

**RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2007**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Michael Bamford  
Adam Bulkeley  
Joanne Fish  
Harold Giles  
Roger Jiggins  
Kate Kukiewicz  
Ian MacNee  
Martyn Phillips  
Pat Roberts  
Dean West

**Also in Attendance:** District Councillor Banthorpe  
Paul Richards – BDC Community Warden  
Mrs Whiteside – Clerk  
Fritchway Ranger (part)

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**BDC – Community Wardens:** Paul Richards introduced himself as the Warden for the village (shared with Great Notley). He has already undertaken various patrols within the village and was looking to work closely with the Parish Council and the Community. Councillors thanked Mr Richards for his attendance and expressed an interest in accompanying him on his patrols of the village.

**District Cllr Report:** District Cllr Banthorpe reported:

- Ø Part of the hedge alongside the Bakersfield Development was removed for the installation of an amenities control box.
- Ø Springbank Meadow, School Road – The building has been removed as per the Planning Enforcement notice.

**06/109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Pat Roberts.

**06/110 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Ian MacNee and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

**110.1 Consideration of the Minutes of the Precept Meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

Following an amendment to Item 91.3, it was Proposed Cllr Harold Giles, Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

**06/111 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**06/112 BDC MATTERS**

**112.1 Planning Applications**

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Adam Bulkeley and unanimously Resolved to support the following application:

06/02268/FUL – Villa Farm, School Road – Proposed lighting for horse exercise area.

The Clerk and District Cllr Banthorpe left the meeting during the discussion of the next application.

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

06/02518/FUL – 19 Elm Walk – Erection of two storey side extension.

**For Info: Applications Determined by Planning Sub-Committee**

None.

**112.2 Planning Results**

The following applications have been GRANTED:

06/02011/COU – Whelley Cottage, School Road – Change of use from agricultural to garden and installation of wind turbine.

06/01839/FUL – Former Granary, Station Road – Demolition of existing Mill building and erection of 14 houses and attendant garages.

06/01897/LBC – Bowmans, 25 The Street – Installation of boiler in kitchen. Removal of boiler from inglenook fire place in dining room.

The following application has been REFUSED:

06/01919/FUL – Winsford, School Road – Erection of storage building for gardening machinery.

**Springbank Meadows, School Road:** Erection of stable – Appeal dismissed and the grant of planning permission refused.

Members were pleased to note that the building has been removed.

Hazelmere Farm, Dunmow Road – Members were concerned that airport parking may have resumed in a number of the barns. Clerk to contact BDC Planning Enforcement requesting further investigation.

**06/113 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**113.1 Street Lighting**

All lamps working.

**113.2 Policing Issues**

Flitchway

It was Proposed Cllr Adam Bulkeley, Seconded Cllr Roger Jiggins and unanimously Resolved to adjourn the meeting to allow the Flitchway Ranger to speak. Meeting reconvened. It was noted that:

- Ø Vehicles are gaining access onto the Flitchway.
- Ø The gates are not being locked – on the instruction of ECC Head of Parks, Rodney Bass.
- Ø The Parish Council supports the action of the Ranger in locking the gates at night, when horse riders will not be using the Flitchway.
- Ø It is believed that firearms are being used from the Bridge, which is a grave concern to the Parish Council.
- Ø Driving of vehicles is undermining all the good work undertaken over the past two years following resurfacing.
- Ø Residents are urged to report every incident witnessed to the Police.

It was agreed to write to County Cllr Walters requesting that this issue of the gate closure be further investigated.

**113.3 Parking Issues Around the Village**

Following increasing problems with parking throughout the village, it was agreed to request a meeting with the Police to discuss possible solutions.

Shalford Road – Following reports of a high number of vehicle accidents on this stretch of road, it was agreed to request a further site meeting with ECC.

**06/114 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT**

**114.1 Oak Meadow Proposal**

It was noted that, at the public meeting, there was support for gaining control of the field, but residents felt wary of further development on part of the land.

It was agreed to respond to the Land Agent indicating that the Parish Council would support a development involving affordable housing on the land indicated, subject to a S106 Agreement that the remaining 12.5 acres is gifted to the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Roger Jiggins. Seconded: Cllr Ian MacNee.

Motion Carried – 8 For, 2 Against.

**114.2 Village Hall**

Update on the Feasibility Study – Members were concerned that this issue has not progressed and it was agreed to write to the Village Hall Committee requesting an update.

**114.3 Voluntary List of Vulnerable People**

Following on from the Village of the Year presentation, it was agreed to put together a confidential record of vulnerable residents, for use in emergencies.

Cllr Diane Shepherd agreed to draft a report for the Parish Magazine.

**114.4 Consultation with Business**

Only three responses received – Cllr Martyn Phillips agreed to contact.

**06/115 FINANCE**

115.1	£23.59	Just Lamps – Lighting Maintenance (Dec)
115.2	£363.44	Mrs Whiteside – Clerks Salary (Dec)
115.3	£19.39	Acumen – Wages Services (Dec)
115.4	£52.49	BT – Call Charges/Line Rental
115.5	£418.30	Chelmsford Safety Supplies – Litter Picking Equipment
115.6	£274.70	Banner - Stationery

It was Proposed Cllr Michael Bamford, Seconded Cllr Adam Bulkeley and unanimously Resolved to make the above payments.

**06/116 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS**

**116.1 Circulation Folder**

Cllr Martyn Phillips informed members of interesting/relevant items.

**116.2 Health Issues**

Cllr Ian MacNee gave a brief verbal update on current issues.

**116.3 EALC Training Courses**

Ø Election Training Day – Wed 31 Jan – £50/delegate

Ø Funding Game – Thurs 1 Mar – £20/delegate

Councillors to contact the Clerk if they wish to attend.

**To agree the exclusion of 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.**

**Proposed: Cllr Kate Kukiewicz. Seconded: Cllr Adam Bulkeley. Resolved.**

Whilst the following item of business was discussed in private session, it does not contain any confidential information and is therefore admissible in the public domain.

06/117

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS**

To further discuss and agree employment issues relating to:

Ø Employment Status - Groundsman & Deputy Groundsman

Following advice received from the Inland Revenue it was Resolved to retain the existing Groundsman on a Self-Employed contract and offer the position of Deputy Groundsman as a Self-Employed post.

Proposed: Cllr Diane Shepherd. Seconded: Cllr Ian MacNee.

Motion Carried - 9 For, 1 Abstention (Cllr Roger Jiggins).

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

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**CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 21:40.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

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