Rainford Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 15 MAY 2015 COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT RAINFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: **Councillors:** Aspinall, Brown, Collins, Grice, Lee, Long, Monk, D Mussell, L Mussell D Nichols, R Nichols, Reynolds (Chairman), Wesley

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

292. APOLOGIES: **Councillor:** Jones

293. ABSENT: None

294. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None.

295. FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN
None.

296. TO HEAR AND PESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS/DEPUTATIONS BY COUNCILLORS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
Councillor Long requested that A & M Dance be allowed to hire the Village Hall on New Year's Eve. Councillor Long agreed to open and secure the building before and after the event. The bar will not be open as all Parish Council staff are required to take annual leave between Christmas and New Year. The Clerk was requested to inform A & M Dance of the decision.

297. POLICE REPORT
The Clerk read out a summary of the report. (See Appendix 1)
Councillor R Nichols informed the meeting that 'Rural Watch' has been re-activated and is encouraging residents to keep a look out for any suspicious activity. Councillor L Mussell stated that there have been issues with inappropriate dog training and horses

298. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 APRIL 2015
290vi Councillor Collins stated that this should read, 'Councillor Sheedy stated his willingness to stand for co-option'
290vi Councillor Collins pointed out that the minutes contained 2 subsections numbered vi. The second was renumbered vii.
RESOLVED: That with the above amendment and additions, the minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record.

299. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
284 Councillor L Mussell informed the meeting that the border between Merseyside and West Lancashire were being monitored for articulated lorries.
289i Councillor L Mussell had found a copy of a Financial Regulations document which she asked the Clerk to circulate to all Councillors.
289 2i Councillor L Mussell stated that a £1000.00 donation had been secured for Rainford in Bloom from the CIF.

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300. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Clerk read out an email from John Bithell regarding sponsorship for LSH to stage an event when the Webb Ellis trophy is at the Club on 28.07.15. The Clerk was asked to find out further information and the item will be discussed at the next meeting.
2. Invoice from St Helens Council for the Premises Licence.
3. Letter from Scottish Power stating that the monthly direct debit for electricity for the coming year will remain the same (£232.00)
4. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine with letter asking if any Councillors would like to receive their own copy for £12.00. Councillor Brown stated she would like to receive a copy.
5. 3 cards etc re invitation to Chairman's Evening
6. Letter from Viridor Waste Management stating that an account had been created for RPC.. This followed an email stating they did not have the capacity to accommodate us following a visit from their representative and the contract being signed.
7. Contract from B & M Waste management
8. Email from Janine Ashall re Nordic walking classes in Rainford.
9. Email from Greg Hamilton re Sealed Knot Society.
10. Email from BDO requesting clarification re Section 4 – Evidence from the Internal Auditor and minutes to show that the Council has maintained an adequate and effective internal audit system.

Additionally, the office has dealt with 586 emails, 60 phone calls and 41 visitors since the last full Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Correspondence be accepted.

301. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Income & Expenditure for April 2015 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. (See Appendix 2)

Councillor Brown asked for clarification about the Wedding Fayres held in the Hall. The Clerk explained that the Wedding Fayres are organised by the Clerk's office, but the Craft Fayres are organised by an Event Manager who hires the hall for the day.

RESOLVED: That the Accounts be accepted.

302. COMMITTEE & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

No meetings have taken place since the last full meeting of the Council.

PLANNING

A planning application had been resubmitted to extend hours of activity in Lords Fold.

Councillor R Nichols informed the meeting that the Borough Councillors were dealing with this matter.

Councillor L Mussell informed the meeting that the removal of obsolete signage is on the plan of works for the Village Centre Scheme.

303. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i. Councillor Aspinall offered his apologies for the Annual Parish Meeting and Civic Sunday which he is unable to attend due to other commitments.
ii. Councillor Grice congratulated Councillor Wesley for her achievements during her year as Chairman of the Parish Council and stated that she had done an excellent job. All present agreed with Councillor Grice and Councillor Wesley thanked her fellow Councillors for their appreciation and kind words.

