



05.10.2022

**You are summoned to attend a meeting of the  
FINANCE, PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
in the Council Chamber at Rainford Village Hall on Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 6.30pm**

**The press & public are invited to attend**

#### **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2022**

**3. Plans**

The following applications have been approved:

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| <i>P/2022/0460/HHFP</i> | <i>Single Storey front extension along with a first-floor side/rear extension<br/>15 The Avenue, Rainford</i>   |
| <i>P/2022/0467/HHFP</i> | <i>Single Storey Front extension<br/>42, Pimbo Road, Kings Moss</i>   |
| <i>P/2022/0504/ADC</i>  | <i>Consent to display 5no heritage boards and 4no replica station signs at the sites of four former railway stations along the Rainford Linear Park and Crank Recreation grounds at the following sites: (i) Crank recreation Ground, (ii) Former Old Mill Halt, Sandwash Close, (iii) Former Rookery Station, Rainford Linear Park, adjacent to Rookery Lane, (iv) Site of former Rainford Station, Rainford Linear Park, (v) Rainford Junction, Rainford Linear Park. – Land in the area of Rainford Linear Park &amp; Crank Recreation Ground, Rainford, St Helens</i> |
| <i>P/2022/0507/HHFP</i> | <i>First Floor side extension along with alterations to existing garage to form a habitable room<br/>35 Beech Gardens, Rainford</i>   |

The following plans have been refused:

*P/2022/0538/HHFP          Erection of detached outbuilding comprising of double garage and storage  
10 Siding Lane, Rainford*

*The Planning Officer considered that the significant previous increase in the volume of the dwelling combined with this proposal represents a disproportionate addition to the dwelling under the terms of the NPPF and LPD05. The extended dwelling will cause harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness given the site context and the scale and impact of the proposed extensions on the Green Belt.*

New Applications:

*P/2022/0607/HHFP          Part two storey, part single storey side extension and two storey rear extension following the demolition of existing side extension  
54 Lathom Drive, Rainford*

*P/2022/0614/HHFP          Single Storey Side Extension  
31 Heyes Avenue, Rainford*

*P/2022/0627/FUL          Installation of 3no containerised batteries for the storage and export of electricity to the national grid  
Holiday Moss Landfill Site, Reeds Brow, Rainford*

*P/2022/0659/HHFP          Demolition of the existing garage at the side and erection of a two-storey front atrium extension, two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension, rendering of the existing dwelling, along with alterations to front boundary wall to create new access.  
150 Higher Lane, Rainford*

*P/2022/0691/TPO          Works to various trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order  
1 Damson Grove, Rainford*

*P/2022/0693/HHFP          Raising the existing ridge height, two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, and 1no dormer window to both front and rear elevations.  
93 Church Road, Rainford*

*P/2022/0697/HHFP          Resubmission of P/2022/0322/HHFP for the demolition of the existing detached garage and the erection of a part single storey, part two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.  
2 Springvale, Reeds Brow, Rainford*

#### **4. Clerk's Report**

1. The survey commissioned by Steve Littler took place on 07.04.2022. The report has not yet been received. The Clerk met with Paula Blellock who is the Interim Senior Surveyor for the Estates Department of St Helens Council on 30.08.2022. She looked around the Village Hall and will be involved in the discussions regarding the lease. A date is still awaited for the meeting for formal discussions.
2. The Energy Performance Certificate for the Village Hall needs renewing. The Survey has taken place and some good suggestions for energy efficiency were given by the surveyor, who suggested an air-conditioning unit for heating (as well as cooling) the Main Hall. Councillor Griffiths offered to research whether any funding would be available for this. It was thought that this would be a lot cheaper than the current radiator system. Additionally, there is some insulation in the loft space above the landing. Councillor Griffiths will be looking into grant funding.

