duties.

10. When making a decision, **DO** consider the matter with an open mind and on the facts before the meeting at which the decision is to be taken.

### **Dispensations**

11. You may request a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer to enable you to take part in a matter where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest. The Monitoring Officer will consider such a request in accordance with the provisions of legislative requirements. In the event that a request for a dispensation is refused, an appeal from the decision of the Monitoring Officer may be made to the Borough Council's Standards Committee.

## **APPENDIX 1 THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE**

### **SELFLESSNESS**

Holders of the public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.

### **INTEGRITY**

Holders of the public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.

### **OBJECTIVITY**

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

### **OPENNESS**

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

### **HONESTY**

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

### **LEADERSHIP**

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

## APPENDIX 2

The definition of a pecuniary interest is:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Prescribed description</b>
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by M in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of M.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority –</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to M's knowledge) –</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where –</p> <p>(a) that body (to M's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the</p>

	relevant authority; and (b) either - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.
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The definition of a sensitive interest is:

An interest which the elected member or co-opted member and the Monitoring Officer consider, if disclosed, could lead to the elected or co-opted member or a person connected with them being subject to violence or intimidation.

Where the decision referred to in Clause 7 above relates to one of the functions of the Authority set out below, and the condition which follows that function does not apply to you when making that decision, you may participate in the decision:

- (i) An allowance, payment or indemnity given to members;
- (ii) Any ceremonial honour given to members; and
- (iii) Setting a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992

## APPENDIX 3

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE, PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2015 at 6.30pm IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

**PRESENT:** Councillors: K Aspinall, I Brown, J Collins, P Jones (Chairman), D Nichols,  
D Wesley  
Sally Powell – Clerk

**ABSENT:** None

**1. APOLOGIES:** Councillors: R Leach, M Lee, R Reynolds

**2. PLANS:**

6 sets of plans were considered.

No objections were raised, but Councillors Brown & Collins will be undertaking a site visit re P/2015/0281

P/2015/0190 – A resident had expressed a wish to attend the Full Council Meeting on 27.04.15 to object to this application.

**3. INCOME & EXPENDITURE:**

No issues were raised.

**4. END OF YEAR FIGURES 2014/15 (Distributed with Full Council meeting agenda)**

The end of year figures have been scrutinised by the Internal Auditor and she is happy to sign them off once the Council have approved them. It was acknowledged that a concerted effort had been made by everyone to bring things round and that the Council was in a much stronger financial position than at the same time last year.

The Clerk was asked to provide a further breakdown for the 'Miscellaneous' Column and the 'Direct Bar Expenses' and to separate out the earmarked contribution towards the Village Centre Improvement Scheme on the Balance Sheet.

**5. REPLACEMENT CHAIRS FOR THE HALL**

The state of the majority of the hall chairs continues to deteriorate. After a short discussion, it was agreed that a proposal will be made at the Full Council Meeting on 27.04.15 to spend up to £4500.00 purchasing 200 new chairs.

**6. ASSISTANT CARETAKER**

Discussions had taken place with a person regarding this, but the role was not what they thought it would be. The Caretaker has also been approached by an interested party. The role will be advertised next week if necessary.

**7. AOB**

- 1. Precept Increase** – The Clerk informed the meeting that no complaints regarding the precept increase had been received in the office. Local Life Magazine will be running an

article in the next issue about the Village Centre Improvement Scheme and the increase in the precept. The Clerk was asked to try and obtain a copy of the article before it went to press to check for factual correctness. Councillor Aspinall stated that he had received one complaint and that it is important to talk about £s and not percentages when discussing the issue with residents.

2. **Accounts for Payment** – A discussion took place regarding the inclusion of ‘Accounts for Payment’ on the Full Council Meeting Agenda. Most of the time approval is being given for payments that have already been made, so a suggestion was put forward that only expenditure items which fall outside the budget or which are significantly higher than expected should be brought to the meetings, for approval before payment.
3. **Rainford in Bloom** – Councillor D Nichols gave the meeting a brief update on Rainford in Bloom and asked the Council to consider sponsoring planters or giving a donation of up to £1500.00. The Chairman asked for the proposal to be made at the Full Council meeting on 27.04.15.
4. **Baby Changing Unit** – The Clerk was asked to research prices for providing a baby-changing unit in the toilet for the disabled.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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**Chairman**

**RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL - PLANS FOR April 2015**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SITE ADDRESS</b>	<b>OBJECTIONS</b>
P/2015/0230	Mr&Mrs P Pickersgill 16 Scarisbrick Road Rainford WA11 8JL	Demolition of single storey rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension	16 Scarisbrick Road Rainford WA11 8JL	
P/2015/0234	Mr Neil Ashton 25 Thickwood Moss Lane Rainford WA11 8QL	First floor rear extension and demolition of existing rear dormer extension	25 Thickwood Moss Lane Rainford WA11 8QL	
P/2015/0236	Mr Richard Craker 1 Angel Square Manchester M60 0AG	New Covered secure area to side	Co-op Shop, 7 Church Road Rainford	
P/2015/0281	Mr Nick Worthington 28 Ormskirk Road Rainford WA11 8BT	Single storey rear extension	28 Ormskirk Road Rainford WA11 8BT	
P/2015/0290	Mrs Glenda Hesketh 6 Norwood Grove Rainford, WA11 8AT	Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a single storey detached outbuilding to form granny flat. (ancillary to main dwelling)	6 Norwood Grove Rainford, WA11 8AT	
P/2015/0292	61 Church Road Rainford	Work to 3no beech trees in a conservation area	61 Church Road Rainford	* no details yet
P/2015/0296	Mr Richard Perkins 1 Witton Way, Rainford WA11 8JT	Demolition of existing single storey side extension and erection of two storey side extension along with a new roof/canopy to existing porch and window,	1 Witton Way, Rainford WA11 8JT	
P/2015/0299	Bestway Group 1 Angel Square, Manchester M60 0AG	Consent to display 1no internally illuminated fascia sign and 1no internally illuminated projecting sign.	18 Pharmacy, Church Road Rainford. WA11 8HE	
P/2015/0300	Bestway Group 1 Angel Square, Manchester M60 0AG	Consent to display 2no fascia signs (one internally illuminated) 1no internally illuminated projecting sign and 4no non illuminated window vinyls.	36 Pharmacy, Church Road Rainford WA11 8HD	
P/2015/0312	Mr Joe Hughes 168 Bushey Lane, Rainford WA11 7LB	Erection of a part single storey, part double storey wrap around extension.	162 Bushey Lane Rainford WA11 7LB	
P/2015/0314	Mr Richard Foster 16 Standish Drive, Rainford WA11 8JY	Single storey rear extension along with rear dormer extension.	16 Standish Drive, Rainford WA11 8JY	
Chairman				

**Plans detailed in red were received between the FPA meeting and the Full Council Meeting and the final date for objections to be lodged fell before the next FPA committee meeting**

RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY				
<b>Mar-15</b>				
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Date Paid	Company Name	Detail	TOTAL	VAT
09.03.15	Barclays Bank	Bank Charges	£ 16.05	
04.03.15	John Whalley	Microphone System and set up of PA	£ 100.00	
10.03.15	Barclaycard	Card Machine	£ 28.96	£ 3.16
	Greenhope Recycling & Waste			
20.03.15	Services Ltd	Glas recycling	£ 13.50	£ 2.25
12.03.15	Hawk Alarms	CCTV Replacement	£ 1,260.00	£ 210.00
12.03.15	Local Life	Advert for Wedding Fayre	£ 264.00	£ 44.00
12.03.15	Cleanse Cleaning Solutions Ltd	Cleaning	£ 260.00	
13.03.15	Costco	Goods/Cleaning Materials	£ 34.55	£ 5.76
16.03.15	Centrol Recycling Group		£ 48.60	£ 8.10
15.03.15	Scottish Power	Electricity	£ 232.00	£ 38.67
16.03.15	Office Depot	Toilet Rolls	£ 42.34	£ 7.06
16.03.15	Office Depot	Stationery/Hand Towels	£ 152.83	£ 25.47
20.03.15	Zurich Municipal Insurance	Insurance	£ 1,346.51	
20.03.15	St Helens Council	Salaries	£ 3,329.34	
		Pension	£ 272.61	
		National Insurance	£ 104.86	
		Fee	£ 40.00	
26.03.15	PWLB	First payment for Windows Loan	£ 999.00	
31.03.15	PWLB	Last payment for Kitchen Loan	£ 2,557.50	
30.03.15	United Utilities	Water Bill	£ 150.37	
30.03.15	SLCC	Clerks Manual	£ 50.50	
30.03.15	North West in Bloom	Entry Fee for Competition	£ 50.00	
24.03.15	Titan Telecom	Telephone & Broadband	£ 68.03	£ 11.34
31.03.15	Asda	Lightbulbs	£ 20.00	£ 3.33
			<b>£ 11,441.55</b>	<b>£ 359.14</b>
<b>Income</b>	Bar Sales	£ 1,379.24		
	Main Hall	£ 1,852.00		
	Reception Room	£ 439.00		
	Rent	£ 1,879.75		
	Other	£ -		
		<b>£ 5,549.99</b>		
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>March Opening Balance</b>		Ledger	Bank
£705 Uncleared receipts	Total Income	£ 9,581.75	<b>£10,286.75</b>	+ £705 uncleared receipts from Feb
	Expenses	£ 11,441.55	£11,441.55	
	Closing Balance		<b>£ 2,665.76</b>	
	<b>Bank Balances @ 31.03.15</b>			
	Bar	£ 11,152.16		
	Current	£ 2,665.76		
	High Interest	£ 11,140.28		
		<b>£ 24,958.20</b>		
	<b>Debtors @ 31.03.15</b>	<b>£ 3,270.25</b>		
	<b>Bank Balances + Debtors</b>	<b>£ 28,228.45</b>		
<b>Chairman</b>				