



RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 3 AUGUST 2009

Present: Cllr Pat Roberts (Chaired) Keith Rawlings
Harold Giles Ian MacNee
Trevor Rippingale

In Attendance: Philippa Potter (Clerk)
District Councillor Mike Banthorpe
One member of the public

09/56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Shepherd, Bulkeley, West, Jiggins and Doré.

09/57 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 JULY 2009

It was Proposed Cllr Giles, Seconded Cllr MacNee and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes as a true record.

09/58 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

✍ Cllr Rippingale declared a personal interest in item 62.1 - Planning Application number 09/00931/FUL, as a friend of the applicant.

09/59 POLICING ISSUES

No police representation

09/60 PUBLIC FORUM

✍ A parishioner attended the meeting as he is concerned about the parking along New Road of a large commercial vehicle. The vehicle obstruct the view along the road when exiting both his and neighbouring drives, along with causing some problems with vehicles exiting Warner Close. It is also thought that this vehicle may be obstructing the speed indicator device. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the company owning the van to ask if it would be possible for it to be parked elsewhere, in a less controversial position and advise them of the anti-social hour of the morning that the van is started up. This will be copied to ECC Highways and the police who will be asked for their views with regards to highway safety. The reply will be reported back to the Parish Council and a decision will be made whether to put this issue on the agenda at the next available meeting.

✍ District Councillor Mike Banthorpe gave his report as follows:

- Queenborough Lane will be closed from 17th - 21st August for repairs to tackle the recent flooding issues.
- Section 106 monies from the Foundry: The highways monies, will be spent on the new pavement along The Street outside Barnards, and the upgrade of the crossing point at The Maltings.

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They are also looking at making good the pavement on The Street, from Gore Lane

- to the Swan Junction.
- The garages at Medley Road have been deemed unsafe by the building inspectors at Braintree District Council following an incident with a brick being thrown from a garage roof at a pedestrian. BDC are ascertaining the ownership of the garages to enable them to progress the issue and have sent letters in this regard to the relevant households. There has been a decent response from residents and BDC will be progressing the issue.

09/61 ADMINISTRATION

61.1 Clerk's Report

The Clerk went through the items on the report, which were updated and any actions arising will be undertaken.

09/62 BDC MATTERS

62.1 Planning Applications

✍ 09/00854/FUL: Allviews, School Road – Change of use from office to dog grooming parlour. No comment to be made.

✍ 09/00931/FUL: 1 Fairview Villas, School Road – Change of use of land to garden area, erection of detached cart lodge, modification to games room roof to remove flat roof and replace with pitched roof. No comment to be made.

62.2 Planning Committee

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 17 August 2009, if needed.

62.3 Planning Results

These results were noted by the Council:
The following application was GRANTED:

✍ 09/00711/FUL: Common Farm, Long Lane – Erection of two storey side extension.

The following application was REFUSED:

✍ 09/00191/FUL: Whelley Cottage, School Road – Erection of canine boarding kennels with associated kitchen, w/c and exercise area.

09/63 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

63.1 Street Lighting

None to report.

63.2 Road Steward Report

The outstanding road reports will be sent to the Clerk by the September meeting so the agenda can be drawn up for the meeting with ECC Highways at the end of September.

63.3 Winter Salting of Roads

A reply was received from EALC to say that this is the responsibility of ECC, however, the Parish Council could discuss forming a partnership with them to undertake this task. There is however, an issue with insurance liability which may render it too expensive to progress. It was agreed to leave this issue for the time

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RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

64.1 Village Hall Matters

The next Village Hall and Parish Council Liaison meeting will be held on 30th September 2009, 7.30pm in the CIP.

64.2 Amenity Space Committee

This item was postponed to the next agenda due to most of the Committee being absent from this meeting.

64.3 Essex Act

This issue was postponed until the October 2009 meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk will look into barriers/posts that could be put up around the verges that are causing the most problems at present.

64.4 War Memorial

The Clerk reported that Cllr Jiggins had looked into all the paperwork and quotes on this issue and recommended that Fairhaven be instructed to undertake the work. Fairhaven have confirmed that they can complete the work by this year's Remembrance Day. The grant paperwork was signed by the Vice-Chair, Cllr Pat Roberts and will be returned by the Clerk to the War Memorials Trust.

64.5 Purchase of Flower Bulbs for Grass Verges

It was Proposed, Cllr Giles Seconded Cllr MacNee and unanimously agreed to purchase the 2000 crocus bulbs as listed by Cllr Jiggins, at a total cost of £116.00.

64.6 Footpaths Map

The Clerk advised that the footpath committee will be meeting with Adam Jenkins of ECC to proceed with this project, at a date to be agreed.

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FINANCE

It was Proposed, Cllr MacNee, Seconded Cllr Rawlings and unanimously agreed to make the following payments:

65.1	£ 355.38	Clerk Salary (July)
65.2	£ 354.04	Groundsman 1 Salary (July)
65.3	£ 320.24	Groundsman 2 Salary (July)
65.4	£ 20.13	Acumen Wages Service (July)
65.5	£ 37.09	A&J Lighting Solutions – Maintenance
65.6	£ 187.55	HMRC Income Tax Payment
65.7	£ 85.38	E-On Electricity Bill
65.8	£ 70.00	Internal Audit Fee
65.9	£ 14.18	EALC – New Councillor Pack
65.10	£ 24.00	BALC Subscription 09/10
65.11	£ 17.25	Paicemaker Ltd
65.12	£ 17.25	Paicemaker Ltd
65.13	£347.39	Chelmsford Grass Machinery – Tractor Service
65.14	£ 1.43	Chelmsford Grass Machinery - bulb
65.15	£ 8.78	Ernest Doe
65.16	£ 13.80	Robert Acton Product Developments – Litter hoop
65.17	£171.88	F A Jiggins & Son – Petrol: 17/5/09 and 12/6/09
65.18	£ 34.68	Philippa Potter – Clerk Expenses - Postage

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65.19 Acumen Wages Service

The increase in fees, from £18.98 per month, to £20.13 (gross) per month, was noted by the Council.

09/66 MEETINGS / SEMINARS

66.1 Circulation Folder

Cllr Roberts went through interesting and relevant items.

66.2 Meetings and Training

None to report.

09/67 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on: **Monday 7 September 2009.**

Please send items for the agenda to the Clerk by Monday 24 August 2009 at the latest.

09/68 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed Chairman

Date

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