

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillor Jessica Dawson
Harold Giles
Roger Jiggins
Kate Kukiewicz
Ian MacNee
Martyn Phillips **Chairman**
Pat Roberts
Diane Shepherd
John Wootton

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

03/153 PUBLIC FORUM

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

153.1 Speeding within the Village

Mr Farrelly (22 New Road) and Mr Bacon (23 New Road) raised concern over the speeding problems along New Road.

Members reported on a meeting held with ECC who are fully aware of the problems and it is anticipated that a temporary warning system, to monitor speeds, will be in place after April.

153.2 Planning Application for Rayne Hall Farm Barns

Mr & Mrs Khoshkhou attended as the applicants and gave a brief explanation of the development and their progress.

03/154 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 Harold Giles declared a personal interest in Item 159.3 as this issue affected his granddaughter.

03/155 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Tony Meadows.

03/156 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th JANUARY 2004

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Cllr John Wootton. Seconded: Cllr Diane Shepherd.

03/157 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

157.1 Stansted Airport - Flight Paths

As no response has been received from Cllr Harley, it was agreed Clerk to contact him again and also approach Stansted Airport.

03/158 BDC MATTERS

158.1 Planning Applications

03/02540/COU - Woodstock, Pods Lane - Change of use of land for erection of polytunnel.

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously agreed to Support this application.

04/00075/COU & 04/00076/LBC - Rayne Hall Farm Barns, Shalford Road - Proposed repairs and partial change of use to a single dwelling.

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously agreed to strongly Support this application, making comment for the protection of the bats roosting in the barns.

158.2 Planning Results

The following applications have been GRANTED:

03/02384/FUL - 64 Brunwin Road - Two storey side extension.

03/02239/FUL - 1 Hance Lane - Single storey conservatory extension.

03/159 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

159.1 Street Lighting

The following lights have been reported: No.3 Capel Road, No.4 Phillips Road, No.13 and No.22 Shalford Road.

The following items were also reported:

- Pedestrian Crossing (Post Office) - Beacon and lighting not working.
- The Street - Blue cover still present.
- Footpath between Rayne & Braintree - Requires cutting back.

Clerk to action.

159.2 Policing Issues

No responses received as yet from PC Keaney or PC Midwinter.

Response received from the Pre-School stating they have issued a reminder to all parents to be considerate when parking their cars.

159.3 Home to School Transport

Response received from Cllr Whitehead stated our request for the route to be walked has been noted, adding he agrees that the route is "not walkable for primary age children."

Free & Concessionary Transport

Map received from ECC detailing distance from Notley High School from various locations in the village. Cllr Martyn Phillips to action.

159.4 Speeding Issues throughout the Village

Written report on meeting with ECC held earlier today, issued by Cllr Martyn Phillips, detailing actions to be taken on various roads in the village. It was subsequently agreed to discuss the following items at the next meeting:

- Speed Survey – Possibility of surveying residents regarding a 20mph limit.
- Grit Bins – Possible locations for grit bins and to consider a response to the recent gritting service.

159.5 Diversion of Footpath 38 Rayne and 130 Great Notley

It was agreed no comment was required to the Public Path Order.

03/160

RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

160.1 Village Appraisal/Parish Plan (RCCE Initiative)

Cllr Martyn Phillips reported no feedback had been received from Councillors on the draft Action Plan and it was therefore agreed to hold further discussions after the Annual Parish Assembly.

160.2 Skate Ramp

Cllr Ian MacNee reported Playdale have agreed to modify the ramp following the recent site visit.

Cllr Ian MacNee reported the Ramp Committee have passed the initial stages for a "Living Spaces" grant.

160.3 Flitchway – Bridleway Proposals

Cllr Roger Jiggins reported Cllr Walters has verbally assured him that ECC state the section within Rayne is not becoming a bridleway.

It was noted the Dog Bins along the Flitchway have not been emptied recently – Clerk to contact the Ranger.

160.4 Glass Recycling Unit – The Swan

Response received from BDC.

Response received from BDC stating they experienced a backlog of collections over the Christmas period, adding they will ensure the bins are emptied at a sufficient frequency.

Members also noted that residents of Chapel Barn Court are experiencing problems with their "black bag" collection. Clerk to contact BDC asking that they investigate.

The following, additional, issues were reported:

Asbestos (Medley Road Garages) – Cllr Martyn Phillips reported he is in contact with BDC's Environmental Department.

Water Tank – Clerk to report a water tank has been dumped under Century Bridge.

Ashes Memorial Wall – Next agenda to discuss approaching the previous contractor to undertake the next stage of the works.

03/161 FINANCE

161.1	£48.00	EALC – Training Courses
161.2	£81.13	Concisely - Stationery
161.3	£165.00	Glasdon UK –Litter Bin (Ramp) and Dog Bin (Church)

Two additional invoices received:

161.4	£20.33	Asset Management – Lighting Maintenance
161.5	£346.39	Mr Taylor – Assistant Groundsman (Feb '03 – Jan '04)

It was Proposed Cllr John Wootton, Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd and unanimously agreed to make these payments.

161.6 Councillors Allowances

Cllr Pat Roberts gave a brief overview of the above policy, adding an agreement is required even if the Parish Council does not pay any allowances.

It was Proposed Cllr Roger Jiggins, Seconded Cllr Ian MacNee and unanimously agreed the Parish Council would not pay any Councillors Allowances, including attendance, travelling, subsistence or out of pocket allowances.

03/162 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

162.1 Circulation Folder

Cllr Martyn Phillips informed members of interesting/relevant items.

162.2 Annual Parish Assembly

To agree date and discuss format of the meeting.

Monday, 24th May 2004 at 7:30pm – Clerk to book hall.

It was agreed to invite the following, offering them a 10minute presentation followed by questions from parishioners:

Alan Hurst MP, ECC Highways, District and County Councillors, Sgt Midwinter, PC Keaney and the Flitchway Head Ranger.

162.3 Braintree District Cultural Strategy

It was agreed Cllr Martyn Phillips to draft a response for further discussion at the next meeting.

162.4 Essex Minerals Local Plan Second Review – First Deposit Draft

As this did not affect the Parish, members agreed no comment was required.

162.5 Stop Stansted Expansion

Offer to provide a presentation to the local community.

Members felt this was not an issue to be discussed at a Parish Council meeting.

162.6 EALC Courses

- Employment Issues – 4th March, 9:30-3:30 @ £39/delegate.

Cllr Martyn Phillips agreed to attend if available.

- Roles & Responsibilities – 30th March, 9:30-12:noon @ £24/delegate.

No member expressed an interest in attending this course.

03/163 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 1st March 2004**.
Items for the agenda to the Clerk by Wednesday, 18th February.

03/164 OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

164.1 Village Hall

Cllr John Wootton reported, following new regulations, an Asbestos Survey needs to be carried out on the hall by 1st May. Clerk to inform the Village Hall Committee.
Cllr Roger Jiggins reported the Inspection Survey is almost complete.
It was also noted the Committee should have a designated Health & Safety Representative - Clerk to action.

03/165 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed: _____

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____