

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER 2003

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

Also in Attendance: Mrs Melanie Whiteside - Clerk
District Cllr Roger Walters
Mr Peter Tattersley - Environmental Services, BDC
Cllr Miles Howarth - Chairman, Little Waltham PC
4 Members of the Public

03/103 PUBLIC FORUM

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

103.1 High Diversity Refuse Collection

Mr Tattersley apologised for the problems experienced in Rayne over the introduction of the new Refuse Collection. He stated that BDC have 40,000 new wheelie bins to deliver and that the manufacturers were unable to cope with such a high demand.

Various issues were raised by councillors including the following:

- Missed collections
- Why are operatives looking into the bins before emptying them?
- Any plans to introduce kitchen waste into scheme?
- Hygiene problems in the summer.

Mr Tattersley agreed to look into specific problems faced by residents in Rayne and will report his findings/actions back to the Parish Council.

Mr Tattersley added that the district was achieving only 10% recycling under a voluntary recycling scheme but following the introduction of the High Diversity scheme, this has already risen to 50%.

103.2 Glass Recycling Bank

Mr Butler (Medley Road) asked why the new glass-recycling unit had been removed from The Cock car park so quickly after installation.

Cllr Meadows reported this was due to complaints from nearby residents. BDC have agreed to re-site this unit in The Swan car park, with another located in the car park of the Welsh Princess.

103.3 Medley Road Estate

Mr Butler reported the road repairs are progressing very slowly and there appears to be an array of road signs and bollards on the estate for no apparent reason. Members agreed to follow this issue up with ECC.

103.4 New Road Speed Survey

Mr & Mrs Claydon (The Vineries, New Road) reported that, following a recent speed survey, ECC agreed some traffic calming measures are appropriate and recommended approaching the Parish Council to take this issue forward. (Response from ECC issued to members). Members agreed New Road suffers speeding problems, together with the road being used as a "rat run" and agreed to discuss the issue further.

103.5 Barnards Garage Development

Mr King (Tudor Cottage, The Gore) informed members of an incident where a large pile of rubbish on the site had been set alight. On arrival the Fire Brigade and BDC Environmental Services had apprehended the builder, who it is believed set fire to the rubbish deliberately. It is believed BDC will be prosecuting. Clerk to ask what action BDC will be taking on this issue.

Cllr Phillips thanked guests and residents for their valuable contribution and welcomed Cllr Howarth as an observer.

03/104 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. There were no Declarations of Interest.

03/105 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Dawson.

03/106 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 2003

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true and accurate record and subsequently signed by the Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs Shepherd. Seconded: Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz.

03/107 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

107.1 Probable Proposed Council Tax Increase

A letter inviting other Parish Councils to contact the Clerk will be included in the next edition of the EALC newsletter.

107.2 Village Green - Tree

Cllr Mrs Fish reported the tree on the village green near the pump needs to be cut back.

03/108 BDC MATTERS

108.1 Planning Applications

03/02060/FUL – 8 Smithsfield - Extension over garage to form annexe.

It was agreed to object on the grounds of over development of the site.

Proposed Cllr Wootton, Seconded Cllr Giles and Carried 9 For, 1 Abstention (Cllr Meadows).

108.2 Planning Results

None received.

108.3 District Councillor Report

Report by District Cllr Meadows noted.

Cllr Meadows reported he had assumed the replacement glass-recycling unit would have been in place at The Swan already. Both the landlords at The Swan and The Welsh Princess have agreed to have the units for a three-month trial period. (The Welsh Princess has agreed to house the unit behind a lockable fence).

Members agreed to bring forward Item 110.3.

110.3 Bottle Bank

Suggestions for the location of a Bottle Bank in the Village.

Cllr Meadows responded to a question of who is responsible for keeping the areas tidy by reporting that this forms part of the agreement with the landlords (as they will be allowed to dispose of bottles from the pub).

Members agreed to support the three-month trial at both locations.

03/109 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

109.1 Street Lighting

To report any lights currently out of action.

Cllr MacNee has reported the following lights: No's 12 & 15 New Road.

109.2 Policing Issues

To discuss any problems within the village.

Clerk reported the response from the Shalford Police Team, which states that they are operating out of Shalford as usual, not out of Braintree as reported at the last meeting. They also stated that they would try to attend the meeting tonight, subject to operational demands.

Cllrs Phillips, Jiggins and Giles had attended the recent Police Liaison meeting, 28th October, where it was reported Anti-Social Behaviour is now a policing priority.

In future policing will be based on incidents reported with areas of highest supported crime being targeted. There were 17 reported offences in Rayne during September, dropping to only 3 in October following the police initiative.

