

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8th MAY 2006

PRESENT: Councillor Michael Bamford
Adam Bulkeley
Jo Fish
Harold Giles
Roger Jiggins
Kate Kukiewicz
Ian MacNee
Martyn Phillips
Pat Roberts
Diane Shepherd

Also in Attendance: Mrs Whiteside – Clerk
District Councillor Banthorpe
9 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

Planning Application 06/00834/FUL – A representative from Knights Development, together with the architect, attended to give a brief overview of the application. They reported that currently work is progressing to remove the asbestos on the site; they have not started the demolition process. Residents and Councillors raised concerns regarding the working hours during the construction, choice of materials to be used and the birds nesting on the site.

Planning Application 06/00806/FUL – The owners gave a brief report on the application

Planning Application 06/00500/FUL – The owner gave a brief report on the application.

PARK – The groundwork's are almost complete and the project is on schedule for the new installation. The grand opening will take place on 18th June and the Parish Council is invited to have a stall at the Fete. Members agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

District Councillor Report – Cllr Banthorpe reported the following:

- Ø Fairview Development – The appeal hearing has been set for July.
- Ø Shalford Road Council Houses – BDC have confirmed these houses will be put back into the housing stock as two separate houses.

06/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was Proposed Cllr Kate Kukiewicz, Seconded Cllr Harold Giles and unanimously Resolved to re-elect Cllr Martyn Phillips as Chairman, who subsequently signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

11.1 Election of Vice- Chairman

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Roger Jiggins and unanimously Resolved to appoint Cllr Pat Roberts as Vice-Chairman.

06/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr John Wootton and County Cllr Walters.

06/00817/FUL – The Old Nursery, Gate House, Rayne Road – Erection of conservatory.
It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Adam Bulkeley and unanimously Resolved to Support this application.

06/00834/FUL – Former Granary, Station Road – Demolition of existing Mill building and erection of 14 houses and attendant garages.

Members agreed this was an acceptable design and it was therefore Proposed Cllr Roger Jiggins, Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd and unanimously Resolved to Support the application – comment to be made regarding the selection of materials and the loss of nesting boxes.

18.2 Planning Results

The following applications have been GRANTED:

06/00129/FUL – Builders Yard, School Road – Erection of single storey office building.

06/00138/FUL – Millfields, School Road – Erection of two storey extension and conservatory.

06/00110/FUL – Common Farm, Long Lane – Erection of two storey side extension.

06/00355/FUL – 6 Leyfields – First floor rear extension.

06/00514/TPOCON – Rayne Hall – Fell 8 trees.

18.3 Inconsistency of Planning Decisions

Response received from BDC offering to meet to discuss the local planning issues. It was agreed to arrange this asap.

18.4 Fairview New Homes – Planning Appeal

Invitation to attend appeal hearing on 11/12 July – Cllrs to inform the Clerk if they are able to attend.

18.5 Determination of Planning Applications

Following information received from BDC that they are unable to offer extensions to application comment dates, it was agreed the Council require a policy for making comments on applications where the deadline falls between meetings.

Following discussion it was Proposed Cllr Pat Roberts, Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd and unanimously Resolved to delegate powers to comment on applications to the Planning Sub-Committee unless it is deemed necessary to have a separate meeting. In which case, Cllr Harold Giles as the Chair of the Sub-Committee has the power to call such a meeting.

06/19 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

19.1 Street Lighting

No lights reported as out of action.

19.2 Policing Issues

Response received from Essex Police indicating that PC Keaney will continue to be our named contact officer until a replacement is appointed.

It was agreed to invite a representative to the Cluster Meeting to discuss rural policing.

19.3 Street Scene Partnership 2006/07

It was Proposed Cllr Ian MacNee, Seconded Cllr Diane Shepherd and unanimously Resolved to sign the Street Cleansing Agreement.

19.4 Queenborough Lane – Speeding

Response received from Essex Police stating that there have been no reported collisions on this section of road and they will not be raising the priority of enforcement, as this will take resources from other locations.

It was agreed to respond that the Parish Council are disappointed and concerned that a recent RTA, attended by Officers, was not reported.

19.5 Home to School Transport – Use of Queenborough Lane

Response received from ECC stating that the route was walked by officers in December 2000 and was deemed 'available'. It is therefore anticipated that the route will be re-inspected in 18 months.

It was agreed to respond that further to extensive development in this area, together with increased traffic flow and future projected development, the Parish Council consider the re-inspection should be brought forward by 12 months.

06/20

RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

20.1 Gore Corner – Ownership of Land

Information received from Cllr John Wootton that he is currently undertaking the Land Registry searches and hopes to have this information available at the next meeting.

20.2 Protected Verges – Update

Initial email response received from Mr Tabor, stating he will contact us as soon as he has a more substantial report to make.

It was agreed to send a further letter on this issue.

20.3 Dog Fouling

It was agreed to purchase posts for additional signage at Bakersfield, Barrack Yard and the allotments. It was further agreed to purchase dog bins for Barrack Yard and the allotments.

20.4 Storage for Rayne Youth Football Club

Following a request for a storage container on the Playing Field, BDC have advised that a Change of Use application would be required and as the area is adjacent to a Conservation Area the potential impact on the views would be considered.

It was agreed to inform the Football Club of the above and that the Parish Council would not support such an application.

Village Hall & Playing Field – Members were informed that two grants have been received: for the feasibility study for the hall and for the installation of a kicking wall/basketball net. Councillors congratulated the Village Hall and Cllr Ian MacNee for their success and it was agreed to discuss the match funding for the basketball net at the next meeting.

20.5 Flitch Way Gates

Response received from Matt Wilson indicating that the Rangers have received no complaints following the installation of the gates.

Clerk to thank Matt for his response and request the issue be raised at the next Flitch Way Liaison Meeting.

06/21

FINANCE

21.1	£23.59	Just Lamps – Lighting Maintenance (Apr)
21.2	£363.44	Mrs Whiteside – Clerks Salary (Apr)
21.3	£19.39	Acumen – Wages Services (Apr)
21.4	£72.57	E-On Energy – Quarterly Energy Charge
21.5	£354.59	EALC – Annual Subscription
21.6	£239.88	Nitrex Ltd – Annual Broadband Service
21.7	£1,095.43	Allianz Cornhill – Parish Council Insurance
21.8	£1,473.43	Duotec – Hand Dryers/Extractor Fan (Village Hall)
21.9	£9,348.30	ClearView Communications – CCTV (Village Hall)
21.10	£9,400.00	E.J.Taylor – Sewer Connection (Interim Payment)
21.11	£333.66	Mr Peake – Groundsman (Nov05-Mar06)
21.12	£59.00	Mr Peake – Petrol

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

Two additional invoices received for payment (under standing order No.46(c)):

£228.94 Allianz Cornhill – Mower Insurance

£7,755.00 E.J.Taylor – Sewer Connection (Final Payment)

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

06/22 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

22.1 Circulation Folder

Information noted.

22.2 Health Issues

Cllr Ian MacNee reported on the Local Health Group Meeting at St. Michaels Hospital and updated members on the progress.

22.3 Rural Communities Development Fund 2007

Guidelines and application form for 2006/7 funding – It was agreed to discuss possible projects and match funding at the next meeting.

22.4 Cluster Meeting – 8th June 2006 at Gt Notley

Clerk to email details to Councillors.

06/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 5th June 2006.**

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – Monday, 22nd May @ 7:30pm.

06/24 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:55 p.m.

Signed: _____

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____