

## RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2006

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

**Also in Attendance:** District Cllr Banthorpe  
4 members of the public

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Speeding (Queenborough Lane)** – A resident raised concern at the levels and speed of traffic using Queenborough Lane.

**District Councillor Report** – Cllr Banthorpe reported the following:

- Ø Weight Limit in Queenborough Lane – Approved by ECC.
- Ø Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Sheila Steer new co-ordinator for Rayne.
- Ø Village Postcard – Will be on sale via the Village Society shortly.

**Bakersfield Development** – A resident reported concern that the hedgerow between Phillips Close and the allotments was cut down to 2m by the developer – when assurances had been given previously that the hedge would remain and was protected. It was also reported that there had been a variation to the plans regarding the height of the buildings.

Councillors reported that the variation was for the installation of dormer windows not to the height of the buildings.

District Cllr Banthorpe agreed to look into this further on behalf of the resident.

**PARK** – Mr West reported that the playground would need to be closed during the refurbishment.

#### **05/110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr Harold Giles – Councillors wish him a speedy recovery.

#### **05/111 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2005**

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

##### **111.1 Consideration of the Minutes of the Precept Meeting held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Adam Bulkeley and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record.

#### **05/112 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Michael Bamford declared a Personal interest in Item 116.12 – PARK – as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Roger Jiggins declared a Personal interest in Item 113.1 – 05/02549/FUL – as he knew the applicants.

Cllr Joanne Fish declared a Personal interest in Item 115.3 – Enterprise Trading Estate – as a neighbouring resident.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, all Councillors remained in the meeting, unless stated otherwise, and took part in the discussion for all the above items and the vote thereon.

## **05/113 BDC MATTERS**

### **113.1 Planning Applications**

05/02549/FUL – Variation of condition 3 of application. 01/00251/COU to extend operation hours to 07.00 to 20.00 hours Monday to Saturday and 10.00 to 17.00 hours Sunday and Public Holidays.

It was Proposed Cllr Pat Roberts, Seconded Cllr Michael Bamford and carried 8 For, 2 Abstentions (Cllr Roger Jiggins/Cllr John Wootton) that the Parish Council Object to this application on the grounds that the hours should remain consistent with other business in the village.

### **113.2 Planning Results**

The following applications have been GRANTED:

05/01932/FUL – 1 The Ruskin's, New Road – Erection of two storey side and rear extension.

05/01997/FUL – 4 Gore Terrace – Erection of first floor rear extension and conversion of loft space.

**Bakersfield** – It was agreed to request District Cllr Banthorpe pursue this issue to confirm no changes were made to the height of the buildings.

## **05/114 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **114.1 Street Lighting**

Cllr Ian MacNee reported all lights working correctly.

### **114.2 Policing Issues**

Members noted that reports of drug taking implements are still being made in the village. It was agreed to invite PC Keaney to attend the next meeting.

### **114.3 Queenborough Lane – Speeding**

Letter received from a resident discussed – It was agreed to write to ECC requesting an on-site meeting to discuss speed calming along this road, especially in view of the two accidents over Christmas and numerous near misses that occur.

## **05/115 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT**

### **115.1 Footpaths**

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

### **115.2 Engaging with the Youth of the Village**

Information supplied on the possibility of receiving text messages as voice messages on the Parish Council landline – Clerk to check service compatibility and report back to the Council.

### **115.3 Enterprise Trading Estate**

Members raised concern at the current state of the area and were informed that the site has recently been sold for development – it was therefore agreed to await an application.

### **115.4 Outstanding Contribution Award**

It was agreed to set up a Working Party to agree nominations for this year's award, to be given out at the Annual Parish Assembly.

Working Party: Cllr Roger Jiggins, Cllr Kate Kukiewicz, Cllr Martyn Phillips, Cllr Pat Roberts and Cllr Diane Shepherd.

### **115.5 Foundry Site**

Response received from BDC Environmental Services noted.

Members noted that BDC have asked the developer for further information regarding contamination on the Brunwin Road site and it was agreed to await this report before any further action is taken.