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304. DIARY DATES

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
04.07.15	11am – 11.30am – Borough Councillors' Surgery
17.07.15	Chairman's Fund-raising Event
22.07.15	6.30pm - Finance, Planning & Administration Committee Meeting
27.07.15	7pm – Full Council Meeting
29.07.15	3pm - Crime Awareness Forum
05.09.15	Rainford Show
13.09.15	Heritage Day (Hall & Chamber open to the public in association with Rainford Heritage Society)
17.09.15	Chairman's Fund-raising Event
23.09.15	Finance, Planning & Administration Committee Meeting
28.09.15	Full Council Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm

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APPENDIX 1

POLICE REPORT SUMMARY

The Police Report covers the period from 01.04.15 to 30.04.15

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 = 3
   Criminal Damage = 6
   Burglary/Attempted Burglary = 0
   Theft other = 2
   Theft of/from a Motor vehicle = 0

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. Unfortunately, there are currently no solvability factors for most of these incidents.

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.

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APPENDIX 2

RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Income & Expenditure 2015 - 2016

Apr-15

Expenditure

Date	Company	Detail	Total	VAT
8.4.15	Barclays Bank	Charges	£ 13.88	
10.4.15	Barclaycard	Merchant charges	£ 29.02	£ 3.16
14.4.15	United Utilities	Water Bill - Pavilion	£ 14.06	
14.4.15	Wendys Flowers	Anniversary Flowers	£ 40.00	£ 6.67
14.4.15	PC Print	Newsletter	£ 151.00	
14.4.15	Cleanse cleaning	cleaning	£ 260.00	
14.4.15	St Helens MBC	Rent	£ 1,934.00	
15.4.15	Scottish Power	Electricity	£ 232.00	
16.4.15	Rymans Stationery	Stationery	£ 72.38	£ 12.06
16.4.15	Johnston Publishing	Advert for Wedding Fayre	£ 93.96	£ 15.66
16.4.15	Phil Anders	Repair to Pavilion Ceiling	£ 970.00	
16.4.15	B & Q	light bulbs	£ 16.00	£ 2.67
17.4.15	Asda	cleaning materials	£ 7.98	£ 1.33
17.4.15	Costco	Stamps	£ 30.99	
21.4.15	COCREATE	Website support	£ 288.00	£ 48.00
21.04.15	Centrol Recycling	Waste removal	£ 32.40	£ 5.40
22.4.15	Hawk Alarms	Maintenance Contract for alarm	£ 96.00	£ 16.00
22.4.15	PBP Learning	Bar Training	£ 109.00	
22.4.15	Titan Telecom	Telephone & Broadband	£ 74.00	£ 12.33
28.4.15	St Helens MBC	Rates	£ 1,206.50	
29.04.15	PRS for Music	Music Licence	£ 902.95	£ 150.49
29.04.15	Booker	Cleaning Materials	£ 20.09	£ 3.35
29.04.15	St Helens Council	Fees	£ 32.00	
29.04.15	St Helens Council	National Insurance	£ 96.32	
29.04.15	St Helens Council	Pensions	£ 272.61	
29.04.15	St Helens Council	Salaries	£ 3,268.85	
29.04.15	Booker	Sundries	£ 98.96	£ 16.49
			£ 10,362.95	**£ 293.61**

Income	Bar Sales	£	2,976.34
	Main Hall	£	1,068.00
	Reception Room	£	319.00
	Rent	£	1,050.00
	Other	£	1,000.50
		£	**6,413.84**

Current Account	**April Opening Balance**	Ledger / Bank
		£ 2,665.76
	Total Income	£ 3,011.50 / **£ 3,011.50**
	Expenses	£ 10,362.95 / £ 10,362.95
	Transfers	£ 7,000.00
	Closing Balance	**£ 2,314.31**

Bank Balances @ 30.04.15	
Bar	£ 10,580.07
Current	£ 2,314.31
High Interest	£ 39,365.28
	£ 52,259.66
Debtors @ 30.04.15	**£ 4,718.00**
Bank Balances + Debtors	**£ 56,977.66**

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