

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 2nd JULY 2007**

PRESENT: Councillor Michael Bamford
Adam Bulkeley
Harold Giles
Roger Jiggins
Ian MacNee
Martyn Phillips
Pat Roberts
Diane Shepherd
Dean West

Also in Attendance: District Councillor Banthorpe
5 Members of the Public
Mrs Jessica Dawson – Acting Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

District Councillor Report - Cllr Banthorpe reported a residents concern over the new Mobile Library times and advised the Parish Council of Braintree District Council's High Sheriff Awards.

07/38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None.

**07/39 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 4th June 2007**

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

07/40 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Martin Phillips and Cllr Roger Jiggins declared a Personal Interest in item 41 (Co-Option), as they knew an applicant.

Cllr Mike Bamford and Cllr Dean West declared a Personal Interest in item 44.1 (Village Hall Matters), 44.3 (Gore Triangle) and 45.13 (Village Hall Insurance) as members of the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Mike Bamford also declared a Personal Interest in item 43.7 (Hance Lane Parking) as an affected resident.

Cllr Pat Roberts declared a Personal Interest in item 45.6 (EALC payment) as an employee.

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.

07/41 COUNCILLOR VACANCY - CO-OPTION

Cllr Martin Phillips left the room due to a Personal & Prejudicial Interest and Cllr Pat Roberts accepted the role of Chair for this item.

A secret ballot took place as per Standing Order No.34, following which Chris Doré and Keith Rawlings were Co-opted.

Both signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the table as Councillors.

07/42

BDC MATTERS

42.1 Planning Applications

None.

For Info: Applications Determined by Planning Sub-Committee

None.

42.2 Planning Results

The following application has been GRANTED:

07/00678/FUL – 6 Warner Close – Conservatory/sunroom.

The following application has been WITHDRAWN:

07/00891/FUL – Oakdene, Dunmow Road – Construction of vehicular access.

The following application has been REFUSED:

07/00611/COU – Pudneys Farm, Shalford Road – Retention of outdoor display area for children's play equipment.

Clerk to request reasons for refusal.

07/43

ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

43.1 Street Lighting

Lights - The light at Greenacres was reported and the hedges are overgrown. Clerk to inform ECC.

Lighting along Phillips Close/The Street footpath - Clerk to order the bollards and installation. A pothole was reported near the traffic lights on Gore Road.

43.2 Policing Issues

Cllr Adam Bulkeley reported on the recent Cluster meeting in which the Police Authority requested residents to be vigilant and be encouraged to report problems and gain incident numbers.

An article will be placed in the parish magazine to encourage this.

The local Inspector to be invited to attend the next meeting for an update of incidents.

Reported problems – Stoneways trellis is down and the bus stop sign outside Barrack Yard is on the ground with the sign missing.

43.3 Gore Triangle - Update

A written request asking for confirmation of additional information required to be able to proceed has been sent with no reply yet received.

43.4 Speeding within the Village - 30mph Adhesive Signs

Response from ECC indicating they will research the option of this initiative.

43.5 Church Lane Repairs

Cllr Harold Giles is obtaining quotes for two options. Cllr Chris Doré will forward some contractors details.

43.6 Village Footpaths/Pavements

Many footpaths are in desperate need of repair and the Parish Council agreed to request a site meeting with ECC to survey repairs needed.

It was reported that parking on the footpath outside the Barnards development is still a problem – It was agreed to inform local residents of the problem (Cllr Ian MacNee to action).

43.7 Parking – Hance Lane – Cllr Adam Bulkeley

Parking problems on the greensward at the end of Hance Lane have been reported. This area is communal parking and is maintained by the residents.

It was agreed to gain BDC's views and add this concern to a site meeting with ECC. It was also agreed for this area to be included into the Village Design Statement.

07/44 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

44.1 Village Hall Matters

Drink Prohibition Order - Cllr Dean West reported an incident diary is being kept with report forms being completed and logged - Cllrs to be provided with a copy of form. Proof of offences is required before an order can be enforced. An alternative would be to apply for a Public Area Restriction.

It was agreed to ask the Groundsman to record bottle litter collection amounts.

Rayne Village Fete – Cllrs agreed to man the C.I.P for the duration.

Skate Ramp Theft – It was agreed to postpone this item till the next meeting.

44.2 Mobile Library Service

Concerns over time changes discussed – new timetable will miss Primary School finish time. Clerk to forward concerns to ECC.

44.3 Refuse Vehicle Hire

Concerns were reported over a clash of hirers and the Refuse lorry times. Clerk to liaise with the Village Hall Committee over bookings to avoid future disruption.

The Parish Council could seek an alternative site location and request refuse lorry weights to monitor use.

07/45 FINANCE

45.1	£23.59	Just Lamps – Lighting Maintenance (June)
45.2	£363.44	Mrs Whiteside – Clerks Salary (June)
45.3	£19.39	Acumen – Wages Services (June)
45.4	£47.00	Rayne Village Hall – Holiday Toilets
45.5	£23.12	BDC – Uncontested Election Costs
45.6	£50.00	EALC – Training Course
45.7	£330.00	Rayne Village Hall – CIP Hire (Jan-Jun)
45.8	£50.00	Mr Hockley – Internal Audit Fee
45.9	£550.00	JTL Carpentry – School Notice Board
45.10	£65.78	BT – Line/Call Charges
45.11	£64.57	Just Lamps – Call Out/Repair (Lamp 9012)
45.12	£66.23	Just Lamps – Call Out/Repair (Lamp 9011)

It was proposed Cllr Ian MacNee, Seconded Mike Bamford and unanimously Resolved to make the above payments.

45.13 Village Hall – Insurance

It was reported a new insurance provider had been accepted and all equipment is now covered. Next Meeting: To discuss the Village Hall Committee request for funding of £159.80 to cover this additional insurance charge.

07/46 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

46.1 Circulation Folder

Cllr Martyn Phillips informed members of interesting and relevant items. It was agreed to send thanks to Kate Kukiewicz for arranging the flowers entered at the Church Flower Festival on behalf of the Parish Council.

46.2 Health Issues

Nothing to report.

46.3 Affordable Housing – Meeting with Flagship Housing Group

Monday 9th July, 7:00 p.m. in the C.I.P.

46.4 Stansted Generation2 – Rail Schemes Consultation

BAA Consultation for response by 31 July 2007.

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 Roger Jiggins. Seconded: Cllr Dean West. Resolved.

Whilst the following items of business were discussed in private session, they do not contain any confidential information and are therefore admissible in the public domain.

The Acting Clerk left the meeting during the discussion due to being an applicant.

07/47 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Dean West and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 18 June 2007 and the recommendations of the Committee.

07/48 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 6th August 2007.

07/49 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Signed: _____
CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____