

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 3rd JANUARY 2003

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Fish
Giles
Jiggins
Mrs Kukiewicz
Lees
MacNee
Meadows
Phillips
Mrs Roberts
Mrs Shepherd

In the Chair: Councillor Mrs Kukiewicz

Public: There were 5 members of the public present, including PC Harrington.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz opened the meeting by informing members of the recent death of Mr Tony Moore. Mr Moore had served this Parish Council well during his time as a Councillor, particularly with his involvement in various building projects.

02/145 PUBLIC FORUM

This is an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues of mutual interest or to question Councillors.

Builders Yard, School Road – Planning Application - Mr H Walker

Mr Walker informed the meeting that there had been similar development on two sites within close proximity to the yard. The units will be for light industrial use, together with one residential unit for use relating to the site.

13 Medley Road – Planning Application – Mr Ayre

Mr Ayre informed the meeting this application was to demolish existing and rebuild (to the same dimensions as neighbouring properties).

Cllr Jiggins advised Mr Ayre to seek clarification from BDC as to why planning consent was required.

Queenborough Lane – Proposed Closure – Mr Hawkes

Mr Hawkes informed the meeting he owns farmland on Queenborough Lane and is concerned that ECC are proposing to close the road whilst development of the new A120 is ongoing. He had attended a Police Meeting where the Police had stated they wish to have the road closed on safety grounds. He also believes ECC are putting pressure on the Police to shut the road due to the problems they are having with construction.

Cllr Jiggins stated this issue is on the agenda for further discussion.

Recycling – Mr Twyford

Mr Twyford informed the meeting of the problems he had experienced with BDC trying to ascertain a date for collection of recycling.

It was agreed Clerk to write to Mr Tattersley on this issue, and Cllr Meadows will also pursue.

Policing Issues – PC Nadine Harrington

PC Harrington informed the meeting that another warrant has been executed in this area and offences are being investigated. The police post box is now situated within the Post Office and is ready to organise the Police Surgeries within the village.

Cllrs asked PC Harrington the following:

- Information on the number of elderly being targeted.
- Drink driving figures over the Christmas period.
- Information on break-in figures.

PC Harrington stated this was her first night of duty following the Christmas break but agreed to research the information required.

Cllr Phillips suggested PC Harrington have information on incident rates, reported incidents and outcomes when attending the Surgeries.

02/146 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 Lees declared an interest in Item 152.3 due to his business interests.

02/147 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Wootton.

Cllr Jiggins informed the meeting that Cllr Wootton had become a Daddy for the second time last night – another Boy. Members present send their warmest congratulations and best wishes to the Wootton family on this happy occasion.

02/148 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER 2002

The minutes, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Lees. Seconded: Cllr MacNee.

02/149 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

149.1 Parking on Verge - Shalford Road

Cllr Jiggins asked if Cllr MacNee had found out the name of the owner of the vehicle parking on the verge on the corner of Shalford Road.

Cllr MacNee replied that the car had not parked on the verge since the last meeting.

02/150 BDC MATTERS

150.1 Planning Applications

(Councillors wishing to view plans should arrive at 7:15 p.m.)

02/02360/FUL – Oakville, Blake End, Dunmow Road

Erection of timber 3m x 3m wood summerhouse.

02/02159/FUL – 13 Medley Road

Replacement front porch and new side window.

It was agreed to Support the above applications but the Clerk to also write to Mr Crofts, BDC asking why permission is required.

02/02366/OUT – Builders Yard, School Road – Proposed mixed use development comprising demolition of existing buildings and construction of 3 new starter units and one flexible use unit for short-term residential letting or service accommodation for starter units.

Following a discussion on this application it was agreed to vote to Support the application:

For: 4 Against: 3 Abstentions: 3 (Cllrs Meadows, Jiggins & Lees).

The For vote was therefore carried to Support this application.

Queenborough Lane – To discuss development at Three Elms.

Cllr Jiggins stated that the majority of people living in this area would like to know the current situation. He added it appears that they are living in the upper storey of the garage and expressed concern at whether the existing bungalow will be pulled down.

Cllr added that the gates to the property are always locked and parking of vehicles on the road is dangerous. It also appears they may already be living in the new house. Cllr Meadows stated planning permission noted the bungalow should be demolished before occupying the new house and suggested the Parish Council ask the Enforcement Officer at BDC to check the current situation.

