

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 2nd AUGUST 2004

PRESENT: Councillor Michael Bamford
Harold Giles
Roger Jiggins
Kate Kukiewicz
Ian MacNee
Martyn Phillips **Chairman**
Diane Shepherd
John Wootton

Also in Attendance: Mrs Melanie Whiteside (Clerk)
PC Natasha Keaney
4 members of the public.

Cllr Martyn Phillips opened the meeting by welcoming Cllr Michael Bamford onto the Parish Council.

Cllr Tony Meadows

Cllr Martyn Phillips informed the meeting of the sad news that Cllr Tony Meadows had passed away on Wednesday, 28th July. All members of the Council are greatly saddened by this news. Tony had served as a Councillor for the Parish for 21 years – since May 1983. His passing is a great loss to the council, both personally and professionally, as he was a well-liked and much respected member of the Parish Council and the community. The whole village will miss his presence.

As a mark of respect, a one-minute silence was observed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Adjournment to allow members of the public to raise issues of mutual interest or to question Councillors.

Policing Issues – PC Keaney

There were 25 calls received during July, including 2 Theft, 3 Neighbour Disputes and 3 Criminal Damage.

Motorbikes on the Fritchway – Braintree Police are currently working with Dunmow Police to set up a joint project.

Speed cameras have been in use in the village over the previous month. Members reported although less volume of traffic along Dunmow Road since the opening of the new A120, it is of a greater speed.

Planning Application – 20 The Maltings

The applicant gave a brief report on the background to the application.

Bridleway over new A120

Two residents raised concern over horses using the new bridleway, in particular the volumes and speed, together with the health and safety issue relating to droppings.

Speed of Police Cars

Following a request for further information, the Chairman read the response received from Essex Police asking for further details of specific incidents. A number of incidents were reported.

Apologies received from Cllr Pat Roberts, with apologies received after the meeting from Cllr Jessica Dawson.

04/55 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th JULY 2004

It was Proposed Cllr Ian MacNee, Seconded Cllr Roger Jiggins and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting

04/56 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To declare any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members part 5/1 of the Constitution and having taken appropriate advice (where necessary) before the meeting.

Cllr Kate Kukiewicz declared a Personal interest in Item 58.1 - Application 04/01406/FUL - as this was a neighbouring property.

Cllr Roger Jiggins declared a Personal interest in Item 60.3 - Footpath Network - as a landowner.

04/57 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

57.1 Locally Determined Programme - Footway, Shalford Road

Response received from ECC stating the footway is currently No.19 on the LDP but they will also put it into the Local Transport Plan for a bid for Capital Funding.

04/58 BDC MATTERS

58.1 Planning Applications

It was agreed to Support the following application:

04/01406/FUL - 20 The Maltings - Erection of two storey rear extension.

58.2 Planning Results

The following applications have been GRANTED:

04/00691/TPO - 15 Warner Close - Fell one dead field maple tree.

04/00979/ECC - Rayne County Primary School - Creation of new hard surface play area.

Inconsistency of Planning Decisions

Response received from Mr Crofts, BDC asking for specific cases of inconsistency. Clerk to respond detailing the applications for Little Commons, Three Elms, and houses in Medley Road.

04/59 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

59.1 Street Lighting

No lights reported as out of action.

59.2 Policing Issues

Response from PC Keaney relating to Speed of Police Vehicles, Motorbikes on the Fritchway and Communication discussed.

Clerk to include details in the Parish Magazine report.

04/60 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

60.1 Skate Ramp

Cllr Ian MacNee reported the manufacturer should now install the ramp equipment on 9th August following delays.

Members reported that the new seating and Youth Shelter are well used.

60.2 BDC Collection of Waste

BDC have suggested replacing the current roll-top bin in the Village Hall car park with a flat top bin of the same capacity. This would enable easier use whilst still allow the bin to be chained to the fence.

Members agreed to this suggestion, subject to approval of the Village Hall Committee.

60.3 Footpath Network

It was agreed to meet with Lisa Cross, ECC on Monday, 9th August at 7:00pm in the Community Information Point.

60.4 Village Hall - Maintenance Works

Cllr Martyn Phillips reported the Liaison Meeting held on 19th July had been productive, with a number of issues discussed.

