



RAYNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Rayne Parish Council held on **Tuesday 18th July 2023** at **7.30pm** at The Community Information Point, Gore Road, Rayne for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Members present:	Cllr M Eldred (Chair)	Cllr T Rippingale
	Cllr A Hooks (Vice Chair)	Cllr Stringer
	Cllr H Lugger	Cllr P Willis
	Cllr J Rickwood	Cllr S Wilsdon

District Cllr A Hooks

Members of the Public: 0

MINUTE NUMBER	BUSINESS
23/050	APOLOGIES
	Apologies noted from Councillors Agutter, Murton and Nicholls
23/051	DECLARATION OF INTEREST
	Cllr Hooks declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 23/058.1 Planning as now on the Braintree District Council planning committee.
23/052	CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH JUNE 2023 AND 3RD JULY 2023
	The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 5 th June and Monday 5 th July were signed as true records of the meetings. Proposed: Cllr Hook, Seconded: Cllr Stringer. All agreed
23/053	PUBLIC FORUM
	No issues raised
23/054	DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS
	The District Councillors report was circulated before the meeting – see Appendix
23/055	CHAIR'S REPORT
	Nothing to report this month. Councillor surgeries are going well and he is getting some engagement from the residents.

23/056	CLERK'S REPORT
	The Clerk's report was circulated before the meeting. Main focus now is to complete the VAT return – Cllr Willis has offered to help if required.
23/057	ADMINISTRATION
23/057.1	New website. Cllr Rickwood and the Clerk held a meeting with Michelle at Aubergine to discuss progress so far and came away with some action points to be discussed at the next Communication & Data meeting. It was suggested a tentative 'go live' date could be September. Aubergine have provided a Sitemap showing what information is required before then.
23/057.2	Leaflet dispensers. We are unable to put the current leaflet holders back up in the CIP meeting room. It was suggested that we look at getting a carousel holder instead, perhaps a 2 nd hand one. The clerk will look into this and raise at the next Communication & Data meeting.
23/058	PLANNING
23/058.1	New Planning Applications
	23/01505/TPOCON – Lynray, Gore Lane, Rayne 1 No. of cherry tree – Section fell 1No. of dead tree to 50m from ground level using chainsaws from ground level. Face back all hedges to behind the fence line. Leylandii – Reduce by up to 1m. Laurel Hedges – Reduce by up to 1m. Sever and remove all ivy from ground level and brambles from bushes and spray with a COSHH regulated herbicide to limit regrowth. The Village Tree Warden advised a response of No Comment on this application Proposed: Cllr Rippingale, Seconded: Cllr Luggar
23/058.2	Planning Results
	23/01007/PLD – Allviews, School Road, Rayne CM77 6SS Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development – Use of existing pool outbuilding for private lessons and hiring for SEN, children and adults for no more than 5 hours per week. Application granted.
23/058.3	Public Consultation Evening
	Whilst not in our area, the matter would be of concern in the village and so the application will be monitored.
23/059	ENVIRONMENT
	Grounds: Groundsmen continue to be very busy and have now caught up on lawn mowing. Emphasis will now be on hedge cutting. Wildflower seeds have not grown yet due to unforgiving ground at the moment. It was noted that the bin liners currently provided by BDC are substandard - the clerk will email BDC for comment. A request was made to cut back the grass verge at the Felsted junction – Cllr Rippingale will speak to the groundsmen about this. To consider and agree a strategy for Planters, Flower Beds etc. in the Village going forward. Cllr Eldred will arrange a meeting with Linda Taylor to discuss

	future plans and feed back. Cllr Willis also offered to be involved in any meetings too. It was noted that the planters at the school should be included in any plans going forward.
23/060	REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
	<p>Nature reserve – it was noted that the oak tree looks healthy. There are no wild flowers as yet but should look better next year. Cllr Willis is due to go and check the ponds. He also confirmed that he had cleaned up and done some repair work to the telephone box.</p> <p>Ingrebourne Valley – the signs for the quarry are very prominent to enable the lorry drivers to see them clearly. There will be no tolerance for them to come through the village.</p> <p>Any issues regarding this matter should be reported to the clerk and our social media page will carry this message too.</p>
23/061	FINANCE
23/061.1	<p>Budget v Actual – a report was circulated for the last 3 months and Cllr Willis confirmed that things are running to plan at the moment.</p> <p>It was agreed to purchase a replacement bin for the centre of the village.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Rippingale, Seconded: Cllr Wilsdon – all agreed.</p>
23/061.2	Cash balances and Earmarked Funds – a report was circulated and reserves are looking good. This will continue to be monitored regularly.
23/062	MEETINGS & TRAINING
	<p>New Councillor training now completed by Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Lugger – very good feedback received.</p> <p>There is also advanced councillor training available and Cllr Eldred encouraged anyone to complete this course.</p>
23/063	CLOSE
	There being no further business to transact the meeting was closed at 20.24

Signed:

Dated: 7th August 2023