

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 6th DECEMBER 2004

PRESENT: Councillor Michael Bamford
Joanne Fish
Harold Giles
Roger Jiggins
Kate Kukiewicz
Ian MacNee
Martyn Phillips
Pat Roberts
Diane Shepherd
John Wootton

Also in Attendance: Mrs Melanie Whiteside (Clerk)
PC Natasha Keane and PC Darren Jones
District Cllr Michael Banthorpe
2 Members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

Policing Issues - PC Keane

- Ø There were 21 calls received during November, including 3 Nuisance Youth, 2 Criminal Damage and 3 Concern for Welfare.
- Ø Will Gladwell is the new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and will be patrolling the village on foot on an average of once a week.

District Councillors Report - Cllr Banthorpe

- Ø Foundry - The S106 Agreement is close to being signed. The site will be checked for rodents.
- Ø Flooding in Queenborough Lane - Awaiting report from BDC.
- Ø Parish Plan - It is vital that as many residents as possible respond to the questionnaire.

Planning Application - Minern, Fairy Hall Lane

A neighbouring resident put forward their reasons for objecting to this revised application, together with their concerns at the way the revision was administered.

04/107 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Jessica Dawson.

04/108 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2004

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

04/109 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.

- Ø Cllr Martyn Phillips declared a Personal interest in Item 113.7 (Village Computer) as a member of the Web Steering Group.

- Ø Cllr Pat Roberts declared a Personal interest in Item 113.7 (Village Computer) as a member of the Web Steering Group.
- Ø Cllr John Wootton declared a Personal interest in Item 110.2.1 (Hazelmere Farm) and Item 111.5 (Gas Trap, Pods Lane) as the adjacent landowner.

04/110 BDC MATTERS

110.1 Planning Applications

04/02030/ful – Minern, Fairy Hall Lane – Extension of property, including increase in roof height, to create a two-storey dwelling, together with erection of detached garage (Revised). Members were unhappy with the process by BDC in respect of this application and wished to have previous comments relating to the first application removed from the BDC file. Carried 8 For, 2 Abstentions.

It was agreed to Support the following applications:

04/02119/FUL – The Brick House, 2 Gore Road – Proposed two-storey rear extension.

04/02214/FUL – Mill House, School Road – Proposed single storey rear extension.

04/02275/FUL – The Laurels, 27 New Road – Proposed single storey front extension and first floor extension to form granny annex above garage.

110.2 Planning Results

The following applications have been GRANTED:

04/01506/LBC – Spinners, Little Common Lane – Proposed refurbishment and erection of extension.

04/01831/TPOCON – 18 Gore Lane – Carry out work to 1 Hawthorne.

04/01830/TPO – 1 Gore Road – 20% crown reduction and balance 1 ornamental plum tree.

04/01751/FUL – 3 Leyfields – Erection of conservatory.

04/01769/FUL – 2 West View, School Road – Erection of a two storey and single storey extension; single storey rear extension and new front bay window; including internal alterations.

04/01784/TPO – 33 Vaughan Close – Prune tree.

110.2.1 Hazelmere Farm

Members reported no operational changes have taken place and agreed that, as the 28-day abeyance period was now over, to request an update of action to be taken by BDC Enforcement. (Next Agenda).

110.2.2 Inconsistency of Planning Decisions

Response from BDC discussed - Clerk to request details of the planning policies used to determine the applications.

04/111 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

111.1 Street Lighting

Lights Reported: No.7 & No.12 Shalford Road and No.6 Capel Road.

111.2 Policing Issues

Issues covered during the Public Forum.

111.3 Pelican Crossing – Gore Road

Clerk to check Deeds, and forward copy to ECC requesting they highlight the area of land required before agreement made to relinquish. It was also agreed to inform the adjacent landowners as a matter of courtesy.

111.4 Provision of Footway, Shalford Road

Response received from ECC. It was agreed to request a clear indication of the project costs, the Parish Council contribution required (indicating our willingness to transfer ownership of the land) and confirmation that the footpath will be adopted on completion.

111.5 Gas Trap Pods Lane

It was agreed to request British Gas cut back the hedges fronting Pods Lane along the roadside and undertake a litter pick in the area. Clerk to also inform ECC Highways that the marker posts need replacing.

111.6 Tree Pruning & Overgrown Hedges

The following actions were agreed:

- Ø Inform British Telecom that trees are growing into overhead lines along Pods Lane.
- Ø Letter to residents to be produced, requesting they cut back their hedges – details of letters sent to be recorded.