A quotation has been received for electrical works required as part of the Maintenance Programme - to be discussed at the next meeting.

60.5 Village Appraisal

It was agreed to hold a Public Meeting in September, hosted by the RCCE. Clerk to issue the proposed timetable of events to all Cllrs.

60.6 Quality Council Scheme

Members were informed it is anticipated the Portfolio will be complete for assessment in September. Cllr Martyn Phillips, Cllr Roger Jiggins and Cllr Harold Giles to assist with the Portfolio.

60.7 Development Plan

Members agreed the Plan could form the starting point for the Village Appraisal. Comments on the plan to be made to the Clerk or Cllr Martyn Phillips.

60.8 Junior Litter Pickers/Grounds Maintenance

Members agreed the possibility of employing youth litter pickers was not a practical option in terms of insurance and monitoring.

60.9 Bridleway over new A120

Following the letter of concern received and the subsequent discussion during the Public Forum, it was agreed Clerk to write to ECC raising issues over the design of the bridge and requesting a site meeting.

60.10 Parish Grass Cutting and Play Ground Maintenance

Members confirmed the Parish Council already undertaken the grass cutting on behalf of BDC. It was agreed to request information on the rate of grant paid per square meter and confirm the continuation of grass cutting by the Parish Council.

04/61 FINANCE

61.1	£34.00	All Saints - Hire of Old School Room (Apr-Jun)
61.2	£600.00	All Saints - Payment of Precept Grant (Rayne In Focus)
61.3	£20.33	Alfred McAlpine - Lighting Maintenance
61.4	£50.00	Mr Glyn Hockley - Internal Auditors Fee
61.5	£20.00	BALC - Annual Subscription
61.6	£122.20	Anglia Sign Casting - Memorial Plaques
61.7	£20.00	Rayne Village Hall - Hire of Committee Room
61.8	£5399.13	Close Invoice Finance - Youth Shelter
61.9	£46.99	E.On Energy - Quarterly Energy Charge
61.10	£313.71	Grasshopper - Mower Repairs
61.11	£223.25	BDC - Hire of Refuse Vehicle
61.12	£1392.37	PJ Fairhurst - Memorial Wall construction
61.13	£292.30	Mr Peake - Groundsman (June)
61.14	£53.00	Mr Peake - Petrol

It was Proposed Cllr John Wootton, Seconded Cllr Ian MacNee and unanimously agreed to make the above payments. (Invoices checked by Cllr Diane Shepherd in the absence of Cllr Pat Roberts).

61.15 Recharge of Election Costs

Following a response from BDC it was Proposed Cllr Roger Jiggins, Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd and unanimously agreed to pay this fee under duress.

61.16 Bank Mandate

Clerk reported the maximum number of signatories on a Parish Council account with Barclays is six. As there are already six current Cllrs as signatories, it was agreed no changes were required.

04/62 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

62.1 Circulation Folder

Cllr Martyn Phillips informed members of interesting/relevant items.

Essex Act - It was agreed to write to Cllr Walters asking if Rayne was one of the original areas to be included in this scheme.

62.2 Village Hall

In the absence of Cllr Jessica Dawson, no report was received.

62.3 Health Issues

Cllr Ian MacNee reported on recent meetings attended and correspondence received.

62.4 Personnel Committee Meeting - 15th July

It was Proposed Cllr Roger Jiggins, Seconded Cllr Martyn Phillips and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

62.5 Flitch Way Liaison Meeting

Cllr Diane Shepherd reported ECC have taken action on some encroachment issues and are repairing the bridge at Lt Canfield.

It was agreed to contact ECC Highways for an update of the encroachment at Three Elms, Queenborough Lane.

62.6 BDC Review of CCTV Provision in the Braintree District

It was agreed Cllr Roger Jiggins to complete in consultation with Cllr Martyn Phillips.

62.7 EALC Course - Budget & Precept Course

No member expressed an interest in attending.

62.8 Improving Cancer Services in the Area served by Mid Anglia

It was agreed Cllr Ian MacNee to respond in consultation with Cllr Martyn Phillips.

04/63 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 6th September 2004.**

04/64 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:00 p.m.

Signed: _____

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____