



Date: 21.03.2023

To: Members of Rainford Parish Council

**You are summoned to attend a meeting of
RAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL
on 27 March 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

Lynn Smith

Community Connector for Halton and St Helens Voluntary and Community Action (VCA). Lynn works in the wards in St Helens North and East, including Rainford, and her role involves helping to grow the capacity and capability of local communities and the Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise Sector (VCFSE).

Marie Worsley

The M6 roadworks and the diversions put in place to use the Rainford Bypass overnight

5. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Rainford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27 February 2023

See separate document

6. Receipts and Payments for February 2023

See FPA draft minutes for March 2023 for full details

Receipts for February 2023 £16,369

Payments for February 2023 £10,036

Bank balances @ 28.02.2023:

Current Account: £10,855 Business Account: £52,587 Christmas Fayre Account: £3,380

Liabilities: £9,960 - Payments for February 2023 do not include staff costs

Debtors £7,640

Amount invoiced in February 2023 £ 7,219

7. Clerk's Report

- i. The meeting to prioritise the items on the Condition Report for the Village Hall has not yet taken place. This has been requested.
- 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. The organisation is also looking at the possibility of using the library building and building on the land behind the Golden lion.
- iii. The Bar Supervisor's role has filled on a zero-hour contract.
- 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. A provisional date of 21.04.2023 has been set for this visit.
- v. The rear doors in the Main Hall have not yet been replaced. This has been chased, and the work will be completed in April 2023.
- 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 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. Efforts are being made to encourage residents to attend, particularly the Annual Parish Meeting.
- viii. 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 be in the current edition.
- ix. The Eurovision Night Event is being advertised and almost 100 tickets have been sold so far.
- x. The role of 2nd caretaker has been filled and the new caretaker has been very helpful. He has completed several outstanding tasks and is a handy man as well as a caretaker. He has been very dependable and pro-active so far.
- xi. The main caretaker remains on sick leave and is currently due back at work on 27.03.2023.
- xii. Gas quotes have been sought as the contract is due for renewal soon. The FPA committee considered that a fixed term agreement was not appropriate at the moment, but a variable tariff would be better given the current circumstances. Quotes are being sought.
- xiii. The actuarial valuation for Merseyside Pension scheme has been received. The employer's contribution for 2023/24 is 21.8% with a deficit contribution of £1600.
- xiv. The Caretaker's salary will be increased from 01.04.2023.
- xv. An up-to-date copy of the Green Book has been requested from St Helens Council.
- xvi. The Event Co-ordinator and Bar Staff completed an excellent First Aid Course on 19.03.2023
- xvii. The Broadband and Telephone provider has been changed to a cheaper option, which also gives faster broadband.
- xviii. The card machine provider has been changed to a cheaper option.
- xix. The Coronation Dinner has been planned and advertised.
- xx. The information, documentation and instructions for the Annual Governance And Review for the financial year 2022/23 have been received.
- xxi. The Liverpool Combined Authority has recently been given the power to improve bus services by reforming the current bus market. In response to these additional powers, it has undertaken a detailed assessment of the options available and would like to consult with as many residents as possible. Planned meetings/events from the 15th May – 3rd August 2023 were requested, where representatives could attend or send information to raise awareness about Bus Reform. The Annual Parish Meeting has been suggested.

8. Committee & Working Party Reports

- **Borough Council:** *Councillors Case & Mussell*
- **Community Liaison Committee:** *Councillor Lamb*
- **Finance, Planning & Administration Committee:** *Councillor Long*
- **Health & Safety Committee:** *Councillor Reynolds*
- **Village Hall Improvements Working Party**

9. **Road Safety in Rainford**
10. **Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean**
11. **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**
For discussion and decision. See separate document for the draft updated submission
12. **External Lights on the Village Hall: Councillor Reynolds**
This item was deferred from the last meeting
13. **Rainford Parish Council Good Citizen Award**
For discussion and decision. This was discussed at the March 2023 CLC meeting. Ideas included:
- *A monthly award*
 - *A letter or certificate*
 - *Some type of small trophy. The Clerk will make enquiries*
 - *Criteria would need to be set*
 - *The CLC would draw up a list of who should get them and present this to the Full Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be the awarding body and that the recipients for 12 months would be decided at one meeting. Councillors could not be included.*
 - *Other organisations could suggest names, but the Parish Council would decide as it will be the awarding body*
 - *It would be 'The Rainford Parish Council Good Citizen Award'*



Clerk & RFO to Rainford Parish Council