### **115.6 Gore Corner - Ownership of Land**

Statutory Declaration of ownership - Approximate cost of between £600-£700 for Solicitor and Land Registry fees. It was Proposed Cllr Pat Roberts, Seconded Cllr John Wootton and unanimously Resolved to accept this expenditure figure in order to move the process on.

NB: Need to include the Bus Shelter in the declaration as this is also owned by the Parish Council.

### **115.7 Assistant Groundsman Vacancy**

Members noted problems filling this vacancy and it was agreed to advertise in the parish magazine and the Braintree & Witham Times.

Next Agenda - Update.

## **05/116 FINANCE**

116.1	£26.32	Just Lamps - Lighting Maintenance (Dec)
116.2	£352.73	Mrs Whiteside - Clerks Salary (Dec)
116.3	£17.63	Acumen - Wages Services (Dec)
116.4	£340.30	Mr Peake - Groundsman (Aug-Oct)
116.5	£66.00	Mr Peake - Petrol
116.6	£29.38	F.A. Jiggins & Son - Consumables
116.7	£65.14	B.T. - Line Rental & Call Charges
116.8	£62.81	Banner - Stationery
116.9	£38.11	Finch & Seaman - Village Pump Top
116.10	£380.70	Mr J Metson - Village Pump Fleur de Lys
116.11	£1110.50	Mr J Metson - Village Pump Fencing

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

### **116.12 Village Hall**

- Ø Drainage - It was proposed Cllr Roger Jiggins, Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd and unanimously Resolved to allocate the monies set aside in the 2006/2007 precept for the Footpath (£1,750), together with the Footpath earmarked reserve fund (£10,500) to allow for the whole drainage system works to be undertaken.
- Ø CCTV - It was Proposed Cllr John Wootton, Seconded Cllr Ian MacNee and unanimously Resolved to the release of the grant monies to allow the system to be ordered.
- Ø PARK - Topsoil - Cllr John Wootton reported there would be a need for a Waste Operators Licence as soon as the topsoil is taken off-site. It was therefore agreed the most practical solution is to find somewhere to dispose of the topsoil on-site.
- Ø PARK - It was Proposed Cllr Roger Jiggins, Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd and unanimously Resolved to the appointment of a Solicitor for a Charge being put on the Playground Land so that it cannot be sold during the life of the new equipment (subject to the wording being approved by the Council).

### **116.13 Burial Ground**

This item superseded by Item 116.12 – Topsoil – above.

**116.14 Rayne Village Society**

Request for grant funding received (due to deadline for Precept applications missed) – Members agreed not to consent to this request so as not to set a precedent for other village organisations.

**116.15 Service of Equipment**

Quotations for the winter service of the two PC mowers received: £376.16 and £310.47 – It was Proposed Cllr Pat Roberts, Seconded Cllr Adam Bulkeley and unanimously Resolved to accept these quotations.

Cllr Roger Jiggins reported a quote for repairs to the strimmer and service of the hedge trimmer are also required.

**05/117 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS**

**117.1 Circulation Folder**

Cllr Phillips informed members of interesting/relevant items.

**117.2 Health Issues**

Cllr Ian MacNee reported on the new Farleigh Hospice.

**117.3 Standing Orders**

It was Proposed Cllr Ian MacNee, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously Resolved to adopt the amendment to Standing Order No.34.

**117.4 Proposals for the Reconfiguration of Cancer Services in Essex**

Consultation received – Cllr Ian MacNee to peruse.

**117.5 Commissioning a Patient-Led NHS**

Consultation received – Cllr Kate Kukiewicz to peruse.

**117.6 Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Report**

Provisional date – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 7:30pm in the Old School Room.

Format – Invite School Council, Parish Ranger, PARK, PC Keaney and Neighbourhood Watch to attend.

Annual Report – Items for inclusion to Cllr Martyn Phillips ready to approve draft at next meeting.

**05/118 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006.**

**05/119 CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_