Rainford Ward Committee

At a meeting of this Committee held on 14 September 2009
at the Rainford Parish Hall

(Present)	**PCSTO Carole Burns (Merseyside Police)** **Gill Davies (TRA)** **(Helena Partnership)** **Tom Bates (Helena Partnerships)**
(Apologies)	**Councillors Lowe, Parr and Grice** **Councillors Jones and Collins, Rainford Parish Council**
(Also Present)	**Mark Dickens (St Helens Council)** **Stuart Barnes (St Helens Council)**
	10 members of public present

Welcome and Introduction

Assuming chair responsibilities in the absence of the three ward Councillors, Lead Officer Mark Dickens welcomed all to the Rainford Ward Committee.

22. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Lowe, Parr and Grice, Parish Councillor Collins and PC Natalie Holden.

23. Minutes of Previous Meeting

*** Resolved that the Committee agreed the minutes.**

Mr Tollputt raised a concern that previous queries regarding Old hall estate were not included within the minutes. MD referred to previous minutes para 78, item 68ii).

24. Declaration of Interests from Members

No declarations of interest were received.

25. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

16 a,b,d,i,j) – addressed in Item 4 of agenda
c) MD relayed email from George Houghton which indicated that this is not considered advisable, but would welcome further discussions with the Ward Cllrs
e) Railway Bridge, when is this work going to be finished – Cllr Lowe progressing with George Houghton and will report back for next Committee.

f) Children Playing signs. MD relayed the response from highways that these are contrary to relevant legislation and cannot be considered. MD indicated that he would pursue 'slow down' signs akin to those at Kings Moss
g) Police/CSO levels. PCSTO Carole Burns provided update on staffing and shift patterns affecting police patrols and cover within ward.
h) Speeding at North End and beyond Maggotts Nook, PCSO to pursue progress with Area Sergeant in relation to risk assessment in preparation of speeding campaign.
k) Henderson Drive resurfacing of footpaths – MD reported that this is now included within the programme, but is dependant upon funding.
l) Existing bus stop on Henderson Drive – still awaiting response from Merseytravel.
m) SB updated that negotiations are ongoing with Biffa, recent communication moving towards a workable solution providing an informal management protocol for public access. Details will be reported back to ward committee.

26. Public Questions

Mr D Howard

a)There are no road markings at the junctions of Kendall Drive/Buttermere Crescent & Buttermere Crescent /Windermere Drive – this is considered dangerous and can road markings be re-instated
b) Kendall Drive/Springfield alleyway is overgrown, dark, filthy and needs urgent attention, and would also benefit from whitening of walls to brighten it up.
c) New footpath at junction of bridge and Hides Brow weeds are breaking through already. Can this be resurfaced?
d) Green bin collection at Springfields is supposed to be on a Friday, but have been coming on a Saturday on occasions, leaving bins out, smelling, causing hazard and are targeted. What is the day for collection and can it be confirmed?
e) There is a sign by the station 'no quad bikes'. Can one be installed at Springfields where this is a continual nuisance/problem?

Dr Bibby

f) 'No waiting' signs outside Co-op on Whalley Avenue have been removed, can these be replaced?

Mrs Faulkner

g) Raised possibility of permanent memorial for her son at Windle Island. MD to request Cllrs to meet Mrs Faulkner to progress.

27. Local Issues

It was requested by a number of attendees that George Houghton was requested to attend to answer queries relating to protocol for roadside memorials, speed and speed limits, signage and general highways management matters.

28. Update on Environmental Protection Planned Schemes

- **Resolved that the contents of the report be noted.**

29. Environmental Fund New Proposals

None received.

30. Community Safety Update

- **Resolved the contents of the report are noted.**

31. Consultation on New Look Executive Arrangements

- **Resolved the contents of the report are noted.**

32. Date of Next meeting

9th November 2009.