



RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2009

Present:

Martyn Phillips (Chair)	Ian MacNee
Adam Bulkeley	Trevor Rippingale
Harold Giles	Pat Roberts
Roger Jiggins	Dean West

09/114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Doré, Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Rawlings. Cllr Roberts was attending the BDC Cabinet Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and will join this meeting once returned. Cllr Rippingale will attend late.

09/115 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

- ? Monday 2 November 2009: It was Proposed Cllr MacNee, Seconded Cllr Giles and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- ? Budget and Precept Meeting – 23 November 2009: It was Proposed Cllr Bulkeley, Seconded Cllr MacNee and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

09/116 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- ? Cllr West declared a personal interest in items 122.1 and 123.10, as Chair of Rayne Youth Football Club.

09/117 POLICING ISSUES

No police representatives were present at this meeting. Issues raised are as follows:

- ? Parking on the double yellow lines outside the school is increasing. Clerk to request visible enforcement again.
- ? Concern regarding a recently reported attempted abduction in Braintree was raised. Councillors were advised to contact either the police direct or Neighbourhood Watch for details or advice.
- ? The issue of a nuisance dog was raised as there has been more than one incident of aggression. The Clerk will contact the dog warden for details and forward to the relevant housing association.

09/118 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present at this meeting.

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09/119 **ADMINISTRATION****119.1** **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's Report was received and Councillors were updated on action that had been taken since publication. The following issues were raised:

- ? Footpath 10 – to be diverted or a new footpath to be created. It was agreed to write to ECC to obtain information on whether a new footpath can be created to resolve the issue.
- ? Clerk to chase up BDC on the issue of the damage done at the Gore Triangle.
- ? Cllr Jiggins has met with the developer of The Paddocks regarding the pedestrian barriers. No further action.
- ? Cllr West will look into the options for the Village of the Year sign.
- ? Clerk to request a new village gateway sign on Rayne Road as the current one is damaged.
- ? Cllr Phillips reported the outcome of the meeting with ECC regarding the Swan Junction.

Cllr Rippingale attended the meeting during this discussion.

119.2 **Meeting Dates – 2010**

It was Proposed Cllr MacNee, Seconded Cllr Rippingale that the proposed Parish Council meeting dates for 2010 be agreed.

119.3 **Youth Council**

Cllr Phillips reported that he had met with the Scouts and discussed issues that they would like to raise. The removal of drug dealers/users from the play areas in Braintree and Rayne was seen as the most important issue. He will be visiting the other uniformed organisations in due course.

09/120 **BDC MATTERS****120.1** **Planning Applications**

120.1.1 09/01498/FUL: 24 Elm Walk – Erection of first floor side extension over existing garage (to be converted to habitable rooms), erection of rear conservatory and provision of bow window to front. It was Proposed Cllr Bulkeley, Seconded Cllr Jiggins and unanimously Resolved to OBJECT to this application with regard to the extension not being set back from the building line, which is contrary to the Village Design Statement, and the loss of a parking space, bringing the total at the property to one, which is contrary to BDC policy.

120.1.2 09/01352/FUL: Whelley Cottage, School Road – Erection of boarding cattery to accommodate up to 18 cats. It was Proposed Cllr Jiggins, Seconded Cllr MacNee to SUPPORT this application with the proviso that it supersedes the previous permission granted for buildings relating to the stabling of horses.

120.2 **Planning Committee**

- ? The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 19 October were noted.
- ? The date of the next Planning Committee will be held on Monday 21 December 2009, if required.

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120.3 Planning Results

The following results were noted:

The following applications were granted:

- ? 09/01243/FUL/09/01244/LBC: Thatched Cottage, Shalford Road - erection of single storey rear extension.
- ? 09/01264/FUL: Cottage Acre, Fairy Hall Lane – Erection of detached garage.
- ? 09/01248/FUL: Autumn Lodge, Queenborough Lane – Alterations and extension to existing outbuilding to form car port. Removal of existing outbuilding and replace with new building.
- ? 09/01210/FUL: 7 Vaughan Close – Proposed roof alterations to front elevation.
- ? 09/01094/FUL: 2 Medley Road – Demolition of existing pond structure and replacement with summerhouse including repositioning of boundary fence to encompass part of front garden into rear garden.

120.4 Non-Material Amendment

The following information was noted:

- ? 09/00007/NMA: 28 Shalford Road. To note the application for a non-material amendment following approval of 05/02290/FUL. The Clerk will have details at the meeting.

09/121 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

121.1 Street Lighting

- ? The light outside 12 Brunwin Road has been reported.

09/122 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

122.1 Village Hall Matters

It was reported that meetings are taking place between the sports clubs who use the playing field, to look at the cause of the waterlogging on one of the football pitches and the possible mitigation of this.

122.2 Foundry Site – Anglian Water

Anglian Water has not answered the issues brought up in the Parish Council's original letter, nor have Councillors been able to contact the person responsible for this for well over a year. It was agreed to send a further letter chasing up, to Anglian Water, copied to their Chief Executive and Brooks Newmark MP. If this does not open lines of communication, the issue will be taken to Ofwat.

122.3 Bus Shelter

Following advice from ECC, it was agreed to write to Highways to ask that the need for a bus shelter at the stop opposite the Welsh Princess be put on the works programme.

122.4 Localism Rangers

Councillors noted details of the new Localism Ranger service run by ECC/BDC. Any jobs that need to be undertaken by them will be notified to the Clerk.

09/123 FINANCE

It was Proposed Cllr West, Seconded Cllr Giles and unanimously Resolved to make the following payments:

- 123.1 £ 355.38 Clerk Salary (Nov)
- 123.2 £ 317.84 Groundsman 1 Salary (Nov)

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123.3	£ 320.24	Groundsman 2 Salary (Nov)
123.4	£ 20.13	Acumen Wages Service (Nov)
123.5	£ 37.09	A&J Lighting Solutions – Maintenance
123.6	£ 124.95	A&J Lighting Solutions – Repairs
123.7	£4723.34	Fairhaven & Woods – War Memorial Renovation
123.8	£ 92.58	E W (Mowers) Ltd – Brushcutter repair
123.9	£ 41.20	Clerk Expenses (telephone purchase, phone charges, mileage)

Cllr Roberts attended the meeting at this point, following her representation at the BDC Cabinet Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

It was Proposed Cllr West, Seconded Cllr Jiggins and unanimously Resolved to exclude the public and press for the consideration of the following item for the reasons set out in Part 1, Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

123.10 OAK MEADOW UPDATE

The current state of play was discussed and a way forward was agreed. This will be set out in a report by the Clerk.

Cllr Giles left the meeting at 9.35pm.

09/124 CIRCULATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Phillips read out interesting and relevant items.

09/125 MEETINGS AND TRAINING

Details of any upcoming meetings or training, or feedback from those attended in the last month.

- ? Police Community Partnership Meeting – held 4 November 2009: There had been no representation from the Parish Council at this meeting.
- ? Cluster Meeting – held 18 November 2009: A brief overview of the meeting was given.
- ? Footpaths: Cllrs Jiggins and Bulkeley attended this meeting with ECC and have agreed a way forward for the Rayne Footpath Map.
- ? Cllr Roberts reported on the BDC Cabinet meeting, where it was decided to continue with the Parish Support Grant, at its current level, until the end of March 2013, when it will be looked at again. The Council thanked Cllr Roberts for attending.

09/126 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be held on: **Monday 4 January 2009.**

Please send items for the agenda to the Clerk by **Monday 14 December 2009 at the latest.**

09/127 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signature:

Chairman

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