



**Date: 21.02.2023**

**To: Members of Rainford Parish Council**

**You are summoned to attend a meeting of  
RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
on 27 February 2023 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 valid reason for their absence*
- 2. Formal announcements from the Chairman**
- 3. Declaration of Acceptance of Office, of Interest, and Updating of the Register**  
*Councillors are reminded to make any new Declarations of Interest*
- 4. To hear and respond to any questions/deputations by members of the public**
- 5. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Rainford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23 January 2023**  
*See separate document*
- 6. Receipts and Payments for January 2023**  
*See FPA draft minutes for January 2023 for full details*

Receipts for January 2023	£23,787	
Payments for January 2023	£28,435	
Bank balances @ 31.01.2023:		
Current Account: £ 4,523	Business Account: £ 52,587	Christmas Fayre Account: £3,852
Liabilities: £8,474		
Debtors	£3,501	
Amount invoiced in January 2023	£8,444	

## 7. Clerk's Report

- i. The meeting to prioritise the items on the Condition Report for the Village Hall has not yet taken place.
- ii. A local organisation may wish to use the land at the rear of the Village Hall, which would alter the negotiations for the lease renewal.
- iii. The Bar Supervisor's role has been readvertised. In the meantime, the Event Co-ordinator continues to cover most of the functions.
- iv. 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 application will be submitted in the New Year. This has not yet been completed due to staff shortages.
- v. The rear doors in the Main Hall have not yet been replaced.
- vi. The deadline for the application from Miller Homes has been extended to 09.04.2023 and the applicants have submitted revised documents. This is a separate agenda item.
- vii. The Beer Festival was the most successful to date in terms of income and attendance. Numbers were low on the Sunday, but those who did attend, enjoyed the afternoon. Having Councillors volunteer at the event helped enormously. The total profit from the event was £3162 + £854 for the Chairman's fund from the Gin table.
- viii. St Helens Council has completed the first consultation of the Community Governance Review which took place between 1 October and 30 December 2022. The Cross-party Working Group will make draft recommendations to St Helens Council at its meeting on 19 April 2023. For the existing Parish Councils, the same process will begin in January 2023. The Cross-Party working group will review all representations received and present draft recommendations to St Helens Council at its meeting in July 2023 (date tbc).  
Further updates and the relevant reports will be published on the website [www.sthelens.gov.uk/cgr](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/cgr) when they are available.
- ix. The Annual meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Friday 19.05.2023 at 6pm and will be followed by the new Chairman's evening. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 22.05.2023 at 6pm and will be followed by the ordinary Council meeting for May 2023.
- x. The advertising deal with Local Life for the bi-monthly Parish Council newsletters has been renewed. They have created an advert for the Village Hall which will appear in the next addition.
- xi. P/2022/0548/FUL Erection of 2no detached dwellings to facilitate the maintenance and preservation of existing reservoir and adjacent woodland (resubmission)  
Rainford Reservoir, Higher Lane, Rainford: This application has been refused.
- xii. Rainford Heritage Society has indicated that it is exploring the possibility of using the library building for a Heritage centre as an alternative to the land at the rear of the Village Hall.
- xiii. The Eurovision Night Event is being advertised.
- xiv. The role of 2<sup>nd</sup> caretaker has been advertised and there has been some interest.
- xv. The main caretaker is currently on sick leave for 2 weeks.

## 8. Committee & Working Party Reports

- **Borough Council:** *Councillors Case & Mussell*
- **Community Liaison Committee:** *Councillor Lamb*
- **Finance, Planning & Administration Committee:** *Councillor Bardsley*
- **Health & Safety Committee:** *Councillor Reynolds*
- **Rainford Christmas Fayre Working Party:** *Victoria Swainbank*
- **Village Hall Improvements Working Party**

## 9. P/2022/0461/FUL: The erection of 338 dwellings with associated access, public open space, sustainable urban drainage systems and other infrastructure Land opposite 55 – 85 Rookery Lane, Rainford

*See separate document*

*The deadline for the above application has been extended to 09.04.2023 and revised plans have been submitted*

**10. External lights on the Village Hall:** *Councillor Reynolds*

**11. The Bowling Pavilion: Scarisbrick Road**

*St Helens Council is in principle looking for an organisation to take a ground lease or licence with the following items being covered:*

- *Responsibility for repairs and maintenance of the structure (including compliance and H&S requirements)*
- *Financial responsibility for any outgoings (utilities, rates etc)*
- *Public Indemnity*
- *Security*
- *The removal of the structure at the end of its useful/economic life.*

*Paula Bllelock, Interim Senior Survey, with the Estates Team – Place Services would be prepared to recommend a peppercorn/nil rent or licence fee and an agreement that would set out hours of use etc. if the Parish Council was prepared to agree to this. However, research into the archives suggests that it was originally the wish of St Helens Council that a Pavilion be erected on the site, but as funding was a problem, the Parish Council part financed the project and also agreed to oversee the installation.*



**Clerk & RFO to Rainford Parish Council**