

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 6th APRIL 2001

Present: Councillors: Giles
Mrs. Kukiewicz
MacNee
Meadows
Smith
Mrs Roberts
Wootton

In the Chair: Councillor Mrs Kukiewicz

Members of the Public Present: There were 10 members of the public present.

01/01 PUBLIC FORUM.

This is an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues of mutual interest or to question councillors.

01.1 Brunwin Road – Bus Service

Mr & Mrs Hasler	11 Brunwin Road
Mrs Bryce	8 Brunwin Road
Mr & Mrs Reynolds	60 Brunwin Road
Mr Rawlings	58 Brunwin Road

Mr Hasler would like to ask the Parish Council to reconsider the decision made in October 2000 regarding the bus service and school traffic. At the time the decision was made only 22 buses using the road, this figure is now 32 plus 4 school buses. Buses are running at unsociable hours – starting at 5.14 AM until 1:01 AM following morning, only respite is on Sundays. His view was that the group of residents that are disturbed by the buses are dismayed that Parish Council, as elected representatives, are not supporting them. Need to get together to find a reasonable solution/ compromise.

Cllr Meadows reported he had spoken to Mr Hasler recently and agreed that the 1:01 AM bus was unsuitable if not being used. However, he has since been informed that at least one person from the estate uses the bus at this time and that the bus service is registered to run the service at these times and to an agreed route.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz stated that the view the Council took in October was that they have a responsibility to all that live in the vicinity. This was an agreed decision and is unchanged at present.

Cllr Wootton added that it was the view of the Council that it has taken a long time to get a good bus service as a whole, and asking to have this reduced could jeopardise the whole service. The Council did not want to get involved in reducing the service.

Following further discussion, the residents made the following comments:

- ? Why do the buses have to use Brunwin Road?
- ? 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM would be acceptable.

- ? Survey of residents had received a 50% response – representative of those who care and do not want to see quality of life affected by a bus service that does not need to be there.
- ? Road system is not sufficient to handle amount of traffic.
- ? 80-90% of village do not realise buses run so late, and if villagers knew of disruption they would be sympathetic. Feel Council is unsympathetic.
- ? Main problem is the buses, school traffic can be discussed another time.

Councillors made the following statements/suggestions:

- ? Understand strong feelings and are sympathetic.
- ? Registered service to run to an agreed route and timetable.
- ? Survey could be done in bigger depth.
- ? Road changes such as 20mph relates to Locally Determined Programme.
- ? 30-40% of school children are out of catchment so parents have to drive them into school. School is mindful of problems and does encourage parents to be reasonable road users. Many other schools experience the same problems.

01.2 Condition of Roads

Mr Ludford 9 Brunwin Road

Mr Lepley 32 Brunwin Road

Mr Ludford raised concern over the deterioration of Brunwin Road. Cllr MacNee informed him that notification has been received from Highways that the whole of Brunwin Road will be resurfaced this summer.

Mr Lepley replied that the roads are not being repaired properly. Short-term repairs are not cost effective.

Cllr Giles informed the meeting that the District Council covers 700 miles of road. Law states if hole over 40mm deep, they would be responsible for any accidents that occur.

01.3 Traffic using Queenborough Lane

Mr & Mrs Kenny Three Elms, Queenborough Lane

Are concerned at the increase in traffic, size of vehicles and high levels of speed of cars along Queenborough Lane. Would like to know what responsibility does Parish Council have for roads.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz replied Parish Council advise of problems in the locality, but responsibility lies with Essex County Council Highways Department.

Further discussion took place on the possibility of a weight restriction being placed on the road, possibility of problem becoming worse once the new A120 built and Business Park completed.

Cllr Kukiewicz reported the council are in the process of looking into how the new A120 will affect all roads in Rayne and will be meeting with a representative of ECC to discuss this.

Cllr Smith suggested that residents write individual letters to Mr Brian Goodwin at ECC, Colchester raising their concerns.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz thanked all the residents for attending and making their concerns known to the Council, and assured them these issues would be discussed further during the meeting.

