



07.07.2022

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 13 July 2022 at 6.30pm

The press & public are invited to attend

#### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2022
3. Plans

The following planning applications have been granted:

*P/2022/0314/S73 Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 7 (junction improvement works) on approval P/2020/0854/FUL to substitute alternative access improvements for those already approved Gunsite Barracks, Crank Road, Crank*

The following applications have been refused:

*P/2022/0295/TPO Works to trees covered by a Preservation Order  
7 Fir Tree Close, Kings Moss*

The Council's Trees and Woodlands Officer was not satisfied with the amount of detail supplied with the application so could not support the proposed works as they could not be considered to be fully in the best interests of the trees health contrary to policy ENV12A of the Unitary Development Plan

New applications:

*P/2022/0416/HHFP Single storey rear extension with rear dormer  
13 Carter Avenue, Rainford*

*P/2022/0424/HHFP Demolition of the existing conservatory and the erection of a two-storey rear extension, new porch and linked utility room to front  
4 Hill Top Road, Rainford*

*P/2022/0436/LBC Listed Building Consent for refurbishment of existing house/listed building to provide 4no bedrooms and open plan living area. Works to existing garage to provide parking  
Maddocks Farm, Pimbo Lane, Kings Moss*

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

- 1.** The high-level delaminating stone work on the Village Hall has been made safe. A report has been submitted detailing other repair work required visible from the scaffolding. An alternative quote for the pointing is being obtained. The quote has not yet been received, but has been chased.
- 2.** Further research is being carried out regarding grants for installing on-street residential car charging points is on-going. A local firm which installs the charging points has also been contacted, but has not responded. The grants are now available again for 60% of the cost of installation.
- 3.** The survey commissioned by Steve Littler took place on 07.04.2022. The report has not yet been received. Steve Littler has the report and will be reviewing it before sending me a copy by the end of May 2022. It has not yet been received, despite several requests.
- 4.** Payroll documentation for April, May and June 2022 has not been received despite numerous requests. An email has been sent to the Head of Dept. asking when a reply will be received. No response has been received.
- 5.** The Bar Supervisor's post had been filled but the successful applicant emailed to say they had changed their mind on the day of their first shift. Another applicant is interested but cannot start until October. Over the next few months, experienced and previous bar staff will be supervising some of the shifts, so that the Event Co-ordinator does not have to work every time the bar is open.
- 6.** Further complaints have been received about the footpath being ploughed up between Old Lane and News Lane. It has been reported to St Helens Council and photos sent of the areas of concern. Councillor Long has also undertaken a site visit. Nothing further has been heard from St Helens Council.
- 7.** The Internal Auditor signed off the 2021/22 accounts on 22.06.22. The Internal Audit report is a separate agenda item.
- 8.** The Annual Governance and Return documents were submitted to the external auditor on 29.06.2022.
- 9.** Bookings continue to be made regularly for the hall for events and functions. 2 Wedding Receptions have been booked for 2024.
- 10.** The Reception Room is now being used on a daily basis Monday – Friday by Rainford High School. The scheme is working well and the teacher has indicated that the school will be returning in September. One piece of equipment cannot be moved if the room is being used in the evening and this has caused a problem for one class, as the hirer did not like the way the ambience of the room had changed. They are now being accommodated in the Main Hall or Bar Area.
- 11.** Miller Homes have lodged a pre-planning application to build 360 houses on the Rookery Lane/Higher Lane site. There are to be protests outside the Town Hall in St Helens on 12.07.2022 when the Council will vote on the Local Plan. Residents have been encouraging people to attend and leaflets have been printed for them. Posts have been made on the Parish Council's social media sites informing residents of the intended action.
- 12.** The Notice of Making an Order, Order and Plan pertaining to the Rainford Bypass 50mph speed limit. Has been issued. The Traffic Regulation Order is operational from 25.05.2022 however this cannot be enforced until such time that the relevant signing has been installed, which will be undertaken as soon as resources permit. This has not yet taken place.
- 13.** A summer cycle event hosted by the Road Safety Team at St Helens Council will take place outside the Village Hall on 04.08.2022. A site visit will take place on 11.07.2022.
- 14.** The Chairman attended the High Tea and entertainment for Rainford Senior Citizens and opened Crank Gala on 02.07.2022. He also delivered flowers to a gentleman on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 15.** Thank you notes have been received from residents for Golden Wedding Anniversary flowers delivered by the Chairman.
- 16.** The Christmas parties have been advertised and tickets have already been sold.

17. The Firm Alarm system will be serviced in July 2022.
18. The Planning Application for the Heritage Boards has been submitted.

**5. Income & Expenditure for June 2022**

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

Income £51447

This includes the second precept payment of £39899

Expenditure £ 8796

This does not include salaries for June 2022

Bank balances @ 30.06.2022:

Current Account: £18,232 Business Account: £ 87237 Christmas Fayre Account: £2491

No Liability for payroll April 2022 as this has been offset by the furlough money owed (£12958)

There may be some liability for May 2022 payroll and June's payroll is outstanding as no documentation has been provided despite repeated requests.

Estimated payroll liability: £10742

Other liabilities: £3069

Debtors £3399

**6. Village Hall repairs**

**7. Terms for the New Lease**

**8. Improvement of the offer and the profitability of the Village Hall**

**9. Internal Auditor's Report**

*See separate document*

**10. Request for funding**

*For discussion and decision*

*A resident has recently set up a walking football group who train at Rainford High School every week. He is asking for funding for a set of bibs costing £35 and some footballs costing £25 each.*



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