



**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Liaison Committee of
RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Council Chamber at Rainford Village Hall on Monday 05 December 2022 at 6.30pm**

Present: Councillors: Bardsley, Denton, Dodson, Griffiths, Lamb (Chairman)

In attendance: Sally Powell (Clerk)

Absent: Councillor Reynolds

1. Apologies for absence:

Councillor Long, Councillor Bowden
Victoria Swainbank, Event Co-ordinator (Unwell)

2. Co-option of Councillor Bowden to the committee:

As Councillor Bowden was unable to attend the meeting, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Action: The Clerk

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 07.11.2022:

The minutes of the meeting held on 07.11.2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed by Councillor Bardsley, seconded by Councillor Dodson and carried unanimously.

4. School's Liaison Officer's Report:

Councillor Dodson informed the meeting:

- that she would be writing to all the schools in January 2023 regarding the lamp post signs re road safety. The size of these needs to be established so that the schools can produce something appropriate. There is already one sign near Corpus Christi primary school, for reference.
- That she has contacted Joe Kenyon at RHS to re-establish the contact with the school.

5. Sustainability:

The estimated cost of installing an Air Source Heat Pump in the Village Hall is in excess of £145k. The possibility of installing an air conditioner unit will be investigated.

Action: The Clerk

6. Road safety:

A full discussion had taken place at the full council meeting on 28.11.2022. Answers are required from St Helens Council to resident's queries. This will be an item on the January 2023 CLC agenda.

Action: The Clerk

7. Senior Citizen's Fair:

It was agreed that the date for the next Senior Citizen's Fayre would be 11.05.2023.

Marketing ideas for the event included the following:

- Asking the Drs surgeries to send a text to patients with info about the event
- Contacting the Carer's group and asking them to share the information

- Article in the Local Life Newsletter and new monthly newssheet which will start in January 2023
- Informing key people within the village such as Rainford in Bloom and the Borough Councillors to help advertise the event
- Use of the St Helens council website, if possible.
- Advertise/get editorial space in The Star. Councillor Griffiths has a contact.

8. Dementia Hub:

Councillor Denton informed the meeting that the name would be changed to The Memory Hub to try and dispel reticence from possible attendees who would be put off by the word 'dementia'.

7 people had attended the first meeting. The second meeting will be held on 15.12.2022 and it is hoped that one of the local primary school choirs will attend.

Action: The Clerk

9. Rainford Christmas Fayre:

It was agreed that the Parish Council should be celebrating the success of this event on 03.12.2022. There had been very good feedback from stall holders and attendees. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to all the businesses in the Village Centre requesting feedback.

Suggestions for next year:

- Get more fast-food outlets, but definitely have Tornado Potato again
- Establish in advance which businesses will be 'piggy backing' on to the event and what they will be doing and selling
- Ask shops what sort of stall they would/would not like outside of them
- Fold the raffle tickets before putting them in the Wishing Well
- Have a children's tombola as well as an adult one
- Separate the selling of the grotto tickets from the raffle etc
- Put Bridge Farm near the entrance to the grotto

10. Heritage Boards & Memorial:

The boards have been installed and unveiled. It is hoped that additional boards will be added in the future.

11. Youth Parish Council:

There was a discussion and it was agreed that there is not a great deal for teenagers in the village to do and that the Parish Council should have a greater focus on younger residents. It was felt that it was vitally important for young people to be involved in discussions about what could be provided. The schools, sports clubs and youth organisations will be approached for representatives for a working group. Councillors Dodson and Griffiths will consider how to move forward with this initiative and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Dodson/Councillor Griffiths/The Clerk

12. Youth Disability Event:

Councillor Griffiths outlined his ideas for the event. It would be for anyone who has additional needs in their family, with the focus on young people and their parents/carers. Stalls would include services that are available across the borough such as benefits, services for those with Autism etc so that a road map of services could be developed following diagnosis. The Clerk was asked to look for possible dates in late March/Early April 2023. The suggested time is afternoon running through to early evening. Councillor Griffiths will speak with some contacts in the field and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Griffiths/The Clerk

The need for a Youth Club, possibly in the Village Hall was also discussed.

13. Benches for the Village:

The Clerk was asked to contact St Helens Council to find out where it would be possible to put additional benches on the Linear Park and in Springfield.

Action: The Clerk

14. Contents for the January Newsletter:

It was agreed that the News sheet should be no more than 2 sides of A4 and will produced in paper and digital form on a quarterly basis. It will include:

- Regular classes in the Village Hall
- Any other public events in the Village Hall
- Other events/classes etc in the village (including youth groups)
- Further information about the Parkinson's support group, The Memory Hub, The Beer Festival, Rainford Christmas Fayre
- What has happened with the Parish Council
- What will be happening with the Parish Council

Action: The Clerk

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm

Councillor Lamb
Chairman, Community Liaison Committee
Rainford Parish Council 2022/23