- 01/02** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**
Apologies received from Cllr's Jiggins. Lees, Moore and Mrs Shepherd.
- 01/03** **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 2001.**
The minutes having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed to be a true record and subsequently signed by the Chairman.
Proposed Cllr Giles, Seconded Cllr Smith.
- 01/04** **MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA.**
No matters arising.
- 01/05** **BDC MATTERS.**
- 05.1** **Planning Applications**
 Planning Sub-Committee Meeting held Friday, 30th March to discuss the following applications.
- 01/00405/FUL – 24 Kidder Road. Installation of new front bay window.
- 01/00251/COU – Hazelmere Farm. Change of use of existing turkey farm. Cllr Wootton had calculated the square footage of the site and reported the application was for the whole site.
- ESS/54/00/UTT – Broadfields Farm. Construction of a Borrow Pit.
- It was agreed the outcome from the Sub-Committee meeting formed the view of the Council and was accepted by all present.
- 05.2** **Planning Results**
 01/00198/FUL – 37 Kidder Road. Alterations to bay window – GRANTED.
- 05.3** **District Councillor Report – Cllr Meadows**
 Attached to member's agenda, a written report submitted by Cllr Meadows.
 Report noted.
 Cllr Meadows reported he had received some complaints that nothing is being done for those suffering from the recent floods. We are experiencing the heaviest rainfall for 200 years.
- 01/06** **ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY**
- 06.1** **Street Light Failures**
 Cllr MacNee reported Lamp No.20 Shalford Road was still not working. Clerk reported this was to have been repaired by end of March, will chase.
- 06.2** **A120 Stansted-B/tree – Post Construction Traffic Management Measures**
 Discussed at Planning Sub-Committee Meeting.
 Clerk to request further information.

06.3 Road Improvements

To discuss the possibility of further road improvements this coming year as County Highways have increased funding.

Cllr Giles reported that Gore Road from the traffic lights up to and including the Bridge and New Road, to Century Bridge needed resurfacing. Also Shalford Road from Duckend Green to Shalford.

Clerk to write to Highways.

06.4 New Road Footpath and the Locally Determined Programme

Response received from Bob Button, still awaiting response from Doug Rice.

Cllr Meadows read a reply from Andrew Cook confirming footpath to be recommended at next Committee Meeting (to be held Tuesday 10th April). It was confirmed the footpath is to be on the Fritchway side of New Road.

06.5 Police ‘Stops’

Cllr Meadows gave brief background to the report Councillors had received with agenda and asked for a vote on the Options. There were three votes for Option 3 and three votes for Option 5.

01/07 RAYNE’S ENVIRONMENT

07.1 Work within the Grounds

Groundsman has been clearing rubbish from around the village.

Cllr MacNee requested the groundsman lower level of ditch where exit pipe is on Village Green - Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz to report to Cllr Jiggins.

Cllr Giles reported there is a large heap of grass cuttings at the junction of Pods Lane and Dunmow Road – Clerk to inform BDC.

07.2 Bus Shelter, The Street

Clerk reported the work is due to commence in the next 2-3 weeks with Cllr Moore overseeing the work.

07.3 Purchase of Ride -on-Mower

Three quotes have been received: Grasshopper £6,890, BDC £6,700 and Norfolk Turf Machinery (Suffolk Agent) £7559. All prices exclusive of VAT.

Cllr Wootton proposed the Council accepts the quote from BDC, this was seconded by Cllr Meadows and agreed by all present. Clerk to arrange with BDC (with delivery of the machine on the return of Cllr Jiggins).

Clerk to also check insurance and road tax implications.

Clerk also reported that Mr Partridge, BDC has replied regarding the Grass Cutting and will offer a further contribution of £750 towards the cost of the Parish undertaking additional work.

Cllr Wootton proposed the Council should accept this figure, this was seconded by Cllr Giles and agreed by all present. Clerk to write to BDC.

07.4 Parish Channel Sweeping

Cllr Giles reported that many residents are concerned that they never see a road sweeper in the village.

Cllr Meadows has requested an up-to-date map of the sweep. Clerk to chase. It was agreed to discuss this item further when the map has been received.

07.5 Skateboard Ramp Update

Cllr MacNee reported he was awaiting a date for the concreting to commence. Also, regrettably, the Ramp Committee have formally applied to the Small Claims Court to recover £150 of funds from Mrs Burling.

Cllr Giles reported he had read that insurance premiums have recently gone up in relation to skateboard ramps. Cllr MacNee to check with Dunmow and Chelmsford.

Cllr Moore (via Cllr Meadows) expressed concern over the ramp and believes the Council should now employ an expert who can offer a guarantee that the surface will be defensible in court against a claim.

07.6 Proposed Extension to the Burial Area

Report noted.

Cllr Meadows would like to see rules and regulations of other Parish Councils who have done this. Cllr Wootton stated that Stansted had been given some land for an extension.

Cllr Jiggins was having informal discussions with David McGregor about possible purchase of burial land and would report to the next meeting. It was agreed to put this item on next agenda.

07.7 Church Toilet Project and Church Lane

Sewerage System: Cllr Giles stated two pumps would be needed, one as a standby in case the first breaks down. Cllr Wootton will speak to a Sewerage Consultant he knew and put him in touch with the Church.

Cllr Kukiewicz stated the Church were asking the Council to grant an easement.

