

## RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2006

PRESENT: Cllr Martyn Phillips Rayne Parish Council Chairman  
Melanie Whiteside Rayne Parish Council Clerk  
Cllr Banthorpe District Councillor  
Mrs Christie Bamford PARK  
Mr Gary Elson Parish Ranger  
Mr Clive Stewart Neighbourhood Watch  
Sgt Walls Essex Police  
Mr Wright Rayne Primary & Nursery School  
Together with 3 representatives from the School Council  
Approximately 40 Parishioners

#### 1. WELCOME

Cllr Martyn Phillips opened the meeting by thanking the Representatives and residents for attending and to the Parish Councillors for their continuing contribution and dedication to the parish throughout the year.

#### Citizenship Award

Cllr Pat Roberts presented this year's award to:

Mrs Jean Lewis - Dedicated to the village of Rayne, a well-known resident who has contributed to village life over many years. Jean has been a member of the W.I., a School Governor, a member of the Church Trust, helped form the Village Society, organising many village walks and annual spring-cleans helping to restore pride in the village.

#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Jo Fish, County Councillor Walters, Brian Otte, Monica Gardner, Tina Reed, Lloyd Brown, Roger Hasler and Pete & Ann Lane.

#### 3. MINUTES OF THE 2005 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Mrs Steer and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. The Chairman subsequently signed them.

#### 4. REPORTS FROM INVITED REPRESENTATIVES

##### Rayne Primary & Nursery School

Three members of the School Council attended and gave a very informative speech on the work within the school over the past year and how all pupils are getting involved in important issues.

Children informed the meeting that the School Council have been involved in choosing the artist and artwork for the new building.

### PARK – Playground Action for Rayne Kids

Mrs Christie Bamford gave a very informative report on the achievement of PARK in securing funds to design and build a new play area for the children of Rayne. The grand opening of this will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Clive Stewart, Co-ordinator for the Braintree area, reported on both the Braintree wide and local neighbourhood watch scheme and the way in which this helps to reduce the opportunity for crime and increase local community spirit. He informed residents of the Nominated Neighbour and Message in a Bottle schemes and that residents within a NHW area should receive a discount on their home insurance.

The co-ordinator for Rayne is Mrs Sheila Steer.

### Rural Policing Scheme

Sgt Walls introduced himself to residents – he has recently taken over the local area, working out of Braintree or Shalford Stations. The rural policing teams are now in place, supported by the PCSO's and other organisations. The village will have a named officer, PC Carter, who will be supported by the rural team.

Rules of engagement have been set out for the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and the rural officer should be the last person to be taken off the beat to deal with other policing issues/operations.

### Parish Rangers

Gary Elson informed residents he is employed by Braintree District Council for 11 hours per week and covers both Rayne and Great Notley parishes. Rangers mostly patrol in the evenings. They have no powers of enforcement, acting as the eyes and ears of the Police and as a presence in the village aiming to deter anti-social behaviour by engaging with and educating residents.

### District Councillor Report

District Councillor Mike Banthorpe gave a verbal report covering the following issues: committee work undertaken, A120, Stansted Airport, the Foundry development, provision of salt bins and supporting the Parish Council.

## **5. PARISH PLAN – ACTION PLAN**

Cllr Adam Bulkeley reported that the Parish Plan has been completed and published. The Action Plan contained within the plan will need to be discussed and agreed and parishioners were invited to make comments on the points included.

Cllr Martyn Phillips thanked the various representatives and residents for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_