

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 2002

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Fish
Giles
Jiggins
Mrs Kukiewicz
MacNee
Meadows
Mrs Roberts
Mrs Shepherd

In the Chair: Councillor Mrs Kukiewicz

02/76 PUBLIC FORUM

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

76.1 Footpaths

Mr Terry Myhill - 14 Capel Close.

Mr Myhill was concerned that it was getting increasingly difficult to walk the local footpaths without walking on ploughed land or through crops. He wished to ask the Parish Council to request local landowners keep the footpaths clean and maintained for walkers.

Cllr Jiggins responded by informing Mr Myhill the maintenance is the responsibility of Essex County Council and the public can request for any footpath obstructed to be cleared. He added that the Code of Conduct for footpaths states that any that are ploughed should be re-marked within a month.

Following a brief discussion on the Parish Paths Partnership run by ECC, Mr Myhill requested that the Parish Council look into joining this organisation.

76.2 Policing in the Village

PC Nick Hurst and PC Nadine Harrington attended to give an update on the High Visibility Policing initiative.

PC Hurst reported there have been patrols on foot around the village, mainly to reduce speeding. A large number of motorists have been stop checked, with a high proportion of these verbally warned. (The majority of those stopped were local residents).

A warrant exercised a few months back has led to 13 separate charges, with goods recovered to the value of £60-70,000, including various firearms.

PC Hurst put forward two suggestions to increase liaison between the village constable and the residents:

1. Collection Box - Located in the village for residents to post their concerns or information.
2. PC Surgeries - Village constable would be accessible on a regular basis (every 1-2 months for a period of 2-3 hours).

Members agreed these were both good ideas and were in favour of both - agreeing that the Surgeries can be held in the Parish Office during the evening. It was agreed the Parish Council would talk to the Post Office regarding having the collection box situated in the shop and PC Harrington will liaison with the Clerk to organise both initiatives.

Members requested speed checks in Capel Road and Medley Road and reported lorries parking overnight in New Road causing an obstruction. PC Hurst agreed to look into these.

Councillor Mrs Kukiewicz thanked Mr Myhill and PC's Hurst and Harrington for their attendance.

02/77 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.

02/78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Lees and Wootton.

**02/79 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
ON FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST 2002**

The minutes, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr MacNee. Seconded: Cllr Meadows.

02/80 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

80.1 Grass Cutting – Shalford Road

Cllr Giles reported the area of land was outside BDC property and the issue of cutting this was a grey area as many residents have moved their fences. BDC need to put a boundary line down. Cllr Jiggins reported that the Groundsman would cut this piece of land.

80.2 Turners Cottage – Queenborough Lane (Flooding)

Response from Mr Stares, BDC, read to meeting confirming there are new owners in Turners Cottage. Mr Stares will be meeting with them shortly but they have agreed to undertake any necessary works in the future.

Clerk to ask Mr Stares if a Cllr Giles can attend this meeting with the new owner. If not for the Parish Council to be kept fully informed of the outcome.

02/81 BDC MATTERS

81.1 Planning Applications

It was agreed to **Support** the following applications:

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

Erection of conservatory.

02/01600/FUL. Millstone, School Road – Erection of conservatory.

02/01577/FUL. 56 Shalford Road – Erection of rear extension and proposed loft conversion.

81.2 Planning Results

The following applications were **Granted**.

02/01031/FUL. 31 Medley Road - Ground floor side extension.

02/01166/FUL. Dalston, School Road – Erection of garage.

02/01157/FUL. 66 Shalford Road – Erection of conservatory.

81.3 District Councillor Report – Cllr Meadows

Report noted. Additional report issued.

Hedges – Cllr Meadows reported he has reported the problem in School Road to County Council-
lor Walters.

Cllr Jiggins reported it was the house owners responsibility to cut their hedges. He also reported the Clerk has reported the problem in New Road to the Fritchway.

