

Chairs Report 2022



It has been 3 years since our last Annual Parish Assembly!

With many changes, challenges & successes to deal with and not
all Covid related!



January 2021 saw the implementation of the Duty Councillor scheme

Villagers can now telephone the Parish Council and get in touch with a 'Duty Councillor' outside the working hours of the clerk.

We have helped residents of Rayne with food shopping, prescriptions and just being there for a chat, during the second lockdown.

Even with Covid restrictions ended, the scheme is still running, so we can offer support to all Rayne residents that need it.

Telephone 01376 552489 option 2 to speak to a councillor



TELEPHONE BOX MOVED & REFURBISHED



- Purchased by the PC in 2017
- Disconnected from the grid July 2019, (paid for by District Councillor grant)
- Relocated to the Booking Hall Car park September 2020
- Refurbished spring 2021
- Opened as a Book Swap and Information Point June 2020



TWO NEW ASHES WALLS COMPLETED – APRIL 2022

- First two walls were built 2002/3
- Spring of 2021 a further two walls were agreed to complete the circle
- Funding and a tender were agreed.
- Summer 2021 – planning permission granted with archaeological stipulations
- Autumn 2021 – building commenced, but issues with the bricks halted the project for the winter
- Spring 2022 – building commenced and walls completed April 2022



We have had changes of staff too.....

We very sadly lost Andy Vodden, one of our very much loved groundsman, in January 2021, after a short illness.





Now a quick update from Cllr Trevor Rippingale, who oversees the work that Groundsman do around the village



The next big staffing change was Sarah Cocks our clerk for 10 years, leaving the Parish Council in January 2022.



Amanda Brown has been employed and comes with a wealth of experience in the local government sector. She has the clerks CiLCA qualification.



We continue to provide grants to organisations in the village

- £1000 was granted to the Rayne in Focus, to ensure that this much loved editorial can be produced and distributed to every Rayne resident.
- £946 has been awarded to the Village Hall Committee, to help with the running costs of opening the toilets at the Hall during school holidays.
- A £75 grant was also awarded to Village Hall Committee to share the maintenance costs of the defibrillator.



Cllr Celia Murton, will now give a quick
update on all matters from the Village
Hall Committee



Planning Matters

- Council continues to monitor and comment on all planning applications within the Parish.
- Even with our best fight Brook Green jnr won at appeal
- We were successful at the School Road appeal
- We are now aware of an application for a residential park home site along Dunmow Road and developer wishing to build 2000 dwellings on the fields at Palm Trees / Blake End.
- The PC will sit on the Ingrebourne liaison committee for the entirety of the gravel extraction.



Any Questions?

