

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 5th DECEMBER 2005

PRESENT: Councillor Michael Bamford
Adam Bulkeley
Joanne Fish
Roger Jiggins
Kate Kukiewicz
Ian MacNee
Martyn Phillips
Diane Shepherd
John Wootton

Also in Attendance: District Cllr Banthorpe
Mr Mick Everitt – ECC Highways
6 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

Application 05/02290/FUL – The applicant gave a brief description of the planning application.

Fairview Application – A resident requested the Parish Council draft a letter of response to the planning application for affected residents to use.

Members generally agreed that individual letters carry more weight with the planning authority but agreed to publish the response made by the Parish Council.

District Councillor Report – Cllr Banthorpe offered his apologies for not having been able to attend the last three meetings.

PARK – Two awards were announced: 1st prize in the Augustine Courtald Memorial Award for fundraising efforts - £250, together with news from the Lottery of a £63,000 grant. Councillors congratulated the team for their hard work and dedication in securing this award.

Old A120 Road Improvements - Mr Mick Everitt, ECC Highways informed members that there is approximately £750,000 available for improvements to the old A120, including the following for Rayne:

- Ø Pedestrian facilities at The Swan – controlled crossing with improvements to the traffic lights (approx. cost £112,000).
- Ø Footway adjacent to the Village Green (approx. cost £26,000).
- Ø Raised kerbs at the Bus Stops throughout the village (approx. cost £42,000).

If the Parish Council agrees, both the footway and raised kerbs can be undertaken during the current financial year.

Councillors were unanimously in favour of all three options, however requested conservation kerbs are installed along the Village Green (to which Mr Everitt agreed).

05/100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Pat Roberts and Cllr Harold Giles.

05/101 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2005

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

05/102 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Joanne Fish declared a Personal interest in Item 104.1 – Street Lighting.

05/103 BDC MATTERS

103.1 Planning Applications

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Roger Jiggins and unanimously Resolved to Support the following application:

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

103.2 Planning Results

The following applications have been GRANTED:

05/01831/FUL – Common Farm, Long Lane – Two storey side extension.

05/01942/TPO – The Swan – Fell 2 Yew trees.

The following applications have been REFUSED:

05/01747/TPOCON – 27 Elm Walk – Fell 1 Lime tree.

Ø School Road – Letter from resident concerning construction of a stable on the paddock discussed. It was agreed to write to Mr Taplin, BDC Enforcement Officer asking for action to be taken.

05/104 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

104.1 Street Lighting

Cllr Ian MacNee reported all lights working correctly.

Cllr Joanne Fish informed the meeting that a number of lights have been out of action along Warner Close, with neither the County Council nor the Builder taking responsibility for their repair (this is not an adopted road). Cllr John Wootton advised that if there is no Management Contract, responsibility lies with who is paying for the electricity supply.

104.2 Policing Issues

Written report received from PC Keaney informing members of the number of incidents relating to the village during October and November – 38 calls, including 2 Nuisance Youth, 4 Theft and 1 Burglary.

104.3 Gore Road Bus Shelter

Cllr Roger Jiggins reported that repairs will be undertaken but the groundsman requires access to private land in order to remove the ivy. Cllr Ian MacNee agreed to approach the landowner.

104.4 Dunmow Road – Introduction of 50 mph Speed Limit

Proposed signage scheme received from ECC – Members agreed to support the plan.

05/105 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

105.1 Footpaths

It was agreed that the footpath routes in the village need to be walked and mapped to check for deviations from the Definitive Map before the Parish Council could discuss a possible grant for grass cutting via the P3 Scheme.

Cllr Adam Bulkeley and Cllr Roger Jiggins to action.

105.2 Assistant Grounds Person

No applications received – it was agreed to re-advertise the position in the parish magazine, on the web site and in the noticeboards.

105.3 Parish Council Action Plan

Amendments to the plan agreed – Cllr Martyn Phillips to re-issue.

105.4 Engaging with the Youth of the Village - Cllr Martyn Phillips

Cllr Martyn Phillips suggested a dedicated email address for use by the 11-18yr age group of the village. A further option of purchasing a mobile phone to enable the Parish Council to receive text messages was also discussed.

It was agreed Cllr Martyn Phillips to research the options for further discussion at the next meeting.

05/106 FINANCE

- 106.1 £26.32 Just Lamps - Lighting Maintenance (Nov)
- 106.2 £352.73 Mrs Whiteside - Clerks Salary (Nov)
- 106.3 £17.63 Acumen - Wages Services (Oct)
- 106.4 £17.63 Acumen - Wages Services (Nov)
- 106.5 £43.50 Mrs Whiteside - Postage (May-Oct)
- 106.6 £600.00 All Saints - Parish Magazine Precept Grant
- 106.7 £210.00 Rayne Village Hall - Hire (Jul-Oct)
- 106.8 £319.37 Chelmsford Safety Supplies - Safety Equipment

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

106.9 Village Hall Maintenance

C.C.T.V. - To agree additional funding of £2,956.

Meeting Adjourned to allow Mr West to update members on the system and that the pictures will be accepted by the Police.

Reconvened.

It was Proposed Cllr Roger Jiggins, Seconded Cllr Michael Bamford and unanimously Resolved to fund the £2,956 required for the system.

05/107 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

107.1 Circulation Folder

Cllr Phillips informed members of interesting/relevant items.

107.2 Health Issues

No current issues to report.

107.3 Standing Orders

Members discussed amending Standing Order No.34 to state that the voting for co-option should be by secret ballot.

Clerk to update for formal adoption at the next meeting.

107.4 Cluster Meeting

Cllr Roger Jiggins reported on the issues discussed at the meeting.

107.5 ECC Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Cllr Martyn Phillips agreed to peruse the consultation document and draft a response if required.

107.6 Chelmsford Borough Council - Planning Policies Consultation

Members agreed no comment was required on this consultation.

05/108 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 9th January 2006.**

05/109 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

Signed: _____
CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____