Clerk to write to ECC regarding the hedges near Fargo Coaches.

Horses - Cllr Meadows reported there have been incidents of horse riding on the new footpath along New Road. He has reported this to Mr Wiltshire, ECC who has agreed to visit the stables. Cllr Mrs Roberts reported she has spoken to the Ranger regarding horses on the Flitchway also.

A120 – Clerk read a letter from Mr Forkin regarding Post Construction Bypass Measures re-reporting the next public exhibition is planned for November. It was agreed the Clerk to arrange a separate meeting with Mr Forkin in mid October.

Braintree Marketplace Options – Cllr Meadows showed those present the available options and reported that BDC will decide on these at the Area Forum next Tuesday.

02/82 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

82.1 Street Light Failures

Cllr MacNee has reported the following lights – 20 New Road, 18 The Street and 2/3/7/8 Shalford Road. All have been repaired except 2/8 Shalford Road.

82.2 Re-routing of Service 133

Further responses received from Arriva and B.A.A.

Letters read to meeting. Arriva stated consideration to reinstate the service through Brunwin Road/Capel Road is not an option at this time.

82.3 Rectory Lane – Potholes

Cllr Jiggins reported that he had spoken to Mr MacGregor who could not remember any arrangement with BDC regarding the upkeep of the road when the Sewage Works commenced.

It was agreed the Clerk to write to Anglian Water asking if they would be prepared to undertake remedial works to the road following the damage caused by their lorries accessing the site. Cllr Jiggins also reported that on the Definitive Map it is shown as a Bridleway to the river and Public Highway to the Rectory.

82.4 Clean up of Capel Close

Grassed area has been subject to considerable dumping – to discuss clearance and measures to stop reoccurrence.

Cllr Jiggins gave the background to the site being given to the Parish Council to maintain (following BDC spending £360 cleaning up the rubbish). Unfortunately before the Groundsman could clear further, there were incidents of tipping from the local residents. Some of which has since been burnt and two cuts have been undertaken.

It was agreed to write an item for the Parish Magazine asking residents to not use this area as a tip – the alternative for the site is housing. Following this, we may need to ask the Rapid Response Team to clear the site.

82.5 Policing within the Village

To consider supporting high profile policing initiative, together with suggestion of Village Constable collection box and attendance in the village.

Cllr Jiggins reported on the Police Consultative Meeting held in Finchingfield, which he attended with Cllr Meadows.

It was suggested the Clerk write to Moira Owers stated the Parish Council are fully behind the Collection Box and Police Surgeries initiative.

Clerk to also write to Sgt Midwinter expressing the Parish Council's thanks for the recent high profile policing and that we hope it will continue.

02/83 RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

83.1 Community Information Point - Update

Clerk reported that visits to the Info Point were still slow. Details of information available have been put into the September parish magazine. Cllr Meadows has started to hold District Councillor surgeries in the centre.

Clerk also reported that the Stansted Airport consultation document is available in the centre for residents to peruse.

83.2 'Contact' Youth Service Mobile Unit

For Info: Unit booked for Mondays 9th & 23rd September, 7-9pm, Village Hall car park. (Unit aimed at 13-19yr olds).

To try to encourage youngsters to attend, it was agreed to place notices on the school buses.

83.3 Skate Ramp

Update on progress.

Clerk reported that the tender document has been sent out for the ground works - to be awarded at the October meeting.

Cllr Mrs Kukiewicz reported she had visited a skate park in Marks Tey.

Cllr MacNee reported he had received an initial quote to tarmac the area for £6,700. He has also written to companies requesting equipment prices.

83.4 Parish Appraisal

Further information received from Jan Cole, RCCE.

It was agreed this issue requires more detailed discussion by members before progressing further. It was therefore agreed to put the item on a future, small, agenda.

