

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 3RD APRIL 2006

PRESENT: Councillor Michael Bamford
Adam Bulkeley
Jo Fish
Harold Giles
Roger Jiggins
Kate Kukiewicz
Ian MacNee
Martyn Phillips
Pat Roberts
John Wootton

Also in Attendance: Mrs Whiteside – Clerk
District Councillor Banthorpe
4 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

Pavements – A resident reported that the footpaths along Kidder Road are in need of repair/upgrade.

It was agreed to ask BDC to walk the paths with Councillors.

Flitchway Gates – A resident reported the new gates are dangerous for horseriders and ECC have subsequently stated they have been installed at the wrong height. Councillors agreed to write to the Ranger Service.

PARK – The old equipment has been removed and the project is on schedule for the new installation.

Village Hall

- Ø CCTV – Working well.
- Ø Sewage Works – Work should be complete by the end of this week.

District Councillor Report – Cllr Banthorpe reported the following:

- Ø Stansted Airport – BDC will not be supporting the second runway.
- Ø Shalford Road Council Houses – BDC will make a decision this week.

Parish Ranger – Gary Elson reported he has monthly communication with both BDC and the Police. He added he spends approximately a third of his hours in Rayne, with the remainder spent in Great Notley.

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Martyn Phillips requested that Councillors show respect to other Councillor's views.

Late Planning Application:

It was Proposed Cllr Adam Bulkeley, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously Resolved to deal with late application 06/00637/FUL.

06/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Diane Shepherd and District Cllr Walters.

**06/02 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 6th MARCH 2006**

It was Proposed Cllr Ian MacNee, Seconded Cllr Pat Roberts and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record.

06/03 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- Ø Cllr Michael Bamford declared a Personal Interest in Item 7.11 (Village Hall) as a member of PARK.
- Ø Cllr Roger Jiggins declared a Personal Interest in planning application 06/00637/FUL as he knew the applicant.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, all Councillors remained in the meeting, unless stated otherwise, and took part in the discussion for all the above items and the vote thereon.

06/04 BDC MATTERS

04.1 Planning Applications

06/00520/FUL – 1 The Ruskin's – Erection of single storey extension to east and reposition existing conservatory to south.

It was Proposed Cllr Ian MacNee, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously Resolved to Support this application:

06/00546/FUL – Villa Farm, School Road – Retention of general-purpose agricultural building.
It was Proposed Cllr Pat Roberts, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously Resolved to Object to this application on the grounds that it is not a genuine agricultural holding and will not be used for agricultural purposes.

06/00603/FUL – Land at Brunwin Road, rear of Rayne Foundry – Erection of 46 dwellings with associated access, car parking and landscaping.
It was Proposed Cllr Harold Giles, Seconded Cllr Ian MacNee and unanimously Resolved to Object to this application on the following grounds: parking, design, traffic management, building height, sewage and protected species found.

06/00637/FUL – Autumn Lodge, Queenborough Lane – Proposed replacement two storey dwelling house and alterations/additions to outbuildings.
It was Proposed Cllr Ian MacNee, Seconded Cllr John Wootton and Resolved 9 For, with 1 Ab-stention, to Support this application.

04.2 Planning Results

The following applications have been GRANTED:

06/00129/FUL – Builders Yard, School Road – Erection of single storey office building.

05/02290/FUL – 28 Shalford Road – Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

The following applications have been WITHDRAWN:

06/00127/FUL – Three Elms, Queenborough Lane – Construction of swimming pool and pool room.

06/05 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

05.1 Street Lighting

Lamp No.8 Capel Road has been reported.

05.2 Policing Issues

No response received from Bocking Traffic Police regarding speeding in Queenborough Lane – Clerk to chase.

05.3 Winter Gritting

Response received from ECC stating their pre-scheduled salting conforms to the current ECC policy and neither New Road, School Road or Shalford Road comply with the criteria.

05.4 Road Surface – Shalford Road

Response received from ECC stating that Shalford Road was surfaced dressed 3-4 years ago and therefore there are no plans to resurface. They will however arrange a site visit to check for defects – It was agreed to request that Councillors be present for this visit.

