

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 4th MAY 2001

Present: Councillors: Giles
Jiggins
Mrs. Kukiewicz
Lee
MacNee
Meadows
Mrs Shepherd
Mrs Roberts
Wootton

In the Chair: Councillor Mrs Kukiewicz

Members of the Public Present: There were 2 members of the public present.

01/14 PUBLIC FORUM.

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

Bus Service – Brunwin Road

Mrs B. Bryce 8 Brunwin Road

Mrs Bryce asked the Council for an update from the last meeting. Reports in the Parish Magazine and the Braintree & Witham Times differ. Were the public able to read the minutes?

Councillors replied that the council are awaiting a reponse from Arriva regarding a meeting to discuss the early and late buses. The Clerk has limited space to write a report for the Parish Magazine and that the council has no control over what is reported in the Braintree & Witham Times. Members of the public are entitled to read the minutes of the meetings but only after the council have approved them at the following month's meeting.

Cllr Jiggins reiterated the whole council had made the decision to support the buses and had informed Arriva of this support. He asked if Mrs Bryce wished to see the service stopped altogether.

Mrs Bryce replied her main concern was the early and late buses.

Cllr Jiggins asked if she would be happy to see the route of these two buses changed?

Mrs Bryce replied it was not just two buses that needed re-routing. She felt buses from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. were acceptable through the estate.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz stated there may be some resolution to change the first and last buses but not those during the day.

Mrs Bryce reiterated she felt there was no need for buses in the estate outside 7 a.m./p.m. She asked if the council have any input into the setting up of bus times/routes or if they voice an opinion.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz replied the council are made aware of changes and can voice an opinion but have no legal jurisdiction.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz thanked Mrs Bryce for attending the meeting and assured her that the council will keep her informed of the situation.

- 01/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**
Apologies received from Cllrs Moore and Smith.
- 01/16 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 6th APRIL 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 Wootton, Seconded Cllr Meadows.
- 01/17 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA.**
There were no matters arising.
- 01/18 BDC MATTERS.**

18.1 Planning Applications

01/00588/FUL. 33 Brunwin Road – Erection of single storey front extension to garage and first floor extension.

Cllr Meadows informed the meeting that the proposed extension will come in front of the sight line. The garage will remain a garage. The house next door has a similar extension, but this does not come in front of the sight line. However, there is a house further down the street with exactly the same extension to that proposed. This extension would not look out of place.

Following discussion, Cllr Lees made a proposal not to object to the application but to make comment regarding the building beyond a sight line. This was Seconded by Cllr Jiggins and agreed by all present.

01/00229/COU. Unit 5, Ex Colospers, The Street – Change of use of unit to storage. Additional Information.

Cllr Meadows reported the additional information was in the form of a letter from the applicants. He read a section of the letter to the meeting and reported that BDC have said they will refuse the application if the use of large lorries continues.

Following discussion, it was agreed to reinforce and repeat the original comments made by the Parish Council adding that it was an inappropriate development for a residential area and should be on an Industrial Estate. Also to repeat the concerns made by residents that the entrance had been closed for many years.

01/00642/FUL. Tabby Cat Cottage, Dunmow Road – Erection of single storey rear extension and loft conversion.

It was agreed No Comment be made on this application.

01/00699/FUL. Mill Villa, School Road – Erection of extension.

It was agreed No Comment be made on this application.

In addition, Cllr Meadows reported that BDC have taken on board the comments raised by the Parish Council relating to Hazelmere Farm.

18.2 Planning Results

01/00293/FUL. Erection of 18m monopole mast - Rayne Riding Centre. WITHDRAWN

00/00001/FUL. Proposed erection of 5m high extension to existing telecommunication mast and associated development – Sorrells Farm, Fenton Road/Sorrells Lane. GRANTED.

01/00117/FUL. Demolition of hall and boiler house, erection of new addition and conservatory – The Cottage, Duckend Green. GRANTED.

01/00263/TPO. Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by TPO 7/71 – Prune 1 Cherry Tree – 12 Vaughan Close. GRANTED.

00/01886/FUL. Construction of vehicular access – Land adj. The Old Chapel, Dunmow Road. GRANTED

18.3 District Councillor Report – Cllr Meadows

Attached to member's agenda, a written report submitted by Cllr Meadows.
Cllr Jiggins congratulated the District Council on the new policy for removing abandoned vehicles. Cllr Meadows reported this was now national legislation.