83.5 Availability of Parish Council Minutes

Cllr Jiggins informed the meeting this issue had arisen following a member of the village stating the agenda and minutes should be more widely available and they would be willing to pay a subscription to have a personal copy.

It was agreed this was not a system to pursue but that the minutes are available in the Information Point.

Clerk to email draft minutes to all Councillors for approval before putting current month's on display.

83.6 Repair of Box Tombs - Cllr Jiggins

Consideration of work on repairing the Box Tombs in the Church Yard and replacing spalled bricks on the church tower by the ECC students.

It was agreed to continue the repair work on the Box Tombs with the help of the ECC course.

Members agreed to the purchase of necessary materials - (having already set £200 at precept).

Cllr Jiggins also reported the church are awaiting a Faculty from the Diocese and Authorities for the Memorial Wall.

83.7 Flitch Way - Gaps in Hedges

It was reported that the hedging to hide the fencing will be planted in the Autumn.

Cllr Mrs Shepherd reported their had been dumping of tree and garden waste near the new cycle post.

Clerk to write to the Rangers.

02/84

FINANCE

84.1	£5.00	OSR Hire (Neighbourhood Watch meeting)
84.2	£20.33	Eastern Contracting – Lighting Maintenance
84.3	£224.58	Mr Peake – Groundsman (July)
84.4	£50.00	Mr Peake - Petrol
84.5	£737.25	Mrs Whiteside – Clerk Salary (Jul/Aug/Sept)
84.6	£48.62	Mrs Whiteside – Postage & Expenses (Jun-Aug)
84.7	£24.44	F.A.Jiggins & Sons - Consumables

It was unanimously agreed to make these payments.

Proposed: Cllr MacNee. Seconded: Cllr Giles.

84.8 Audit – Annual Return – Statement of Assurance

To approve the Statement of Assurance (attached to agenda).

Statement approved and signed by the Chair.

84.9 Membership of Rural Community Council of Essex

Do members wish to join at a cost of £25/annum?

Members agreed the Parish Council did not need to join at this time.

02/85

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

85.1 Parish Council/Village Hall Committee Liaison

To arrange date for meeting.

Clerk to arrange a date before the end of September if possible.

85.2 Police Consultative Meeting – Cllrs Jiggins & Meadows

Report on recent meeting.

This issue covered under Item 82.5.

85.3 ECC Area Forum

Thursday, 19th September at 10.00am at Braintree College.

No member expressed an interest in attending.

85.4 Parish Paths Partnership Training Courses 2002

Details of courses to be held in October received.

Following the discussion held during the Public Forum, Clerk to contact ECC regarding becoming a member of the Parish Paths Partnership.

85.5 Definitive Map Seminar

Invitation for up to 3 people to attend. (Various dates/venues).

Clerk to email dates to Councillors.

85.6 Braintree District Local Compact – Consultation Document

Any comments required by 15th November.

It was agreed no comments be raised.

02/86

HEALTH ISSUES

Report by Cllr MacNee on recent meetings attended.
No recent meetings attended.

02/87

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Friday, 4th October 2002**.
Items for the agenda to the Clerk by Wednesday, 25th September.

02/88

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

88.1 A120 Site Working Hours

Information received that construction teams will be working between 7am – 7pm to maximise available daylight.

88.2 Street Name Plates

The issue of replacing missing/vandalised street name plates was discussed and it was agreed Clerk to write to BDC asking them to resolve street naming to the Parish, with the aid of a grant. The Parish would then be able to replace missing signs with ones that cannot be damaged.

88.3 Parish Councillor Vacancy

Clerk reported there have been three residents interested in the position. Co-option will take place at the October meeting.

88.4 Circulation Folders

Clerk stated there are at least 4 outstanding circulation folders with Councillors and asked they be returned as soon as possible.

Following discussion that this system was not working, it was agreed Clerk to issue a list of items received with each agenda – Councillors would then be able to request only those items they wished to see.

02/89

CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:15 p.m.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL