

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER 2002

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

In the Chair: Councillor Mrs Kukiewicz

02/105 PUBLIC FORUM

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

There were no members of the public present.

02/106 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.

None.

02/107 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Lees and Mrs Roberts.

02/108 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER 2002

Cllr Meadows requested the following amendments be made:

Item 95.3 – Number of cars stated was 12, not 16.

Item 103.3 – Related to Capel Road, not Capel Close.

(A further discussion took place regarding the Sycamore Tree and it was agreed the Clerk to write to British Telecom requesting they cut the tree).

Following these amendments, the minutes were agreed and subsequently signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Meadows. Seconded: Cllr Mrs Shepherd.

02/109 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

02/110 BDC MATTERS

110.1 Planning Applications

It was agreed No Comments be made on the following applications.

02/01931/LBC – 78 Shalford Road – Removal of failed cement based pebble-dashed outer surface, replace with painted rough render to front wall only.

A120 Stansted to Braintree – Landscape Design.

0201983/FUL – 3 Smithsfield – Erection of single storey rear conservatory extension.

NB: Resident had subsequently received a letter from BDC informing them that planning permission was not required for this extension.

110.2 Planning Results

The following applications are all GRANTED.

02/01600/FUL – Millstone, School Road – Side Conservatory.

02/01533/FUL – Broadfields Bungalow, Dunmow Road – Conservatory.

02/01577/FUL – 56 Shalford Road – Rear conservatory and proposed loft conversion.

02/01520/ECC – Rayne Sewage Treatment Works – Construction of GRP Kiosks to house Electrical Control Equipment for the treatment plant.

02/01714/TPOCON – Lenmore Cottage, 2 The Street – Reshape 2 hawthorns.

02/01708/TPO – 16 Medley Road – Fell 1 crab apple.

Cllr Meadows informed the meeting that following a report from a resident that Fargo Coaches are operating outside of their conditions, he had spoken to the Enforcement Officer and proceedings were taking place.

110.3 District Councillor Report

Report attached to agenda.

Noted.

02/111 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

111.1 Street Light Failures

Nothing to report.

111.2 Village Green Footpath

Design and estimate received from ECC.

Information issued – 24Seven had quoted a figure of £7,000 if there was a need to lower/divert an 11kV cable on the route south of the War Memorial. May Gurney's estimate for the construction of the footpath was £22,876.

Following discussion it was agreed the Clerk to contact 24Seven to clarify the location of the cable and what sort of cover they require for their underground cables.

To discuss further at the Precept meeting.

111.3 New Road Flooding Problem

Cllr Giles reported that he had received complaints that water is building up along New Road following heavy rain, due to the new drainage blocks being above road level.

Cllr MacNee added that ECC had stated at the time of construction, that the road would be resurfaced.

Clerk to write to ECC reminding them of this and asking when the resurfacing will be undertaken, informing them that the road floods as the water does not drain away in the new blocks.

111.4 Street Naming

To discuss the attached letter received from BDC.

Cllr Jiggins informed the meeting that the house in question was at the end of Gore Lane, approached via Gore Lane. The postal address is Gore Lane and all surrounding houses are listed

as Gore Lane. The Gore refers to the area of houses built on the northern end where the pond used to be.

Members present were in agreement that this address is Gore Lane.

111.5 Rectory Lane

Cllr Giles reported that the potholes in Rectory Lane had been filled in the previous day (although he was unsure who had undertaken the work).

02/112 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

112.1 Skate Ramp

Notes from Sub-Committee meeting attached.

Cllr MacNee reported that the Sub-Committee had selected Westside Plant & Construction to undertake the ground works (in tarmac). They have offered a start date of early January with the work expected to take approximately one week.

Cllr MacNee added he had submitted a funding application to the Community Safety Partnership Fund Group (for £18k, but with breakdowns if 75%, 50% or 25% were granted). The group meet on the 8th November.

Cllr Giles requested a vote of thanks to Cllr MacNee for his hard work and dedication to this project. This was unanimously agreed by all present.

Following further discussion, this item to be put on the December agenda when members will need to decide what equipment to purchase.

112.2 Bridleway Link from Rayne to Gt. Notley - Update

Letter attached to agenda.

Members were disappointed that ECC appear to be no further forward in terms of negotiations with the landowners.

112.3 War on Waste Consultation

To discuss a council response to the consultation.

Cllr Jiggins reported that it is highly unlikely Essex will have enough waste to sustain incineration, hence will import waste from elsewhere to maximise incinerator use. He feels the Parish Council should not support any option that involves incineration.

Cllr Meadows reported that BDC have rejected all the options and will put forward their own. (Cllr Meadows will copy this report for Cllrs).

It was agreed that following this information being received, the Clerk to write supporting BDC's views.

112.4 Stansted Airport Expansion

To discuss a council response to the consultation. Councillors are asked to refer to the BDC information already received.

Following lengthy discussion on this subject, Cllr Kukiewicz suggested that as Cllrs were unable to come to a collective agreement of response, members would be better served making individual responses.

112.5 Refuse Lorry

To agree a timetable of dates for 2003.

It was agreed to hire the refuse lorry four times in 2003, with the first visit being in January. (Clerk to look at booking the remaining three near public bank holidays).

112.6 Joint Youth Worker with Gt. Notley

To discuss joint funding options for a joint Youth Worker.

Cllr Jiggins reported this idea had been discussed at the Cluster Meeting and was being looked into initially by Gt. Notley Parish Council.