Cllr Jiggins reported that Cambridgeshire have a different policy from Essex regarding their Civic Amenity centres. Although they have a notice stating they do not take trade waste, they will take everything and get it recycled. Cllr Meadows said he understood the staff at the site in Shalford were allowed to use their discretion regarding trade waste.

Cllr Giles stated he would question the amount of work undertaken by the Winter Maintenance crews, as reported in the ECC News report. Cllr Meadows informed him that details for this report were sent from Doug Rice each month.

01/19 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

19.1 Street Light Failures

Lamp No.20 Shalford Road – Still outstanding, a second works order has been placed.

No further failures were reported.

19.2 A120 Stansted-B/tree – Post Construction Traffic Management Measures

No further information available other than that already received.

Copy of traffic flow map handed out at meeting. Cllr Wootton noted that it showed a reduction in traffic for Dunmow Road. Cllr Jiggins replied this was not the information given at the original meeting in Braintree. He feels they are aiming to remove the speed humps in The Street and this would need to be challenged at the meeting with Mr Forkin.

Clerk to obtain available dates from Mr Forkin and e-mail them to Councillors.

Cllr Lees stated that if the planning applications for both Jones of Rayne and the chicken farm are allowed to go ahead, traffic has to go along the old A120 from Dunmow to get to sites. Alternatively travel along the new A120 to Braintree and backtrack through the village. This reinforces the view that traffic flow in the village will increase.

19.3 Brunwin Road

Attached to agenda Minutes of Meeting between ECC and Residents.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz reported that the Parish Council had not been invited to attend the above meeting, it had been arranged independently by the residents.

During further discussion the following comments/points were raised relating to the bus service:

- ? Many residents of Rayne have contacted the PC to support the service.
- ? People do get on and off along the route, it is well used.
- ? Bus after midnight is unacceptable, no need to go through the estate.
- ? Relatively new service - will be more widely used with increase of traffic.
- ? Notice on buses state the service is supported by both ECC and BAA.

Clerk explained contact at Arriva has changed and now awaiting response regarding a meeting between their representative and the PC.

Following comment during Public Forum regarding lack of information, it was agreed Clerk to write to residents informing them of the current situation.

19.4 BDC – Emergency Plan

Confirmation/Updating of information held by BDC.

It was agreed to change the contact name from Cllr Moore to Cllr MacNee.

19.5 Community Transport Seminar

EALC have arranged for Chris Blake (ERTP) to make a presentation on the way parishes can assist their areas to provide better transport. Seminar will be free to member councils, date TBA.

It was agreed that until a date was confirmed, Councillors are unable to state their availability to attend. Clerk to contact EALC.

01/20

RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

20.1 Work within the Grounds

Cllr Jiggins reported that the Groundsman is very busy within the village at present.

He also confirmed that the new Mower has yet to be received. Clerk informed the meeting that a separate insurance policy would be needed as this was a ride-on mower. Quote for comprehensive cover was £120/year from 1st June (an additional premium would be charged from the date the mower obtained until 1st June). Cllr Mrs Shepherd proposed this cost, Seconded Cllr Mrs Roberts and agreed by all present.

Following a question raised by Cllr MacNee at the last meeting, Cllr Jiggins reported the groundsman is unable to fill in the ditch. It was subsequently agreed they would jointly visit the site.

Cllr Jiggins requested Drainage on the Village Green be an item on the next agenda.

20.2 Parish Channel Sweeping

No updated map available, sweeper only sweeps where there is a kerb.

Cllr Jiggins reported he has a map and contract dated 1997. Contract states the bus shelters should be cleaned but unaware that this is being done.

Cllr Wootton raised concerns that the work is not being monitored and proposed that the Council find out if this contract is up to date and if so, challenge BDC on the work that is not being undertaken. Seconded Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz. Clerk to contact BDC.

Grass Cutting – School Road. It was reported this is currently the responsibility of ECC. Cllr Jiggins stated the PC were unable to undertake this cut with the old equipment but could consider again once the new mower has been delivered. It was agreed to place this item on the next agenda.

20.3 Skateboard Ramp Update – Cllr MacNee

Concreting will be undertaken mid-June. Existing Village Hall insurance policy covers liability for ramp.

Cllr MacNee reported that the concreting should commence June 16th and will take 2 weekends to complete. Allowing for drying time, construction of the ramp can then get under way. It is hoped that the ramp will be up and running by the end of September.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz asked what resources would be required from the PC. Cllr MacNee replied that financial assistance would be required. The Rangers have offered to help with labour and will be able to start further fundraising once the concrete is laid. Will need authorisation approximately August for PC to pay for the concreting.

