



RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Great Notley and Rayne Parish Council Cluster Meeting held 17 June 2008

MINUTES

Present:

Representing Rayne Parish Council:

Cllr Martyn Phillips (Chair), Cllr Adam Bulkeley, Cllr Keith Rawlings, Cllr Roger Jiggins, Cllr Pat Roberts, Philippa Potter (Clerk)

Representing Gt Notley Parish Council:

Cllr Paul Stirland, Abby Conway (Clerk)

Cllr Mike Banthorpe - BDC
Peter Crofts BDC Corporate Director
Olive Cowell ECC Senior Traffic and Road Safety Engineer
Chloe Rothwell-Green ECC Trading Standards
PC Chris Brooksbank

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Martyn Phillips introduced everyone and welcomed them to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Rayne Parish Council: Cllr West and Cllr Bamford

Gt Notley Parish Council: Cllr West, Cllr Butland, Cllr Walters, Cllr Barltrop

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Item 4 - Olive Cowell will liaise with the relevant department and come back with the answer

4. Matters Arising

Queenborough Lane: ECC have walked the designated school route and deemed it unsuitable. Rayne pupils now get free transport to Notley High.
Underage drinking: on the agenda below.

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5. **ECC Trading Standards**

Chloe Rothwell-Green outlined the Trading Standards pilot campaign enforcing vehicle weight restrictions, with the project being extended countywide. Braintree District has 120 weight restrictions and ECC have two dedicated members of staff and two liveried cars to patrol these and to date have caught over 700 vehicles breaching restrictions. The wheels and markings on lorries can be a guide as to tonnage and Chloe will send through information to help with identification. Cllr Phillips thanked Chloe for the information and her time.

6. **Planning Issues**

BDC Core Strategy: An update has been received and was circulated. With regard to the proposed development behind Gilda Terrace, BDC confirmed that it would be considered alongside all other proposed sites. It was confirmed that the proposed greenfield site based around Saling/Stebbing has been dropped and is no longer on the list. All proposed sites can be viewed on the BDC website.

Village Design Statements: Once a VDS is adopted it is a material planning consideration, although it cannot be used as a blunt instrument to stop permission being granted.

Permitted Development: If it is thought that PD rights have been breached, this needs to be reported to the Enforcement department

7. **Policing**

Rayne and Gt Notley as a whole have been comparatively quiet recently with regards to anti-social behaviour. Gt Notley has a higher incidence of drinking problems than Rayne at present but both areas suffer from parking problems, traffic issues and anti social behaviour. The use of Dispersal Orders was discussed but this is not always the best answer. The police are looking at putting together an action plan for the summer holiday. With regard to speeding enforcement, the police are hoping to obtain laser speed devices to replace radar detectors.

Parking: Yellow lines would need to be enforced by BDC not the police.

Parking on junctions can be looked at by the police as there are regulations already there without requiring lines.

Footpath parking: if a vehicle is obstructing the footpath, the police can deal with it.

Underage drinking: The police are satisfied that no underage sales of alcohol are taking place but that adults purchase the alcohol beforehand and sell it on. BDC are looking at designated public places order for Notley and in theory, if successful, it could be looked at for other areas.

8. **Plaques for the Bird of Freedom**

It was suggested that orientation plaques could be placed around the plinth to show what you can see from the top of the hill, and beyond. This was agreed as a viable idea and Peter Crofts will take this back to BDC. A footpath map around the discovery centre was also suggested.

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9. Any Other BDC Items for Discussion

- Fire Safety in public buildings: Changes in legislation have come into force which will apply to Parish Councils. Steve Tullett of BDC can provide training courses.
- Graffiti cleaning packs are available from BDC for £70 by contacting Street Scene Services for this.
- Rayne Parish Council thanked Olive Cowell for the footpath which will be constructed along The Street in this financial year.
- Road Accidents: Queenborough Lane has seen a couple of serious accidents and concern was voiced over the condition of the road, potholes and overgrown hedges and verges obscuring sight lines. Olive Cowell will arrange for the potholes and verges to be looked at.
- Police Liaison Meetings: Gt Notley Parish Council send a representative to these meetings but Rayne currently do not. Rayne will contact Cllr Banthorpe for details.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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