



RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2008



Calor Essex Village of the Year

Building on our success in the Village of the Year, we won the 2007 Regional and National Information and Communication Technology awards. The prize money of £1500 has enabled us to upgrade the Clerk's computer and the Village computer for public use. This is in addition to the money won in 2006 for the Calor Essex Village of the Year, which has been used to provide a bench, to be located near the village crest.

Parish Councillors

Chris Doré and Keith Rawlings were co-opted to the Council following the resignation of Kate Kukiewicz, leaving two vacancies after the elections. Kate had served on the Council for a number of years including several years as Chairman. We are grateful to Kate for her contribution to the Parish Council.

Parish Council Website

Minutes, agendas and financial information are available on the website, which is efficiently maintained by Cllr Keith Rawlings. A computer provided by the Web Steering Group, located at the CIP, has been upgraded and allows access to the Internet, free of charge, to all villagers on Mondays and Thursdays when the CIP is open. Please contact the Clerk for details.

Attendance Record at Parish Council Meetings 2007/08

Cllr Bamford 11/13
Cllr Bulkeley 12/13
Cllr Doré 10/10
Cllr Giles 13/13
Cllr Jiggins 13/13
Cllr MacNee 13/13
Cllr Phillips 12/13
Cllr Rawlings 10/10
Cllr Roberts 12/13
Cllr Shepherd 10/13

Achievements of the Year

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| ? Winning the Calor Village of the Year Regional ICT prize | ? Increase in the precept kept low |
| ? Winning the Calor Village of the Year National ICT prize | ? Developing and improving the Parish Council web site |
| ? Installing more litter bins | ? Liaising with ECC over pedestrian crossings at the Swan junction |
| ? Installing more dog waste bins | ? Assisting Cllr Banthorpe in the completion of the Village Design Statement |
| ? Purchase of grounds equipment including a tractor | ? Upgrading the computer facilities for the Clerk |
| ? Undertaking a housing needs survey | ? Appointing two Assistant Groundsmen |
| ? Liaising with Flagship housing over Oak Meadow | ? Acquiring road planings to improve the Village Hall car park |
| ? Provision of lights along the footpath between the Street and Phillips Close | ? Undertaking a condition survey of the War Memorial |
| ? Improving Church Lane | ? Successfully contesting the erection of a telephone mast |
| ? Liaising with Knight Developments over Foundry site | |

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Regular and Routine Actions

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| ? Consideration of 35 planning applications | ? Revision and publication of an action/maintenance plan |
| ? Meeting with the Village Hall Committee on a regular basis | ? Working with BDC Parish Warden to address concerns of antisocial behaviour |
| ? Providing litter pickers for villagers | ? Continued membership of the Parish Paths Partnership scheme |
| ? Litter picking on playing field and around the village | ? Liaison with Rayne Primary School Council |
| ? Maintenance of grass areas within the village | ? Maintenance of the Churchyard |
| ? Meeting with ECC over the condition of the pavements | ? Working with Flich Way Rangers to improve safety on the Flich Way |
| ? Keeping footpaths clear of overgrowing vegetation through contact with property owners | ? Liaison with Essex Police over parking, speeding and other crimes |
| ? Reducing parking on verges and pavements through direct contact with residents | ? Councillors attend numerous Braintree District Council meetings |
| ? Maintenance of street lighting | ? Operation of the Community Information Point |
| ? Action over dog fouling | |

Clerk

We said farewell to Melanie Whiteside who had been Clerk for seven years. Melanie contributed much to the village in her time as Clerk. From a strong field of applicants, Philippa Potter was appointed as Parish Clerk. Philippa has learned much in the short time she has been Clerk and is also undertaking her Clerk's qualification in time for our re-accreditation as Quality Council.

District and County Council Representatives

Our District Councillor Mike Banthorpe and County Councillor Roger Walters continue to serve the people of Rayne well and have assisted the Parish Council to resolve many problems.

Skate Ramp

The theft of the skate ramp was one of the low points of the year. Despite CCTV footage, no progress has been made in apprehending these despicable thieves. A replacement piece of equipment is being sourced.

Thank You

Once again presentations will be made prior to the Annual Parish Meeting in acknowledgement of outstanding contributions to the village. The Parish Council appreciates the help and support of so many villagers who do so much to maintain the appearance of the village and also support their neighbours in times of need.

RAYNE COMMUNITY INFORMATION POINT

FREE
DOG WASTE
BAGS

RECYCLING
SACKS

LITTER PICKERS

INFORMATION
AND ADVICE
ON COUNCIL
SERVICES

Parish Office
Rear of
Rayne Village
Hall, Gore Road

**Open Mon &
Thurs
9.30am - 12 noon**

01376 552489



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What's ongoing?

- ? Improvements to the Village Hall
- ? Extension of burial ground
- ? The site of the former Foundry
- ? Improvements to the village environment
- ? Repairs to the Box Tombs
- ? Oak Meadow proposals
- ? Improvements to crossings at Swan junction

What we couldn't do

- ? Eradicate speeding
- ? Prevent all anti-social behaviour
- ? Prevent parking on pavements
- ? Eradicate dog fouling

How Your Money Is Spent

Financial Year Ending 31 March 2007

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Precept	27,040	Administration	6,116
Agency Services	3,348	Staff Costs	4,433
Interest	577	Agency Services	2,280
Parish Support Grant	3,695	Lighting	739
CIP	400	Parks & Open Spaces	9,155
Other Income	1,213	Churchyards	161
		War Memorial	62
		CIP	361
TOTAL INCOME	36,273	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23,307

The accounts for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2008 will be available for inspection in the next couple of months, at the Community Information Point.

Funding from Outside Agencies

The Parish Council works very hard to obtain grants and funding for various village projects and to provide equipment to enable us to keep the village neat and tidy.

The following is a summary of the grants received in financial year 2007/8:

- Calor Village of the Year ~ ICT Regional and National Prize £1,500
- Essex County Council ~ Basketball Court Project £4,000
- Braintree District Council ~ Tractor and Trailer £5,000
- Essex Association of Local Councils ~ ICT grant £250
- Rural Community Council of Essex ~ Village Design Statement £1,785

How To Contact the Parish Council

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

On Monday 28 April, 7.30pm at The Old School Room

The Annual Parish Assembly is your opportunity to ask questions about the work of your Council and hear from other organisations that form and are an integral part of our village life. This meeting is always well attended and we look forward to meeting with you there.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY AGENDA

1. WELCOME – Cllr Martyn Phillips, Chairman of Rayne Parish Council
2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
4. MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
5. REPORTS FROM INVITED REPRESENTATIVES
 - Rayne Primary School Council
 - Bocking Traffic Police Unit
 - County Councillor Roger Walters
 - District Councillor Michael Banthorpe
6. QUESTIONS
7. CLOSURE

Your Parish Councillors

Cllr Martyn Phillips – Chair
Cllr Michael Bamford
Cllr Adam Bulkeley
Cllr Chris Doré
Cllr Harold Giles
Cllr Roger Jiggins

Cllr Pat Roberts – Vice-Chair
Cllr Ian MacNee
Cllr Keith Rawlings
Cllr Diane Shepherd
Cllr Dean West

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