

RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 2004

PRESENT: Councillor Michael Bamford
Harold Giles
Roger Jiggins
Kate Kukiewicz
Martyn Phillips **Chairman**
Pat Roberts
Diane Shepherd
John Wootton

Also in Attendance: Mrs Melanie Whiteside (Clerk)
PC Natasha Keaney
5 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Adjournment to allow members of the public to raise issues of mutual interest or to question Councillors.

Policing Issues - PC Keaney

There were 12 calls received during August, including 2 Suspicious person, 1 Nuisance Youth and 1 Nuisance Motorcycle.

The Mobile Police Unit visited the village on 24th August - only one visitor.

Letters are still being sent out to the owners of vehicles who park on the zigzags outside the Post Office.

Speed checks have also been undertaken.

Children's Play Area

A resident raised concern over the length of the grass in the play area.

Councillors replied there had been a problem with access but this has now been resolved.

Planning Application - Endley Cottage, Duck End Green

The applicant gave a brief report on the background to the application.

Twinning Association - Road Sign

Members of the Twinning Association wish to erect the road sign at the entrance to the village.

04/65 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Ian MacNee and Cllr Jessica Dawson.

04/66 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd AUGUST 2004

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting

04/67 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.

Cllr Roger Jiggins declared a Personal interest in Item 72.2 – Footpath Network – as a landowner.

Cllr Martyn Phillips declared a Personal interest in Item 72.9 – Rayne Twinning – as the secretary of the Association.

Cllr Roger Jiggins and Cllr Martyn Phillips declared a Personal interest in Item 70.1 – Application 04/01479/FUL – as friends of the applicant.

04/68 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

68.1 Declaring Interests – Friends

Members are advised to refer to the Declaring Interests Flowchart – an interest should be declared if “a member of the public, if they knew all the facts, would reasonably think the interest was so important your decision would be affected by it.”

04/69 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

To discuss whether advice should be offered to candidates on what they should include in their application letter prior to co-option.

It was Proposed Cllr Martyn Phillips, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously Resolved to use the standard application form compiled by the EALC for all future co-options.

04/70 BDC MATTERS

70.1 Planning Applications

It was unanimously agreed to Support the following applications:

04/01479/FUL – Endley Cottage, Duck End Green – Erection of single detached garage.

04/01502/FUL – 7 Gore Terrace – Demolition of conservatory and erection of extension. Construction of new pitch roof over existing flat roof kitchen extension.

04/01505/FUL & 04/01506/LBC – Spinners, Little Common Lane – Proposed refurbishment and erection of extension.

04/01618/FUL – 22 The Street - Erection of rear conservatory.

70.2 Planning Results

The following applications have been GRANTED:

04/00977/COU – Hazelmere Farm, Dunmow Road – Change of use of remaining four vacant turkey-rearing sheds to storage.

04/01079/FUL – 42 Medley Road – Proposed demolition of existing porch and cloakroom and construction of new porch and shower.

04/00075/COU & 04/00076/LBC – Rayne Hall Farm Barns – Proposed repairs and partial change of use to a single dwelling.

04/01103/FUL – Vistola, 26 The Street – Erection of single storey rear extension and side porch.

04/01107/COU – Broadfield House, Dunmow Road – Change of use of land from agricultural to garden land and erection of three bay cart lodge.

04/71 ROADS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

71.1 Street Lighting

Lights in Bruwnin Road and Station Road were reported.

71.2 Policing Issues

It was agreed to write a letter to Sgt. Harrison expressing the Council's appreciation of the level of service offered by PC Keaney.

71.3 Pelican Crossing at The Gore

To discuss need for another crossing to allow safer access to the park.

It was agreed to write to ECC Highways asking for an extension of the current crossing at the traffic lights to include Gore Road.

71.4 Low Flying Army Helicopters

It was agreed to write to RAF Wattisham requesting they avoid flying over the village, particularly at night.

