

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON MONDAY 21st MAY 2007

PRESENT: Cllr Martyn Phillips Rayne Parish Council Chair
Melanie Whiteside Rayne Parish Council Clerk
Mr Dean West Rayne Village Hall Committee
Mr Wright Rayne Primary & Nursery School
Together with 3 representatives from the School Council
Approximately 30 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.

Village of the Year Award

The Chair reported that Rayne had been successful in achieving the Calor Essex Village of the Year Award 2006 and although in the top 8 regions in the East of England, had not progressed to the National Finals.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Adam Bulkeley, County Councillor Walters, District Councillor Banthorpe, Colin Fleming and David Lancaster.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2006 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

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

4. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Chair presented this year's Citizenship Awards:

Mr Colin Fleming - in recognition to his services to the Village Hall Committee.

Mr David Lancaster - in recognition of 60 years as Church organist.

Mr Ken Turner - in recognition to his services to the Allotment Society.

Mr & Mrs Pertwee - for sensitive restoration of their boundary wall.

5. 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.

The children informed the meeting that the new classrooms are now being used, and detailed the topics and trips undertaken throughout the year.

Rayne Village Hall

Mr Dean West reported on the background and history of the village hall, with a more detailed summary of the last 12 months, including the installation of CCTV, the refurbishment of the play area and the refurbishment of the hall floor.

He also outlined the Feasibility Study process to improve and extend the hall and sporting facilities available.

District Councillor Report

A written report was read out in District Councillor Banthorpe's absence detailing the work he has undertaken in and for the village in the past 12 months.

Parish Council Chair's Report

Cllr Martyn Phillips reported on the following:

- ✍ Skate Ramp – Unfortunately the spine ramp has been stolen but the Police are investigating the incident.
- ✍ Village Design Statement – This is nearing completion. For further details contact District Councillor Banthorpe.
- ✍ Parish Councillors – The Chair wished to record his thanks to the Councillors for the unseen work that they do throughout the year.
- ✍ Parish Clerk – The Chair wished to record his thanks to the Clerk for her work during the past seven years and to wish her well in her new job.
- ✍ Parish Councillor Vacancies – There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council.

6. QUESTIONS

The following questions were raised by villagers:

- ✍ Foundry Site – The Parish Council have written to BDC regarding the current state of the site and concerns over the roofing. Currently there are no substantiated reports of the future of the site.
- ✍ Cricket – A resident raised concern that there is no safety netting to stop balls going into the road.
- ✍ Parish Clerk – Mrs Pertwee wished to record her thanks to Mrs Whiteside for her work as Clerk.
- ✍ Village Hall Extension Timescales – Mr Dean West reported the Committee wish to push this initiative forward, but that it has to be financially viable.

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: _____