05.5 Parking on New Footpath

Response received from the Church stating they do, where able, request that visitors to the church do not park on the pavement/roads.

06/06 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

06.1 Gore Corner – Ownership of Land

Cllr Martyn Phillips has meet with Mrs Lindsell who has provided a copy of a letter dated 14/03/84 detailing that the Parish Council had paid costs in relation to the conveyance of the land. It was agreed that the Parish Council now need to prepare a Statutory Declaration – Cllr John Wootton agreed to undertake a Land Registry search on the adjoining properties to determine the boundary.

06.2 Protected Verges – Cllr Roger Jiggins

Following the damage to the Lesser Calamint verge in The Street following construction of the bus stop, and the cutting of verges in Shalford Road and School Road, Cllr Roger Jiggins reported that Essex Verges have recommended their protection and ECC have agreed to undertake a risk assessment.

It was agreed to write to ECC (cc. the Wildlife Trust) requesting they stop cutting such verges indiscriminately.

06.3 Dog Fouling

Following an offer from the Dog Warden to install larger signs if the Parish Council supplies the posts, it was agreed to request further information relating to the material of the sign for further discussion at the next meeting.

06.4 Overhanging Hedges and Tree Branches

It was agreed to write to the owner of No.20 Shalford Road requesting they cut their conifers back to the boundary of the property as they are now covering a larger proportion of the foot-path.

06.5 Stansted Airport – Second Runway

It was Proposed Cllr John Wootton, Seconded Cllr Ian MacNee and Resolved 9 For, 1 Against (Cllr Harold Giles) that the Parish Council remain neutral on this issue.

06/07 FINANCE

07.1	£23.59	Just Lamps – Lighting Maintenance (Mar)
07.2	£352.73	Mrs Whiteside – Clerks Salary (Mar)
07.3	£17.63	Acumen – Wages Services (Mar)
07.4	£119.00	EW Mowers – Service (Strimmer)
07.5	£57.58	EW Mowers – Service (Hedge Cutter)
07.6	£349.14	EW Mowers – Service (Scag Mower)
07.7	£314.23	EW Mowers – Service (Tiger Mower)
07.8	£55.00	Impact – Accounts Package Annual Subscription
07.9	£250.00	Rayne Village Hall – Hire (Nov-Mar)
07.10	£54.50	British Telecom – Line Rental/Call Charges

It was Proposed Cllr Adam Bulkeley, Seconded Cllr Michael Bamford and unanimously Resolved to make the above payments.

07.11 Village Hall

Ø PARK – Tree Cutting Expenditure: Two quotations received and it was Proposed Cllr Ian MacNee, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously Resolved to accept the quote from Mr John Webster at £350.00.

Members discussed the need for a Tree Budget and it was agreed to discuss this further at the September 2006 meeting.

Ø Carpet to Lobby – Alternative quotations received: It was Proposed Cllr Roger Jiggins, Seconded Cllr Ian MacNee and unanimously Resolved to budget upto £960.00 (as per the previous agreement), with the Village Hall having the final decision on carpet type/colour.

06/08 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

08.1 Circulation Folder

Information noted.

08.2 Health Issues

Cllr Ian MacNee reported Broomfield Hospital is waiting for the Government to approve the PFI relating to the new building, completion of which has slipped back to 2010.

08.3 EALC – Standards Training

It was agreed to accept EALC's offer to update Parish Council's on the Code of Conduct, and Declarations of Interests – Date to be confirmed, but either prior to the June or August meetings.

08.4 Annual Report

Final draft approved for publication.

08.5 Cluster Meeting

Great Notley to host – Date to be advised. Clerk to request the following items on the agenda: Parish Ranger, Queenborough Lane (traffic) and the new Business Park Development.

08.6 Rural Communities Development Fund 2007

Cllr Ian MacNee reported he is waiting to hear from ECC regarding the award of a grant for goal posts. It was agreed if this was not successful it was a possible application option for the Rural Communities Fund – Next Agenda.

06/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 8th May 2006.**

06/10 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 21:45.

Signed: _____

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____