71.5 Speeding along Dunmow Road

Following the site meeting with ECC in February, it was agreed to request the speed check along Dunmow Road is now undertaken.

71.6 Access from Rayne to Great Notley

The following actions were agreed:

Request site meeting with ECC Highways to discuss the footpath from Fairy Hall Lane to Braintree Green.

Write to ECC to request the bridleway to be clearly signed and asking when the accommodation bridge will be opened over the A120.

71.7 Speeding - New Road

The following actions were agreed:

Write to ECC Highways asking for the Speed Indicator Display signs to be erected along New Road.

Request results of the previous speed test.

04/72

RAYNE'S ENVIRONMENT

72.1 Skate Ramp

Members wished to record a vote of thanks to Cllr Ian MacNee for his hard work and dedication in seeing this project through to completion.

72.2 Footpath Network

It was Proposed Cllr Roger Jiggins, Seconded Cllr Pat Roberts and unanimously agreed to join the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Scheme.

The following actions were agreed:

Footpath Committee to walk specific routes.

Discussion with landowners on where paths should be routed – and how any deviations should be funded.

72.3 Village Hall - Maintenance Works

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Harold Giles and unanimously agreed to accept the quotation for electrical works received from R.J.Cotton (£897.13).

72.4 Village Appraisal

Public Meeting arranged for Tuesday 21st September – flyers have been delivered with the September parish magazine.

Refreshments will need to be supplied.

72.6 Bridleway over new A120

No response received from ECC – Clerk to follow up.

72.7 Parish Grass Cutting

Response received from BDC. It was agreed to postpone further discussion on this issued until a new District Councillor has been elected.

72.8 Churchyard

Cllr Martyn Phillips has written to the PCC on the issue of grass cutting in the Churchyard.

72.9 Rayne Twinning - Signage

To discuss request for support for a "distance sign" to be attached to the village sign on the road leading from Braintree.

Following discussion, members suggested this should not be added to any current road signs but that a suitable location could be found on or around the village hall.

04/73

FINANCE

73.1 £40.33 Alfred McAlpine - Lighting Maintenance (Aug/Sept)

73.2 £41.72 Anglia Sign Casting - Memorial Plaque

73.3 £184.19 F.A.Jiggins & Son - Memorial Wall/Noticeboards

73.4 £11708.88 Playdale - Skate Ramp (Phase II Equipment)

73.5 £5422.65 Playdale - Additional Playground Equipment

73.6 £240.00 Essex Metal Craft - Works to fence/gates/seats.

73.7 £760.65 Mrs Whiteside - Clerks Salary (Jul-Sept)

73.8 £19.22 Mrs Whiteside - Postage (May-Jul)

It was Proposed Cllr Diane Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Kate Kukiewicz and unanimously agreed to make the above payments.

73.9 Mid Year Financial Review

Information circulated prior to the meeting - Noted.

78.10 Insurance - War Memorial

Quotation of £216.30 includes £100 excess.

It was Proposed Cllr Pat Roberts, Seconded Cllr Roger Jiggins and unanimously agreed to insure the War Memorial as per the above quote.

04/74

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / CONSULTATIONS

74.1 Circulation Folder

Cllr Martyn Phillips informed members of interesting/relevant items.

74.2 Village Hall

Written report by Cllr Jessica Dawson read to the meeting - Noted.

74.3 Health Issues

No report issued in Cllr MacNee's absence.

74.4 BDC Parish Councils Evening

Friday, 10th December, 6:30pm at Causeway House.

Cllr Pat Roberts and Cllr Michael Bamford agreed to attend.

74.5 BALC Open Meeting - Planning Issues

Tuesday 5th October, 7:30pm at Causeway House.

Cllr Diane Shepherd and Cllr Pat Roberts agreed to attend.

74.6 RCCE Village Halls Conference

No member expressed an interest in attending - The Village Hall Committee have also received this information.

04/75

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 4th October 2004.**

04/76

CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.

Signed: _____

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Date: _____