

detailing other repair work required visible from the scaffolding, so the Council can decide at that time which works to commission.

4. The Head of the Estates Department at St Helens Council has been contacted on 22.06.201, 30.06.2021, 16.07.2021, 29.07.2021, 06.08.2021, 01.09.2021 and 05.10.2021 in an attempt to start a dialogue with St Helens Council about the Village Hall and arrange a meeting with members of the FPA committee. Additionally, to ask permission to replace the windows in the Clerk's office. An auto reply stated she is on leave until 08.10.2021. An additional request was sent through the contact centre on 19.10.2021. As a reply had not been received, a request for a timescale in which a reply could be expected was submitted through the contact centre on 04.11.2021 and an acknowledgement was received on 05.11.2021. An email was received from Sean Traynor, Director of Strategic Growth at St Helens Council, stating that I would be contacted by the Assistant Director of Property and Economy to discuss the lease. I contacted Sean Traynor on 06.12.2021 asking for a time frame, as no further contact had been made. Sean replied offering apologies and stated that the matter will now be dealt with directly by Steve Littler, the responsible Assistant Director.
5. Despite numerous requests, the payroll information for August, September, October and November has not yet been received. I am now in (slow) dialogue with a member of the payroll team I have been informed that the information requested should be provided early in the week commencing 08/11/2021. I have now received notification of the payments required for June & July and these have been paid.
6. The Christmas Fayre had to be held in the Village Hall due to adverse weather, but it was a great success. Several emails have been received from stall holders and attendees thanking the Parish Council for the event.
7. Bookings continue to come in regularly.
8. The new range of low and non-alcoholic drinks are selling well.
9. The Government has announced £710m funding for 'Active Travel'. It is hoped that funding for 'Red Rose Way' may be obtained through this. The scheme has been sent to St Helens Council and to LCR Active Travel. Councillor Allan Jones has been asked for assistance with this as he sits on the travel group and a response has been difficult to obtain. No further information is available yet.
10. A resident reported a problem with the drain on the driveway of the Village Hall. Following a discussion with officers at St Helens Council, a firm was called out to investigate at the Parish Council's expense. The drain was cleared and the Environmental Health department was informed.
11. The research being carried out regarding grants for installing on-street residential car charging points is on-going.
12. The company that would like to hire storage space and use the Village Hall as a postal address has been contacted.
13. Quiz nights continue to be well supported. The special Christmas Quiz on 03.12.2021 was enjoyed by all who attended.
14. The electricity meter is being upgraded to a smart meter in January 2022.
15. The office has been very busy since the last meeting with arrangements for the Christmas Fayre. The organisation of this event had to be given priority due to the time limitation. However, it has meant that other issues have not been dealt with as quickly as they normally would.
16. The repair work to the bar and caretaker's store rooms has been completed.
17. Another successful meeting of Business Around Rainford took place on 24.11.2021.
18. The last Speed Watch session had to be cancelled at short notice.
19. Several complaints from residents have been passed on to St Helens Council through the Contact Centre.
20. The Chairman's Festive Reception will take place again this year on 13.12.2021.
21. Articles for the next Parish Council newsletter will be submitted to Local Life on 08.12.2021.

22. Councillor Reynolds and I met with a representative from Age UK on 07.12.2021 to discuss ways in which the Parish Council might work with the organisation.

8. Committee Reports

➤ **Borough Council**

➤ **Community Liaison Committee:** *Councillor Lamb*

➤ **Finance, Planning & Administration Committee:** *Councillor Sterry*

The draft minutes of the last committee meeting will be forwarded when the meeting has taken place

➤ **Health & Safety Committee:** *Councillor Reynolds*

9. Rainford Christmas Fayre Working Party Report

10. Road Safety in Rainford: *Councillor Sterry*

11. Budget 2022/23 & Setting of the Precept for 2022/23

Further information will be supplied in the draft minutes of the FPA committee meeting due to be held on 09.12.2021

12. Main Modifications to the St Helens Local Plan

See separate document for the notification of the St Helens Borough Local Plan Main Modifications public consultation. Submissions must be made by 13.01.2022.

Further details on the consultation can be found at:

www.sthelens.gov.uk/localplanmodifications



Clerk & RFO to Rainford Parish Council