It was therefore agreed the Clerk to write to the Enforcement Officer.

150.2 Planning Results

The following applications are all GRANTED.

02/01815/FUL – 12B Brunwin Road – Erection of conservatory.

150.3 District Councillor Report

Report issued at the meeting.

02/151 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

151.1 Street Light Failures

Clerk stated No's 19 & 21 New Road have been reported again, informed by ECC there is a backlog but these lights are on the system.

Cllr MacNee added the lights reported at the last meeting are still not working, together with No's 19 & 23 Shalford Rd and No.5 Brunwin Road. He had spoken to ECC on the issue of non-repair.

Following discussion it was agreed Clerk to look at Service Contracts to discuss further at the next meeting.

151.2 Policing Issues

Letter from Inspector Wrigley read to the meeting. It was agreed to respond requesting a private meeting with Inspector Wrigley at his convenience to discuss policing within the village.

It was also agreed to proceed with the Police Surgeries – an evening surgery once a month in the Community Information Point.

151.3 Queenborough Lane

To discuss possible closure of road by Police.

Cllr Mrs Roberts stated she understood the need for a small closure whilst building of new A120 but the Parish Council must do everything possible to prevent a permanent closure. Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz added the Parish Council had unanimously agreed to keep the road open originally.

Following further discussion, it was agreed Clerk to write to Mr Forkin, ECC asking for an up-to-date report of the current situation, informing him this council view this road with the highest degree of importance. It was also agreed to write to Mr Walters.

151.4 LOIS Report

Cllr Jiggins informed the meeting the consultation period ends on the 31st January and he felt this would have more environmental impact than the expansion of Stansted Airport.

Due to the tight timescale it was agreed Cllrs to respond as individuals.

151.5 Flooding Problems in the Village

Queenborough Lane

Cllr Jiggins reported he had walked the length of the drainage and reported the owner of the cottage had undertaken some work. The water level is above the pipe so difficult to ascertain amount of flow. Pipe length is 35m and suspects weeping willow roots are growing in pipe. He suggested contacting BDC to inform them the ditch needs clearing.

Cllr Meadows stated he had spoken to Mr Hardy, BDC, who will inform Mr Stares with a view to getting the pipe removed and the ditch replaced.

Following discussion, it was agreed to:

- Write to Mr Hardy suggesting the pipe should be replaced with an open ditch but the ditch needs cleaning (by landowner). Inform him that several vehicles have been towed away, and damage has been caused to other properties where vehicles have tried to turn around.
- Write to Mr Everitt, ECC stating we understand from BDC that they have no powers but ECC do, can he clarify.

Jones of Rayne

Cllr Jiggins reported that Cllr Wootton felt this problem is partially caused by work on the new A120 (pipe under roundabout is backfilling from River Ter).

Clerk to contact Cllr Wootton asking for further details.

New Road

Cllr Jiggins stated the Parish Council should not accept information from Mr Wiltshire that nothing can be done and suggested contacting Highways asking them for the soak away on the Fritchway to be increased as a) the current soak away is not big enough and

b) there is sediment clogging it up and it is in need of replacement.

Clerk to write to Mr Wiltshire.

151.6 Sewage Pipe

Cllr MacNee reported that the pipe which runs from the village to the treatment works flooded on Boxing Day and asked that the Clerk write to Anglian Water regarding the flooding of raw sewage.

Cllr Jiggins stated residents putting storm water into sewage pipes have caused problems.

151.7 Vaughan Close - Road Sign

Cllr Mrs Fish reported that a resident had not found the sign following the demolition of the wall. As this had been the only sign, Clerk to inform BDC.

02/152 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

152.1 Skate Ramp

Report on Sub-Committee meeting held 19 December.

Cllr MacNee reported that Playdale had been awarded the contract for the equipment.

He added that WPC have started work on the site, and anticipated completion within a few days. WPC will also repair the fencing following vandalism and will install a swing gate – there will be an additional charge for the repair of the fence.

Cllr Phillips proposed a Chairman's Action on the requote by Playdale, in order to progress the project. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Shepherd and agreed by all.

Also, letter received from Village Hall Committee.

Following confusion over previous agreement, it was agreed Clerk to check previous correspondence for clarification before replying to the Village Hall Committee.

152.2 Ashes Memorial Wall

Cllr Jiggins reported he had received a verbal agreement to order the bricks, total cost is likely to be around £965.

Cllr Mrs Roberts proposed Cllr Jiggins proceed with ordering the bricks.

Seconded by Cllr Giles and agreed by all present.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz wished to record the thanks of this council to Cllr Jiggins for his hard work and dedication to this project.

152.3 Parish Council Web Site

Report issued by Cllr Lees containing the following proposals:

- That Rayne Parish Council now instruct scream.co.uk to establish the Internet Domain "rayne.gov.uk" if available (or "raynepc.gov.uk" as a second choice) with hosting of 20Mb of commercial web space and unlimited POP3 email accounts at an initial annual cost of £175 + VAT to be invoiced to the Council in the current year.
- That Rayne Parish Council invites local interests to apply to the Council with proposals for development and maintenance of the Parish Web Site on a no cost basis to the Council for 12 months using HTML or other such web development tools not incurring additional licensing costs to the Council.

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Roberts. Voted 9 For with 1 Abstention (Cllr Giles).

Also, to discuss the need for Anti Virus Software.

Report issued by Cllr Lees with a Proposal that the Parish Council obtain suitable Anti-Virus software at a cost not exceeding £49.99 + VAT.

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Shepherd, agreed by all present.

Win Broadband for your Community

Report issued by Cllr Lees. It was agreed that Cllr Lees take this issue forward.

152.4 Overgrown Tree - Medley Road

Cllr MacNee reported on an overgrown tree on the property of 7a Medley Road. The branches fall off in strong winds and the neighbours are concerned the whole tree may fall.

Cllr Jiggins suggested the residents contact Melvin Crow, BDC.

Cllr MacNee replied the residents had already done this and requested the Clerk write to BDC supporting the residents.

152.5 Footpath

Cllr Phillips reported that the footpaths opposite the Hairdressers in Brunwin Road, together with outside the Old Police House were becoming difficult to walk along due to the adjoining gardens growing over them. He subsequently agreed to talk to the owners of the properties.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz informed those present it was now 10:00pm and there was a need to decide on the following options (as per the Standing Orders):

1. Complete the Agenda
2. Agree to complete certain items from the agenda, carrying forward the remaining.
3. Carry forward all remaining items to February agenda

Option 2 was agreed, with Items 02/154 and 153.2. All remaining items to be covered at the start of the February meeting.

02/154

FINANCE

154.1	£20.33	Eastern Contracting - Lighting Maintenance
154.2	£72.76	British Telecom
154.3	£120.00	W,Know-Weir - Box Tombs
154.4	£140.71	Grasshopper - Mower Parts
154.5	£27.00	SLCC - 2003 Subscription
154.6	£32.00	All Saints - Hall Hire (Jul-Sept)

It was unanimously agreed to make these payment.

Proposed: Cllr Meadows. Seconded: Cllr MacNee.

Clerk to make comment to All Saints on the heating of the room during meetings, suggesting the Parish Council use the other room.

154.7 Signing of the Parish Council Precept

Following the advised level of Parish Support for the year 2003/2004, £4,688, the Clerk informed members of the effect of this on the proposed budget for that year.

Proposed Budget	27,900
Less Agency	2,400
Less expected Parish Support	4,688
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>20,812</u>

Band D equivalent (784)	26.55
Band D equivalent set at Precept	26.29

Following agreement of these figures, Cllrs Mrs Kukiewicz, MacNee and Lees signed the BDC Precept Form.

153.2 Parish Council Representative - Vacancy

To appoint a Councillor to the role of Village Hall Representative.

Cllr Mrs Fish informed the meeting that she did not feel she could undertake this role as her circumstances have changed since the last meeting.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz asked Cllr Giles if he would undertake this role as he already attends the Village Hall meetings as a committee member. Cllr Giles agreed.

FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

02/153 VILLAGE HALL

153.1 Parish Council/Village Hall Committee Liaison

To discuss relationship of Liaison Committee.

153.3 Playground equipment

To discuss the repair of play equipment.

02/155 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

155.1 Shaping the Future of Essex & Southend

Community Strategy Consultation – Workshop, 27 January

02/156 HEALTH ISSUES

Report by Cllr MacNee on recent meetings attended.

02/157 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Friday, 7th February 2003.**

Items for the agenda to the Clerk by Wednesday, 29th January.

02/158 OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

02/159 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:10 p.m.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL