

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY 2007

PRESENT: Councillor Michael Bamford
Harold Giles
Roger Jiggins
Kate Kukiewicz
Ian MacNee
Martyn Phillips
Diane Shepherd
Dean West

Also in Attendance: District Councillor Banthorpe
Sgt Peter Page – Essex Police
Paul Richards – BDC Community Warden
3 Members of the Public
Mrs Whiteside – Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

Police Report – Sgt Page introduced himself having recently taken over the Shalford Policing Team. Working with the Parish, he will endeavour to sort out the problems facing the village and will change officer duty to pinpoint areas of concern.

BDC – Community Wardens: Paul Richards reported on the patrols undertaken in the village since the January meeting.

Cllr Martyn Phillips thanked Sgt Page and Paul Richards for attending.

District Cllr Report: District Cllr Banthorpe reported:

- Ø He has met with the developer at Phillips Close to discuss drainage issues. The developer has offered to put in a conduit for future lighting along the footpath.
- Ø Village of the Year – He has met with the BDC Street Cleaning Manager to discuss cleaning of the village in the run up to the judging.

Youth Club: Two youngsters attended to discuss the possibility of a Youth Club in the village for the 12-18 age group. They have arranged with Paul Richards to visit the Notley Youth Club – Councillors therefore invited them to attend the March meeting to report back on this visit.

06/120 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Pat Roberts, Cllr Joanne Fish and Cllr Adam Bulkeley.

06/121 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2007

It was Proposed Cllr Michael Bamford, Seconded Cllr Dean West and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

06/122 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- Ø Cllr Roger Jiggins declared a Personal interest in Item 126.10 (Grass Cutting), as he knows the company.
- Ø Cllr Dean West declared a Personal interest in Item 125.2 (Village Hall) as a member of the Committee.

06/123 BDC MATTERS

123.1 Planning Applications

It was Proposed Cllr Ian MacNee and Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd to support the following application:

07/00040/FUL – 37 Brunwin Road – Erection of two storey side extension, erection of front porch and minor internal works.

Motion Carried: 6 For, 1 Against with 1 Abstention (Cllr Harold Giles).

123.2 Planning Results

The following application has been REFUSED:

06/02056/FUL – Rayne Hall Farm, Shalford Road – Erection of agricultural building for tractor storage and workshop.

Hazelmere Farm – Airport Parking: Response from BDC indicating the issue of airport parking in the district is being investigated.

Clerk to request further information regarding what action is being taken and requesting a defined timescale for this.

06/124 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

124.1 Street Lighting

All lights reported as working.

124.2 Policing Issues

Members received information regarding an incident in the children's play area on Friday and Saturday night. CCTV footage has been given to the Police as evidence.

124.3 Parking Issues Around the Village

Cllr Martyn Phillips has arranged a meeting with the Police Community Support Officers to walk around the village and look at the problem areas and discuss ways to tackle this problem.

124.4 BDC Community Wardens

Feedback for period 7-31 December 2006 noted – there were 15 visits to the village during this period.

06/125 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

125.1 Oak Meadow Proposal – Update

No response received from the Land Agent as yet.

125.2 Village Hall

Feasibility Study - Members expressed concern at the lack of progress relating to the Feasibility Study. It was agreed the best way forward would be to set up a joint "Development Working Party" with representatives from the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council. Cllr Martyn Phillips agreed to contact the Chair of the Village Hall Committee to progress this.

Village Hall Floor – Members noted that the floor will be sanded, treated and sealed at a cost of over £3,000. The Village Hall Committee will be covering this cost.

CCTV Maintenance Proposal – Members noted that the Village Hall Committee have agreed to purchase a Maintenance Contract.

125.3 War Memorial

Members agreed to pursue an application for Listed status, which will allow for future grant applications.

Path to Church – BDC have been asked to determine ownership of the road to the Church.

125.4 Village of the Year - Update

It was Proposed Cllr Dean West, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously Resolved to purchase two plaque castings – one to be located on the village crest and the other to be for the village museum when it is opened.