Following discussion, it was agreed the Clerk to inform Gt. Notley that Rayne would be unable to take part in this project.

112.7 Ashes Memorial Wall

Cllr Jiggins reported that it is hoped the Diocese will make a decision on the 19th November.

02/113 FINANCE

113.1	£20.33	Eastern Contracting - Lighting Maintenance
113.2	£44.40	TXU Energi - Quarterly Energy Charge
113.3	£24.11	Concisely - Print Cartridge
113.4	£64.90	BDC - Code of Conduct Joint Publication Fee
113.5	£30.00	All Saints Church - OSR Hire
113.6	£254.25	Mr Peake - Groundsman (Sept)
113.7	£50.00	Mr Peake - Petrol
113.8	£37.00	EALC - Training Course
113.9	£150.00	Rayne Village Hall - Office Hire (Jul-Sep)

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Roberts, Cllr MacNee checked the invoices.

Following this he proposed they be agreed for payment. Seconded by Cllr Jiggins and agreed by all present.

02/114 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

114.1 Parish Council/Village Hall Committee Liaison

Report on meeting held 28th October.

Minutes not yet received, but Clerk will issue to Cllrs on receipt.

Cllr Jiggins reported that rising damp had been discussed; he had subsequently looked at the hall and could report that this was not rising damp. It was caused by water coming from a leaking gutter, and the infill on the steps bridging the DPC. However, it would still cost to put right. Cllr Meadows reported that he has discussed letting/hiring conditions with the Landlord of The Swan. He has described his opinion of the bar area shortcomings.

Cllr Jiggins added the V.Hall Committee had said they were willing to meet with the Landlord and the PC need to wait for the outcome of this meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed, with the following comments made:

- In common with many village halls, just covering running costs, not covering maintenance costs.
- Lots of competing facilities, some much better. Also competition from within the village.
- Hiring Officer does not take bookings after 6pm. Are they getting any feedback from hirers?
- Depends on volunteers. Both Mr Fleming and Mr Ottè undertake a large amount of maintenance and administration.

Cllr Jiggins added the discussion at the Precept will be difficult. There is a need for the PC and Village Hall Committee to work together to make changes that will make the Village Hall a more business like operation.

This item to be discussed at the Precept Meeting.

114.2 Cluster Meeting

Minutes attached to agenda.

Cllr Jiggins stated this was the most interesting Cluster meeting he had attended.

Cllr Meadows reported that although Mr Crofts had stated a planning application for the Foundry was imminent, the situation is still the same. (Two sides of the site still owned by two separate bodies).

Cllr Jiggins added that Mr Crofts had mentioned a Design Brief and a Public Consultation for the Foundry.

He suggested the Clerk write to Mr Crofts requesting the consultation be held in the Community Information Point, and to also remind him the PC are interested in a 106 Agreement.

114.3 A120 Public Exhibition Feedback Meeting

Report on meeting held 15th October.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz stated this was a most productive meeting.

Cllr MacNee added it was a fair progress report and there is still time to put forward suggestions for the old A120.

Clerk to write to Mr Forkin asking that the next round of consultation be held in Rayne.

114.4 Flitch Way Liaison Group Meeting

Next meeting - Monday, 4th November 7:00pm at Rayne Station Centre.

Cllrs Jiggins, Meadows, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Fish agreed to attend.

114.5 BDC Flood Meeting

Monday, 25th November 10am-12noon, Causeway House.

Cllr Meadows agreed to attend.

114.6 Police & Community Consultative Group Meeting

Tuesday, 12th November 7:30pm, Braintree Town Hall Centre.

Cllrs Jiggins and Giles will be attending.

114.7 Traffic Management Liaison Group Meeting

Cllr MacNee informed those present he will be attending the above meeting. Cllrs requested that he ask for the following items to be placed on the agenda:

- Resurfacing of New Road.
- Repair of Speed Bumps - The Street.

02/115 HEALTH ISSUES

Report by Cllr MacNee on recent meetings attended.
Nothing to report.

02/116 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Precept meeting will be on **Friday, 15th November 2002.**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Friday, 6th December.**
Items for the agenda to the Clerk by Wednesday, 27th November.

02/117 OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

117.1 Damage to Trees - Village Green

Cllr Jiggins reported he had received an indication of costs of treework (between £400-£600). However, he had also spoken to Melvin Crow, BDC, who will be writing to the Clerk recommending that all three trees be pollarded back to the main trunk.

Cllr Jiggins added although the trees are moderately safe at present, the situation could change with more high winds.

Following a discussion on the next course of action, Cllr Jiggins to contact Mr Crow suggesting one tree be felled, and the other two be pollarded. Following this Cllr Jiggins to contact the tree climber to proceed with the work.

Proposed: Cllr Giles. Seconded: Cllr Mrs Shepherd. Agreed by all.

117.2 Best Kept Village Competition

Clerk to contact the organisers requesting feedback and points awarded.

117.3 Village Hall Representative - Vacancy

It was agreed to place this item on the December agenda.

117.4 Vandalism

Cllr Meadows reported that youngsters are gaining access to the Foundry site and he has also received complaints of windows being broken.

117.5 Electricity

Cllr Meadows reported there was still a few homes in the village without power following the previous weekend's high winds.

117.8 Community Information Point

Cllr Meadows had attended a recent meeting where he had been given an undertaking of funding for a further year. He was also informed ECC will produce a flyer for inclusion in the parish magazine and they will also be funding a 6 month advert.

Clerk to speak to Mike Shaw regarding the flyer.

02/118 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.

Signed: _____

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____