3. Staff costs were not paid to St Helens Council in September as the appropriate documentation was not received before the month end. It has now been sent. The applicant for the Bar Supervisor's role has had a family bereavement and has not yet started. In the meantime, the Event Co-ordinator continues to cover most of the functions.
4. Bookings continue to be made regularly for the hall for events and functions.
5. One of the Registrars from St Helens Council visited the Village Hall with a member of the licencing team and agreed that a licence to hold marriage ceremonies could be applied for. The Registrar suggested that decorating and any other work in the hall is completed before the application is submitted.
6. The on-going project with Rainford High School using the Reception Room continues to go well and the High School are pleased with the number of students attending at the Village Hall.
7. There is no further development on the Miller Homes Planning Application for the Rookery Lane/Higher Lane site. The decision will be made by the planning committee due to the number of objections that were received.
8. The Planning Application for the Heritage Boards has been granted.
9. Quotes for loft insulation in the Village Hall and other building upgrades are being sought. Loft insulation not required, as there is already some in place.
10. Scout Leader Martin Cox has revived the suggestion of putting speed humps on the car park opposite the Village Hall. This was a pre-covid project which the Parish Council had agreed to contribute to. Borough Councillor John Case was following it up with St Helens Council. There is currently no further information on this project. This is a separate agenda item.
11. The pubs in Rainford had been contacted about the Knife Savers Scheme to see if they would be interested in having a KnifeSavers Pack. Sadly, there has been little response. However, the Event Co-ordinator and Councillor Roberts will be visiting the pubs personally to talk about the scheme and hopefully initiate some interest. At the last full Council meeting on 26.09.2022, the Chairman expressed his disappointment that the pubs in Rainford had shown little to no interest in having KnifeSaver packs and free training for their staff. Councillors will approach the pubs in person and following this, there will be publicity for those who took up the offer.
12. Quotations are being gathered for the various sustainability suggestions and the improvement of the Village Hall.
13. The books of Condolence following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth 11, have been sent to St Helens Council for the archive.
14. New curtains and blinds for the Main Hall have been ordered.
15. The glass in the folding doors between the bar and the Main Hall has been removed and boards inserted instead. The doors will now be painted.
16. The external auditor has signed off the accounts for 2021/22. There was an error on the form, which has been mentioned in the report. There were no other issues.

## **5. Income & Expenditure for September 2022**

*See separate documents for the Income forecast and details of the receipts and payments for September 2022*

Receipts £ 8618

Payments £ 10565

Bank balances @ 30.09.2022:

Current Account: £5061 Business Account: £ 77261 Christmas Fayre Account: £2666

Liabilities: £ 10101 (includes staff costs for August 2022)

Debtors £7663 (includes outstanding stall payments for RCF and Christmas Party ticket invoices)

## **6. Village Hall Repairs and Terms for the New Lease**

*A mutually suitable date for a meeting with Steve Littler and Paula Bllock is being sought. It has been agreed that the Parish Council can have a copy of the full report and this is expected imminently.*

## **7. Improvement of the offer and the profitability of the Village Hall**

*For information, discussion and decision*

## **8. Requests for funding**

*For discussion and decision*

1. *Additional funding, if required for the Heritage Boards and memorial on the Linear Way*
2. *Knifesavers packs; see email from Councillor Reynolds*
3. *Speed bumps in the car park opposite the Village Hall (See below)*
4. *CLC would like consideration to be given to purchasing Tel Ram devices that could be moved around the Village to gain data on traffic behaviour*  
<https://telraam.net/en/blog/an-update-on-the-new-telraam-sensor>

A resident would also like this to be considered.

## **9. Speed bumps in the Car Park opposite the Village Hall**

The plans have been drawn up and approved. St Helens Council are having problems finding a contractor to do the work, as it is such a small job. The scope is one speed bump and 2 signs. Borough Councillor John Case has not yet received full costings, but it is estimated that the cost will be around £2,000. The work will be done but it is probably a few weeks away from starting. Previously the Parish Council have agreed to pay 50% and the other 50% will be paid out of CIF.



**Clerk & RFO**  
**Rainford Parish Council**