Cllr MacNee reported that a new Chairman had been appointed on the Ramp Committee and that the claim was proceeding in the Small Claims Court. Financial reports were put into circulation for information.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz reiterated her thanks to Cllr MacNee for his hard work and persistence on this project.

20.4 Proposed Extension to the Burial Area

Cllr Jiggins reported that circumstances have changed and suggested a meeting between himself and Cllrs Wootton and Mrs Kukiewicz to discuss the proposals.

It was agreed to leave this item off the agenda until the above meeting has taken place and there was something to report.

20.5 Postal Services in Rayne – Lateness of Deliveries

Response from Royal Mail received – attached to agenda.

Contents of letter noted. Cllr Lees reported the service has improved recently and this was the first time he had heard of a timed delivery service.

It was agreed to raise the issue again if it becomes a problem in the future.

20.6 Membership of EPFCPA

Essex Playing Fields are asking Parish Councils to join the association as a Corporate Member at a cost of £25.00 pa.

Cllr Jiggins proposed it is a policy of the PC not to join such organisations. Seconded Cllr Mrs Roberts. Agreed by all present.

20.7 Membership of RCCE

The Rural Community Council of Essex are asking Parish Councils to join the association at a cost of £25.00 pa.

Cllr Jiggins proposed it is a policy of the PC not to join such organisations. Seconded Cllr Mrs Roberts. Agreed by all present.

20.8 Proposed Changes to Postcodes for Braintree

Proposal could affect small part of Rayne, see attached letter.

Following discussions it was agreed that the outcome could not be changed, therefore no comment would be made.

01/21 HEALTH ISSUES

Report by Cllr MacNee on recent meetings attended.

Cllr MacNee informed the meeting that Broomfield Hospital have reported a £3million overspend this year, compared to £4mil last year.

Improvements are currently being undertaken relating to improving waiting lists and the establishing of the matron system. Further information put into circulation.

21.1 The Best Health for Braintree – A Community ‘Open Space’ Event

Workshop: 14th May 9:45 am to 3:45 pm at The Fennes Estate, Bocking.

Representatives are invited to attend.

Cllr MacNee reported he is already attending this meeting.

01/22 FINANCE

22.1	£480.45	Cornhill Insurance – Policy Renewal
22.2	£470.00	Ernest Doe – Repairs to Gang Mowers (Cricket Club)
22.3	£39.25	Eastern Energy – Quarterly Energy Charge
22.4	£20.33	Eastern Contracting – Lighting Maintenance
22.5	£249.61	EALC – Annual Subscription 2001/2002

It was unanimously agreed to make the above payments.

Proposed Cllr Mrs Shepherd. Seconded Cllr Lees.

01/23 EALC

23.1 Continued Membership

To discuss alternative sources of support/advice and cost of membership.

Cllr Mrs Roberts suggested contacting Parishes that do not belong to EALC. Cllr Jiggins replied this would prove difficult as there are only about six who are not members.

Cllr Meadows felt the PC should remain a member and continue to argue the subscription increase. He also informed the meeting that the decision to increase the subscription was taken before ECC withdrew their subsidy.

Cllr Jiggins reported that part of the subscription fee is paid to the NALC – this is what he originally objected to. He suggested inviting the Secretary of the EALC to a meeting for a presentation on why Rayne should remain a member.

Cllr Meadows stated the aim of the EALC is to build up reserves. They should not be entitled to have a vast reserve of money. Cllr Mrs Roberts suggested making a resolution for the AGM asking why they have such a reserve.

23.2 AGM of the Association

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

It was agreed Councillors to bring forward to next meeting items for resolution.

Cllr Meadows would be unable to attend the AGM but stated representation from Rayne was needed at the meeting. It was agreed all those available would attend.

Cllr Lees asked if substitutes were entitled to vote at the AGM and Cllr Jiggins replied that only 4 members of Rayne PC are able to vote.

01/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Friday, 1st June 2001.
Items for Agenda to the Clerk by Wednesday 23rd May 2001.

01/25 OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

25.1 25th Anniversary

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz informed the meeting that the PC has been invited to attend the 25th Anniversary of Phillip Meader's priesting on 25th June. Invitation put into circulation.

25.2 Development Signs

Cllr Mrs Roberts informed the meeting that many of the new development signs still have yet to be removed. Clerk to chase.

25.3 Bus Shelter

Cllr Jiggins suggested the Clerk write to Mr Tinsley to get a formal start date. Agreed by all present.

25.4 Apologies

Cllr Mrs Shepherd gave advance apologies for the June meeting.

01/26 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.

Signed

Date