111.7 Salt Bins

Members agreed that as the provision of salt bins had not been precepted for, the Parish Council were unable to sponsor one in the village.

111.8 Low Flying Aircraft

Response received from RAF Wattisham stating they are unable to avoid flying over the village as it is within the Designated User Area.

04/112 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

112.1 Parish Plan

Cllr Martyn Phillips gave a brief report of the meeting held 4th November. Mr Adam Bulkeley was elected as Chairman of the Group, with Mrs Pat Roberts elected as Secretary.

112.2 Foundry Site

Response from BDC stating the details of the S106 Agreement are being finalised, once this has been received the outline planning permission will be formally issued. The site will also be inspected by the Building Control Officer following our concerns of health and safety.

112.3 Village Hall Maintenance Programme

Cllr Roger Jiggins reported the scaffolding was due to be taken down this week, with the work then on course for completion shortly afterwards. A final report will be produced for January with the next Liaison Meeting due in February.

112.4 Extension of the Church Yard

It was agreed that in order to progress this project, informal approaches to the landowners should be made. Cllr Roger Jiggins, Cllr John Wootton and Cllr Martyn Phillips agreed to undertake this.

112.5 Maintenance of Equipment

A quotation of £807.88 has been received to service the mowers. It was Proposed Cllr John Wootton, Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd and unanimously Resolved for Cllr Roger Jiggins to proceed with this work.

112.6 Entrance to Oak Meadow

Following instances of flooding on the playing field, it was agreed to request a site meeting with ECC to discuss the road drainage.

112.7 Grass Area opposite the School

Following complaints received of driving over and parking on the grassed area opposite the School, it was agreed to inform BDC requesting action is taken.

112.8 Parish Paths Partnership

Footpath maps have been received from ECC, Clerk to issue to Cllrs.

It was agreed to request 10 marker posts, with 40 corresponding direction signs from ECC as part of the P3 Scheme.

Next Agenda – Maintenance of Footpaths.

112.9 Footpath No.20 (Fairy Hall Lane)

Information received from ECC stating the final phase, to adopt Fairy Hall Lane as a bridleway, is now underway.

04/113 FINANCE

- 113.1 £18.74 Ernest Doe - Consumables
- 113.2 £1013.66 Mrs Whiteside – Clerks Salary (Oct-Dec)
- 113.3 £14.56 Mrs Whiteside – Postage (Aug-Oct)
- 113.4 £20.33 McAlpine – Lighting Maintenance

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously Resolved to make the above payments.

113.5 Village Hall Refurbishment

- Ø To agree second interim payment to Mr Fairhurst of £7,500 plus VAT. Proposed Cllr Harold Giles, Seconded Cllr John Wootton.
- Ø To agree quotation of £761.40 for additional work to guttering. Proposed Cllr John Wootton, Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd.
- Ø To agree the payment of Mr Stevenson's account, with the Village Hall now paying Mr Cotton's account for electrical work. Proposed Cllr Kate Kukiewicz, Seconded Cllr John Wootton.

113.6 Servicing of Mowers

Covered under Item 112.5.

113.7 Village Computer

It was Proposed Cllr Ian MacNee, Seconded Cllr Roger Jiggins and Resolved to agree the release of the grant (£1300) to the Web Steering Group for the purchase of a village computer.

113.8 Quality Parishes Investment Fund

Cllr Roger Jiggins, Cllr Harold Giles, Cllr Ian MacNee and Cllr Martyn Phillips were authorised to submit the grant application.

04/114 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

114.1 Circulation Folder

Cllr Martyn Phillips informed members of interesting/relevant items.

114.2 Village Hall

No report in Cllr Jessica Dawson's absence.

114.3 Health Issues

Report by Cllr Ian MacNee on recent meetings attended.

114.4 Cluster Meeting

Brief report on meeting held on 24th November noted.

On the grounds of Urgency, it was agreed to discuss the following items:

- Ø **Five Parishes Country Show** (September 2005) – An invitation from BDC to attend an initial meeting to discuss a proposal for a Country Show. Clerk to email details to Cllrs so that a representative can attend.

- Ø **Investigation into Passenger Transport within the Braintree District** – Consultation by BDC for response by 31st December. Clerk to email details to Cllrs for a response.
- Ø **Stop Stansted Expansion Community Conference** – It was agreed, that as the Parish Council have previously agreed to remain neutral on this issue, no representative would attend.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 10th January 2004.**

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CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.

Signed: _____
CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____