



RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2009



Once again the Parish Council has produced an Annual Report. We have continued to use this format to keep costs low and, although it will not win prizes in various competitions, we believe it contains all the necessary information economically; however a colour version with photographs and additional information can be found online on the councils website.

This year we have experienced the disappointment of not achieving our ambition to purchase the rest of Oak Meadow for amenity use and seen the commencement of building on the Foundry site. The improvements to the village, carried out by our two Groundsmen have been noticed and appreciated by many parishioners. We are most grateful for their hard work in making Rayne an even better village. Our clerk, Philippa Potter has continued to effectively deal with parishioner's questions and complaints and we thank her for her good work. We hope to congratulate her in the near future, on her achievement of CiLCA qualification.

Community Information Point (CIP)

This year has seen a change in the times of opening to avoid a clash with a village hall booking. The clerk staffs the CIP on Mondays from 10.30 until 13.00 and Thursdays 9.30 until 12.00. There is much information about Braintree District Council services and those of Essex County Council. A computer with Internet access is available to all parishioners.

Achievements of the Year

- ✍ Improving pedestrian safety at the Swan junction
- ✍ Operation of the Community Information Point
- ✍ Improvements to the Parish Council website
- ✍ Installation of the Village of the Year bench
- ✍ Precept increase kept low
- ✍ Attempts to acquire additional amenity space
- ✍ Improvements to the entrance of the village
- ✍ Supporting the Village Hall committee in their grant application for a replacement heating boiler
- ✍ Action over dog fouling and installation of dog bins
- ✍ Grant application for cleaning and restoration of the War Memorial
- ✍ Reducing parking on public grassed areas
- ✍ Ongoing progress with purchase of land for burial ground extension
- ✍ Unadopted Road to the church repaired
- ✍ The provision of parking restrictions around the school
- ✍ Grant application for maintenance to war memorial
- ✍ Working with Police, BDC warden and PCSO's over a range of issues, including litter, antisocial behaviour and speeding motorists

Attendance Record at Parish Council Meetings 2008/09

Cllr Bamford 14/15
Cllr Bulkeley 14/15
Cllr Doré 14/15
Cllr Giles 11/15
Cllr Jiggins 14/15
Cllr MacNee 14/15
Cllr Phillips 15/15
Cllr Rawlings 15/15
Cllr Roberts 12/15
Cllr Shepherd 13/15

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Regular and Routine Actions

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| ? Consideration of 14 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 and high visibility vests for villagers on request | ? 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 |
| ? Keeping footpaths clear of overgrowing vegetation through contact with property owners | ? Liaison with Essex Police over parking, speeding and other crimes |
| ? Provision and maintenance of street lighting | ? Councillors attend numerous Braintree District Council meetings |
| ? Provision of dog waste bags | ? Operation of the Community Information Point |
| ? Liaison with Braintree District Council regarding pavement sweeping | |

Parish Council Website

Parish Council news, information, financial details and agendas, together with the minutes of meetings, are available on the website, which is efficiently maintained by Cllr Rawlings. The minutes date back to 2001 (with a few gaps at the moment) and the agendas to 2005. A computer, provided by the Web Steering Group is located at the CIP, allows access to the Internet free of charge to all villagers on Mondays and Thursdays when the CIP is open.

Thank you

This year has seen the demise of the Village Society, the introduction of a Family History Group and a Garden Group to the already extensive list of flourishing clubs and activities, providing leisure interests for many villagers. The Parish Council expresses its gratitude to everyone involved in these and indeed all aspects of village life. We also thank the innumerable people who contribute to the village through their good neighbourliness by, amongst other things, collecting shopping and prescriptions for those who are housebound and the army of people who pick up litter and make comments as to how the village can be improved.

District and County Council Representatives

We continue to be well served by our District Councillor Mike Banthorpe and County Councillor Roger Walters and we thank them for their work. Much of the support that the Parish Council receives is unseen, but it makes a big difference.

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 10.30-1.00
Thurs 9.30 - 12.00

01376 552489



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What's ongoing?

- ✍ Acquisition of further amenity space
- ✍ Improvements to the Village Hall
- ✍ Extension of the burial ground
- ✍ Improvements to the village environment
- ✍ Repairs to the churchyard box tombs
- ✍ Re-accreditation as a Quality Council

What we couldn't do

- ✍ Prevent all anti-social behaviour
- ✍ Resolve the lack of parking within the village
- ✍ Reduce parking on pavements
- ✍ Eradicate dog fouling
- ✍ Acquire additional amenity space

Police

There have been several changes to policing over the year and we look forward to working with our designated officer PC Chris Brooksbank and recently assigned PCSOs. Contact details for Essex Police have changed and these are to be found on the Parish Council Website and in the excellent Parish magazine.

How Your Money Is Spent

Financial Year Ending 31 March 2008

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Precept	28627.00	Administration	5764.71
Agency Services	2552.27	Staff Costs	4737.75
Interest	758.11	Agency Services	1403.86
Parish Support Grant	3813.00	Lighting	2205.57
Parks and Open Spaces	4934.78	Parks & Open Spaces	7482.51
Administration	360.00	Churchyards	118.89
Churchyard	327.50	War Memorial	24.38
Grants	8935.00	CIP	829.02
TOTAL INCOME	50307.66	Parish Plan	62.70
		Capital Spending	13830.47
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	37499.66

Parish Councillors

We reluctantly received the resignation of Councillor Michael Bamford who served the Parish Council for several years and would like to thank him for his time and dedication. A co-option will be undertaken at the May Parish Council meeting. Parish Councillors have continued to serve the village conscientiously and the Chairman would like to record his thanks to them.

Your Parish Councillors

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Your Village - Your Meeting

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

On Monday 18 May, 7.30pm at The Village Hall

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



Monday 18 May 2009, 7.30pm, Village Hall

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
AGENDA

1. WELCOME – Cllr Pat Roberts, Vice-Chairman
2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
4. MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
5. REPORTS FROM INVITED REPRESENTATIVES
Rayne Primary School Council
Police Representative
County Councillor Roger Walters
District Councillor Michael Banthorpe
6. QUESTIONS
7. CLOSURE

Contact the Parish Council

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