



**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Liaison Committee of Rainford Parish Council
held on Monday 06 March 2023 in the Council Chamber at Rainford Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: Bardsley, Dodson, Lamb (Chairman), Reynolds

Absent: Councillor Griffiths, Councillor Stockton-Pugh

In Attendance: Sally Powell (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence:

Bowden (Family), Councillor Denton (Away), Councillor Whalley (Family)

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 06.02.2023:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 06.02.2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record, proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Lamb and carried unanimously.

Action: The Clerk

3. School's Liaison Officer's Report:

Councillor Dodson reported the following:

- A positive response had been received from Brook Lodge and Corpus Christi Primary schools about the lamp post posters. She will follow up with Rainford CE. The date given for designs to be submitted is 17.03.12023. It was agreed that the posters should be A4 size.
- Andy Skerry from Rainford High School, along with the school council are very enthusiastic about making a video to highlight the issues there are with parking at the school. Cars would be filmed parking badly and students interviewed. Andy will discuss this initiative with the media department. Councillor Dodson will be meeting with him to discuss this project further.

Action: Councillor Dodson

- Rainford High do not have the facilities to produce a model solar system to be installed on the Linear Park. There was a discussion about a local firm producing the model. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries. The scale model will include Pluto. At each site, there would be a scale model and a display board with a larger illustration and information about the planet. The Sun would be at Rainford Railway station and Pluto on Mill Lane. Additionally, a grant could be sought to pay for the installations. An alternative would be to get local youth groups to make the models, possibly out of papier mâché, so that the installation would be an exhibition, rather than a permanent display. This may dovetail into the St Helens Borough of Culture. St Helens Council will need to be consulted. It was agreed that this approach would be followed in the first instance. Councillor Reynolds to formulate an email to send to the organisations.

Action: The Clerk/Councillor Reynolds

- Councillor Dodson would no longer be attempting to consult with Councillor Griffiths regarding the Youth Parish Council and Youth Disability events, as he had not responded to her requests to meet. This was agreed. Additionally, a separate meeting will take place to discuss just the Youth Parish Council and the Youth Disability event, in order to progress these initiatives. This will take place at 5.45pm on 22.03.2023.

Action: Councillor Lamb/The Clerk/All Members

4. Sustainability:

Councillor Reynolds informed the meeting that the Village Hall had not been surveyed regarding solar panels. The Clerk was asked to source an alternative. Councillor Bardsley had a suggestion for another supplier.

Action: Councillor Bardsley/The Clerk

5. Road safety:

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had contacted the Borough Councillors regarding their involvement with the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Councillor Mussell replied that she had been involved about 12 months ago, but would get back with an update. Members will speak to the Borough Councillors about this in person, if possible.

Action: All Members/The Clerk

Councillor Lamb informed the meeting that double yellow lines had appeared at the Rookery Lane end of Derby Drive. Bollards are also out in Linear Bank Close in preparation for the yellow lines being put there. It was noted that the yellow lines on Whalley Avenue are barely visible. The Clerk was asked to see if they could be re-done. Additionally, only one of the four Keep Left signs on is lit on the A570 towards Windle Island. Councillor Lamb stated that he regularly reports pot holes in the roads in Rainford to St Helens Council.

Action: The Clerk

6. Senior Citizen's Fair:

Details are in the latest edition of Local Life. People have been asked to register their interest. No-one has done this so far. Local Life have promised editorial space in the next issue. A poster needs to be created and this will be sent to as many organisations as possible. Councillor Denton has details of Rainford organisations. The Clerk will ask for the list and circulate the details when they have been verified.

Action: Councillor Denton/The Clerk

7. Heritage Memorial:

Councillor Reynolds informed the meeting that hopefully stone from Crank Caverns will be used for the memorial. He is waiting for the stonemasons to get back to him. The website for the QI codes is almost complete. A resident has volunteered to do the planning application. There should be substantive progress by the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Reynolds/The Clerk

8. Youth Parish Council:

This item was discussed under Agenda item 3.

9. Youth Disability Event:

This item was discussed under agenda item 3.

10. Benches for the Village:

The Clerk informed the meeting that an officer at St Helens Council is looking into where the benches could go. The Borough Councillors have also been informed of this initiative.

Action: The Clerk

11. Contents for the March News sheet/Newsletter in Local Life:

- Success of the Beer Festival (Dates for next year)
- Knifesavers: Anyone interested in training
- Support Hub
- Parkinson's support group
- Chairman's Concert
- Eurovision Night
- Dates of Council meetings, including the Annual Parish Meeting, encouraging people to attend
- Voice of Youth in the Village

Action: The Clerk

It was agreed that the News Sheet would be distributed in the village to:

Cafes
Pubs
Churches
Drs surgeries
Library
Schools

Action: All Members/The Clerk

12. Knifesavers:

Councillor Bowden has been working on this and is in the process of agreeing dates for training. gave an update.

Action: Councillor Bowden/The Clerk

13. Good Citizen Award ("The Ollies")

Councillor Reynolds outlined his ideas for this initiative, which had been rejected by the Parish Council some years ago. It could be a long service award; there are some phenomenal long-standing volunteers in the Village. There was a discussion. It was agreed that this should be on the agenda for the next full Council 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'

Action: The Clerk

14. Dates for Meeting in May 2023

There are three bank holidays in May and the CLC would normally be held on 01.05.2023, which is one of them. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 02.05.2023 at 6.30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.37pm

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