Bench – It was agreed the Chairman and Clerk to agree the style of the bench so this can be ordered and installed prior to the judging.

Judging – Tuesday 24th April: It was agreed to consider the format of the presentation at the next meeting. Cllr Martyn Phillips to write an article for the parish magazine encouraging residents to keep their gardens tidy ready.

125.5 Trees

It was Proposed Cllr Roger Jiggins, Seconded Cllr Dean West and unanimously Resolved to put together a programme of works needed on trees around the village and appoint a Tree Surgeon, at an estimated cost of £250/day, for two days to undertake this work.
Cllr Roger Jiggins to action.

125.6 Parish Plan Action Plan – Update (Cllr Adam Bulkeley)

In Cllr Adam Bulkeley's absence, members agreed to maintain a monitoring brief of the Action Plan to ensure issues are being looked at/ actioned. It was agreed to put this on the agenda every 6 months to monitor the progress of the Plan.

125.7 Quality Council Re-Accreditation

Clerk to investigate re-accreditation process and report back at the next meeting.

125.8 Location of new Dog Bins

Members agreed to locate an additional dog bin at the entrance to the Church, at the Shalford Road end.

It was further agreed to discuss the purchase of an additional bin at the next meeting (to be located on Dunmow Road, at the end of the 30mph limit signs).

06/126 FINANCE

126.1	£23.59	Just Lamps – Lighting Maintenance (Jan)
126.2	£363.44	Mrs Whiteside – Clerks Salary (Jan)
126.3	£19.39	Acumen – Wages Services (Jan)
126.4	£85.38	E-On Energy – Quarterly Energy Charge
126.5	£47.36	Anglia Sign Casting – Memorial Plaque
126.6	£60.00	Mr J. Metson – Dog Bin Posts
126.7	£165.00	Rayne Village Hall – Office Hire (Oct-Dec)
126.8	£90.00	All Saints – OSR Hire (Aug-Dec)
126.9	£6.00	All Saints – Electrical Equipment Testing

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

Village Hall: Office Hire – Proposal to purchase additional services instead of paying for hire to be discussed at the next meeting.

126.10 Grass Cutting

It was Proposed Cllr Harold Giles, Seconded Cllr Michael Bamford and unanimously Resolved to accept the quotations of £260 and £250 (ex.VAT) for servicing of the Scag mowers.

06/127 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

127.1 Circulation Folder

Cllr Martyn Phillips informed members of interesting/relevant items.

127.2 Health Issues

Written report by Cllr Ian MacNee noted.

127.3 Parish Office: Parish Councillor Surgeries

Members discussed the option of monthly Councillor surgeries in the Community Information Point and it was agreed there was not a need for this service as members of the public are able to attend the Public Forum at the beginning of each meeting to speak directly to Councillors.

127.4 Annual Parish Assembly

To be held on Monday, 21st May at 7:30 p.m. Clerk to invite the following speakers: School Council, Village Hall, District Cllr Banthorpe, Sgt Page and a representative from the Scout/Guides. Recipients for the Village Award were discussed and agreed.

It was also agreed to write to the village organisations requesting details of their year to put together a newsletter.

127.5 EALC Training Courses

Councillor Training Day - Cllr Dean West to attend.

Winning The Funding Game - No interest expressed.

Employment Issues - No interest expressed.

127.6 Civic Service - Chelmsford Cathedral

Invitation to attend a Service for Local Government - 27 April, 7:30pm. Cllrs are asked to contact the Clerk if they wish to attend.

127.7 Post Office Network - DTI Consultation

Cllr Michael Bamford agreed to peruse this consultation and report back to the Parish Council.

127.8 Local Infrastructure Organisations Roadshow

Tuesday 20th February, RCCE Offices, 6-9pm.

Cllrs are asked to contact the Clerk if they wish to attend.

06/128 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday, 5th March 2007.**

06/129 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

Signed: _____
CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____