



RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2010



Chairman's Report

The village looks better each year thanks to our groundsmen and those who support them by picking up litter. Andy and Phil have certainly made a noticeable difference this year. The Friends of the Fritchway continue to make a difference along the Fritchway and on some footpaths within the Parish, our thanks go to them. We extend congratulations to Philippa on achieving her CiLCA qualification, enabling us to retain our Quality Council recognition. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the Parish Council will have purchased the remainder of Oak Meadow, although unfortunately, has not been successful in obtaining grants. The development of the field will prove a challenge and will also need time to complete a range of work to ensure it is safe for use. Our District Councillor has been successful in obtaining a grant from Braintree District Council which will be used to ensure that the development meets the needs of the whole village and takes into consideration ideas from both groups and individuals.

The frustration for villagers and Parish Councillors alike is the inability to prevent antisocial parking and to accept planning legislation that appears better suited to urban areas rather than a rural village. We are also grateful that so many Parishioners take the time to raise and discuss issues with councillors.

Annual Parish Assembly – Monday 24 May

The Parish Council is looking to improve the grass verges in the village and help stop vehicles parking on them, causing unsightly damage. To help decide how best to tackle this problem, the Council wishes to consult with residents to gain their views on how this can be done. Suggestions so far have varied from planting schemes to wooden posts, so please come along to the Annual Assembly to join in the discussion and have your say. Details of the meeting are on the reverse of this leaflet. If you are not able to attend, please send your suggestions to the Clerk either by post or email.

Achievements of the Year

- Purchase of Oak Meadow.
- Improving pedestrian safety through the provision of a new pavement.
- Repair of footways around the village.
- Re-accreditation as a Quality Council.
- Precept increase kept low.
- War Memorial refurbished.
- Installation of speed signs on Shalford Road and New Road.
- Worked with Dog Warden to reducing dog fouling.
- Planting of snowdrops.
- Distributed welcome packs to new residents.
- Negotiations continue for extension to the burial ground.
- Obtained a grant to help purchase new grass mowing equipment.

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Attendance Record at Parish Council Meetings 2009/10

Cllr Bulkeley 11/14
Cllr Doré 4/14
Cllr Giles 8/14
Cllr Jiggins 12/14
Cllr MacNee 14/14
Cllr Phillips 13/14
Cllr Rawlings 12/14
Cllr Rippingale 11/13
Cllr Roberts 14/14
Cllr Shepherd 10/14
Cllr West 13/14



Regular and Routine Actions

- Operation of the Community Information Point
- Consideration of 22 planning applications
- Meeting with the Village Hall Committee on a regular basis
- Litter picking on playing field and around the village
- Maintenance of grass areas within the village
- Keeping footpaths clear of overgrowing vegetation through contact with property owners
- Provision and maintenance of street lighting
- Liaison with Braintree District Council regarding pavement sweeping
- Revision and publication of an action/maintenance plan
- Working with BDC Parish Warden to address concerns of antisocial behaviour
- Continued membership of the Parish Paths Partnership scheme
- Liaison with Rayne Primary School Council
- Maintenance of the Churchyard
- Liaison with Essex Police over parking, speeding and other crimes
- Councillors attend numerous Braintree District Council meetings
- Provision of dog waste bags



COMMUNITY INFORMATION POINT AND PARISH OFFICE
Rear of Rayne Village Hall

Parish Council Website

Minutes, agendas and financial information are available on the website and this is efficiently maintained by Councillor Rawlings. A computer, provided by the Web Steering Group, is located at the CIP, is available to all villagers free of charge, including access to the Internet. This is available on Monday and Thursday mornings when the CIP is open. Please contact the Clerk to book a slot.

District and County Council Representatives

We continue to be well served by our District Councillor, Mike Banthorpe and County Councillor, Roger Walters and thank them for their work. Both continue to work with the Parish Council to improve facilities within the village and to ensure that repairs are undertaken quickly.

Rayne Community Information Point and Parish Office

Is there for you to bring any issues or concerns regarding the Parish, Braintree District or Essex County Council matters to the Clerk.

Supplies of **FREE** dog waste bags and BDC recycling sacks

Open Mondays and Thursdays 9.30am-12noon
Rear of Rayne Village Hall

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What's ongoing?

- Development of Oak Meadow.
- Improvements to the Village Hall.
- Extension of the burial ground.
- Improvements to the village environment including planting schemes.
- Repairs to the Box Tombs in churchyard
- Work with other Parish Councils to monitor threats of major development in the local area.

What we couldn't do

- Resolve the lack of parking within the village
- Reduce parking on pavements
- Eradicate dog fouling
- Prevent all illegal parking
- Convince BDC planners that some developments were not appropriate within a village
- Prevent trees being removed from the foundry site



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How Your Money Is Spent

Financial Year Ending 31 March 2009

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Precept	29320.00	Administration	7641.00
Agency Services	2657.00	Staff Costs	12272.00
Interest	390.00	Lighting	1262.00
Parish Support Grant	3920.00	Parks & Open Spaces	3223.00
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Administration	148.00	ICT	1079.00
Grants	3047.00	CIP	2658.00
		Capital Spending	2516.00
TOTAL INCOME	40435.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	31092.00

Parish Councillors

There have been no changes to the Parish Council this year and the Chairman would like to record his thanks to all Parish Councillors who have continued to serve the village.

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Your Village - Your Meeting

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

On Monday 24 May, 7.30pm at The Old Schoolroom

The Annual Parish Assembly is your opportunity to ask questions about the work of your Council and 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.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
AGENDA

1. WELCOME – Chairman
2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
4. MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
5. REPORTS FROM INVITED REPRESENTATIVES
 - Rayne Primary School Council
 - Police Representative
 - District Councillor Michael Banthorpe
 - County Councillor Roger Walters
6. GRASS VERGE CONSULTATION
7. QUESTIONS
8. CLOSURE



Monday 24 May 2010, 7.30pm, Old Schoolroom



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Community Information Point/Parish Office
Opening Hours: Mon & Thurs 9.30am - 12 noon