Following discussions, the following was agreed:

- Cllr Jiggins to write an article for the parish magazine.
- Community Police Officer to be asked to write a regular article for the magazine giving feedback on what is happening in the village.
- Arrange to meet with Sgt Midwinter to discuss current issues.

109.3 Flying Incident – 17th April

A plane flying at a low height and making smoke above the village.

Response from CAA stating no further action can be taken. It was agreed any future incidents would need to be acted on quickly with witness names, aircraft description and number and a description of the activity.

109.4 Locally Determined Programme

Progress Report for Three-Year Programme.

The footpath for the Village Green is now No.19 on the list – a drop of two places – with no programmed start date.

Examples were given of the dangers faced by pedestrians and members agreed to take photographs of people walking along the green to highlight the dangers and as evidence for the need for a pathway.

109.5 Parking on the Village Green

Response received from the EALC read to members and duly noted. It was reported that this had been raised with the PCC. Cllr Phillips added that wedding parties also be asked to remove any directional signs they erect.

03/110 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

110.1 Village Hall

Inspection Survey – Update.

Cllrs Phillips and Jiggins had met with Mr Stevenson who has agreed to undertake a further inspection and compile his report for consideration at the Precept Meeting. He was critical over the ad hoc repairs undertaken in the past, adding that externally the hall is in a poor state but internally good.

110.2 Stansted Airport Flight Path and Aircraft Noise

Following the disclosure that the Rayne representative on the STACC committee is a Mr Harley, the Clerk has written to BAA requesting how he may be contacted. Upon receipt of this information a meeting will be arranged.

110.4 High Diversity Refuse Collection

Progress on the recently introduced collection of recycling and refuse.

Issues relating to this item were covered during the Public Forum.

Most villagers have made efforts to keep their bins out of sight and should be congratulated.

110.5 Web Site

Cllr Phillips reported he has put together a draft format for the Sub-Committee to take forward. A copy was made available for Councillors' comments.

110.6 Concrete Posts

Cllr Giles reported there is a damaged post just over Century Bridge, with another outside Hacienda. Clerk to inform ECC.

110.7 Skate Ramp

Cllr MacNee reported the grant application to the Essex Community fund had been rejected. He is in the process of completing an application to Awards For All. Damage was reported to the tarmac surface; Cllr Giles offered to undertake the repair.

03/111 FINANCE

111.1	£20.33	Asset Management – Lighting Maintenance
111.2	£55.00	EALC – AQA Certificate Registration Fee
111.3	£106.40	Mr Peake – Groundsman (Sept)
111.4	£46.98	TXU Energi – Quarterly Energy Charge

It was unanimously agreed to make the above payments.
Proposed: Cllr Jiggins. Seconded: Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz.

03/112 MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

112.1 Circulation Folder

Contents list attached to agenda.
Cllr Phillips informed members of interesting/relevant items.

112.2 Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000

Cllr Jiggins informed members there was no information relevant to Rayne in this consultation.

112.3 Anti-Social Behaviour – Alcohol Consumption

Consultation by BDC for comment by 31 December.
Responses to the consultation were agreed – Clerk to draft and email to Cllrs for comment.

112.4 Planning Course – EALC

Saturday 29th November, Dunmow @ £40/head.
No member expressed an interest in attending.

112.5 Parish Clusters

To discuss agenda items for next meeting (date tba).
It was agreed the following should be agenda items: Foundry Development, Anti Social Behaviour and Traffic Calming.

112.6 Choice, Responsiveness and Equality in the NHS and Social Care

Workshop to be held on Friday, 7th November in Chelmsford.
No member expressed an interest in attending.

03/113 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Precept Meeting: Monday, 17th November.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 1st December.**
Items for the agenda to the Clerk by Thursday, 21st November.

03/114

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

114.1 Three Elms Bungalow, Queenborough Lane

Members reported concern that the garage may be in use as living accommodation – this was supposed to be a temporary measure whilst the new house was finalised. Clerk to seek clarification from BDC Planning Department.

114.2 Halloween

Cllr Meadows had received information that both Nasda's and the Post Office had agreed not to sell flour or eggs over the Halloween period. It was agreed Clerk to acknowledge their public spiritness.

114.3 Speed Ramps, The Street

Cllr Giles reported he felt motorists could now drive over the speed ramps even faster since they have been resurfaced by ECC.

114.4 Diversion of Footpath

Information received from ECC regarding the diversion of the footpath by the Discovery Centre, Great Notley. Cllrs Phillips and Jiggins to action.

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CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Signed: _____

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____