Cllr MacNee stated the Village Green was established as common land and this was the responsibility of the Council.

Cllr Mrs Roberts asked who would own the pipe if it went under common land and Cllr Wootton replied the pipe would be the property of the Church.

Road Surface: Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz reported that she understood from local residents that Highways had done some maintenance on this road in the past, when it was resurfaced. Also the Parish Council had not precepted any money to help with the cost of repair for this financial year.

Cllr Mrs Roberts stated it might set a precedent if the Council helps with the cost of repairing the road. Cllr Meadows agreed and added Council should see if Highways will repair the worst section of the road in view of the Funeral Directors possibly refusing to use it and that they have repaired it in the past. Clerk to write to Highways.

After further discussion on the above, Cllr Wootton proposed the Council inform the Church that as there had been no monies precepted for this project, the Council would be unable to help financially. Also the Council would not allow the pipe to go across the Village Green, it would need to go alongside. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Roberts and agreed by all present.

07.8 Crime & Disorder Seminars – Cllr Meadows

Report on Seminar held on 20th March.

Cllr Meadows issued a written report on the above Seminar.

07.9 Provision of a Dog Faeces Bin in Barrack Yard

Problem of dog fouling is worse at present due to Foot & Mouth epidemic closing rural footpaths etc. Cllr Giles reported the bin in Capel Road has been full for the past 3 weeks. Clerk to report.

Cllr Meadows had contacted the Dog Warden who have informed him the Parish Council can buy an additional bin which they will install and empty. The cost is £53.07 for the bin plus £9.17 or £10.99 for the banding (+ VAT), on a 5-10 day delivery.

It was agreed to try to purchase two bins (one for alleyway alongside Phillips Close). Proposed Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz, Seconded Cllr MacNee.

Cllr Meadows to confirm we can purchase two and that they will both be installed and emptied and inform Clerk.

07.10 Trenching over Village Green

Discussed under Item 243.7.

07.11 Rayne Allotment Society

Dispute over fencing – see attached letter.

Letter noted, no fence erected at present.

07.12 Model Code of Conduct Consultation Paper

Draft received, responses required by 27 April 2001.

Cllr's Mrs Kukiewicz and Meadows to respond.

01/08 HEALTH ISSUES

Report by Cllr MacNee on recent meetings attended.

No recent meetings. Has received a letter from Jane Griffiths, in circulation.

01/09 FINANCE

09.1 £30.00 EALC – Clerk's Accounting Group Training

09.2 £20.33 Eastern Contracting – Lighting Maintenance

09.3 £131.58 Mr Peake – Groundsman

Agreement required for following invoice for computerised accounts package as discussed at Precept and December meetings

09.4 £245.00 Impact – Computerised Council Accounts Package

It was unanimously agreed to make the above payments.

Proposed Cllr Meadows. Seconded Cllr MacNee.

09.5 Training Course - Accounts Workshop, 12th June

Approximate cost of £90-£95. Aim is to prepare actual accounts for Audit.

Proposed Cllr Kukiewicz. Seconded Cllr Wootton.

01/10 EALC

10.1 Continued Membership

Cllr Mrs Roberts felt the Council may need to call on the organisation in the future.

Cllr Meadows stated the Council should send a full contingent to the next EALC Meeting.

Clerk read out extract of an e-mail from Cllr Lees suggesting that we seek other sources of support/advice. Discussion took place on alternative sources and concerns over the cost of the subscription and it was agreed to place this issue on the next agenda. Clerk to ask Cllr Lees if he knew of any alternative sources of support.

10.2 AGM of the Association

To be held on 4th July at Pleshey Village Hall. Any Resolutions for debate to be received by 12th June.

To be carried forward to next agenda as above.

01/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY** will be held on Friday, 4th May 2001, immediately followed by a Parish Council meeting.

Items for Agenda to the Clerk by Wednesday 25th April 2001.

01/12 OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

12.1 Village Hall Lottery Application

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz reported the Village Hall Committee was hopeful of receiving a grant to refurbish the kitchen. The Lotteries Commission has asked for Landlords Consent for the work to be undertaken.

It was agreed written consent would be given with the following clause "Subject to the understanding that the Parish Council will not be liable for any additional expenditure, foreseen or unforeseen."

12.2 Brunwin Road – Bus Service

Following further representation at the Public Forum from residents of Brunwin Road, discussion took place on how to defuse the situation.

It was subsequently agreed to request a meeting with a representative from Arriva to discuss the timetable.

It was felt that if the first and last buses were removed from the Brunwin Road loop, it was appease residents. However would need to avoid a situation where drivers think they can avoid the loop at other times.

Clerk to arrange.

01/13 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:00 P.M.

Signed

Date