



**Date: 18.01.2022**

**To: Members of Rainford Parish Council**

**You are summoned to attend a meeting of  
RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
on 24 January 2022 commencing at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Rainford Village Hall**

**The Press & Public are invited to attend**

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

*Councillors are reminded that they must contact the Clerk in writing, prior to the meeting, to give a reason for their absence*

**2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office, of Interest, and Updating of the Register**

*Councillors are reminded to make any new Declarations of Interest*

**3. Formal announcements from the Chairman**

**4. To hear and respond to any questions/deputations by members of the public:**

*No such requests had been received by 18.01.2022*

**5. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Rainford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22 November 2021**

*See separate document*

**6. Receipts and Payments for November 2021 and December 2022**

*See FPA minutes for November & December 2021 and draft minutes for January 2022 for full details and the updated cashflow document*

Income for November 2021 £ 14053

Expenditure for November 2021 £ 11987

Amount invoiced in November 2021 £ 9174

Bank Balances @ 30.11.2021: Current A/C £ 5897 Business A/C £93271

Expenditure does not include salaries for June, July, August, September, October or November 2021

Provision for this expense £40,000

Funds available £59168

Income for December 2021 £13,188

Expenditure for December 2021 £ 68452

Amount invoiced in December 2021

Bank Balances @ 31.12.2021: Current A/C £5632 Business A/C £38274

A transfer of £55,000 was made to the current account to pay outstanding payroll costs for June, July, August, September & October 2021

Expenditure does not include payroll costs for November & December 2021.  
Provision for this expense £15,500  
Funds available £28406

## **7. Clerk's Report**

1. Statements from the Government regarding COVID-19 continue to be monitored on a daily basis for relevance to the Parish Council and the Village Hall, particularly as new regulations have been put in place due to the Omicron variant. At the moment, none of them effect bookings at the Village Hall.
2. The delaminating stone work has been made safe. A report has been submitted detailing other repair work required visible from the scaffolding.
3. I have now received notification of the payments required for payroll for June – October and these have been paid.
4. The Christmas Fayre had to be held in the Village Hall due to adverse weather, but it was a great success.
5. Some bookings are being made, but cancellations are also being made due to the current uncertainty around coronavirus.
6. 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.
7. The research being carried out regarding grants for installing on-street residential car charging points is on-going.
8. Quiz nights are continuing, with additional marketing to encourage more teams.
9. The electricity was due to be upgraded to a smart meter early in January, but the engineer was unable to complete the change-over on arrival.
10. A meeting was held with Steve Littler (Assistant Director for Place Services at St Helens Council). He visited the Village Hall regarding the renewal of the lease. Following this an email has been sent requested that he meets with the FPA committee as a matter of urgency to discuss the further repairs that are required to the Village Hall. This meeting has not yet taken place.
11. A Parish Council newsletter was in the January 2022 issue of Local Life.
12. Councillor Reynolds and I met with a representative from Age UK in December 2021 to discuss ways in which the Parish Council might work with the organisation. It is hoping to put on a 5-week IT course to show older residents how to get more use from phones and ipads etc
13. There has been a leak in the ceiling of the Main Hall. The roofer has attended and hopefully cured the problem.
14. A stocktake took place on 17.01.2022 and an additional one has been arranged for the year end on 31.03.2022
15. Notification has been received that the Council Tax Base for 2022/23 will be 2937 which is 51 more than the current year.
16. Many complaints have been received about the closure of the footpath between Higher Lane and Lakeside Gardens. Along with Councillors, I have been in contact with St Helens Council to determine the correct position. The footpath will be closed for safety reasons until the bungalow has been demolished, up to a maximum of 6 months, but will reopen as soon as possible afterwards. It is not expected that the demolition process will take as long as 6 months.
17. An Afternoon Tea on 22.05.2022 and a Gala Dinner on 28.05.2022 are being organised to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
18. A further meeting regarding speeding on the bypass took place on 12.01.2022. It is hoped that several initiatives will be implemented and a further meeting will be held in February 2022. Merseyside Police were also checking for speeding on the bypass in October and November 2021 and caught 81 drivers. The St Helens Star has shown interest in this story and requested a quote from the Chairman.
19. A meeting concerning a Community Governance Review for Parish Clerks and Chairmen will take place on 20.01.2022.
20. The scaffolding is currently being removed from the front of the building.

21. 2 events are being organised to raise funds for the Chairman's fund for Rainford Heritage Society:  
A quiz with hotpot night on 04.02.2022  
A concert by Rainford Band will take place on 26.03.2022

**8. Committee Reports**

- **Borough Council**
- **Community Liaison Committee:** *Councillor Lamb*
- **Finance, Planning & Administration Committee:** *Councillor Sterry*
- **Health & Safety Committee:** *Councillor Reynolds*

**9. Rainford Christmas Fayre Working Party Report**

*For information*

**10. Road Safety in Rainford:** *Councillor Sterry*

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

*See separate documents. Councillor Long to propose:*

*That the precept is increased by £1.17 per Band D equivalent to £27 (4%)*

*That the proposed price increases for the hire of the Village Hall from 01.04.2022 are accepted*

*That the budget for 2022/23 is accepted*

**12. Community Governance Review**

*For information and discussion*



**Clerk & RFO to Rainford Parish Council**