

District Councillor / outside bodies report – July 2023 Meeting

DISTRICT

- First planning committee and forum attended. Planning forum was to look at the pre-app for 1650 houses off London Road/Bakers Lane.
- I was invited to Bambino's, to see how they run and what help is required. They are in need of a shed and outdoor play equipment, if anyone can help?
- Attended OSR working group. (This is both PC and District) more on this below.
- Attended the Quarry Liaison Committee. (This is both PC and District) more on this below.
- BDC continue to fight the Home Office on the housing of asylum seekers at Wethersfield. The judge has heard the arguments for a second judicial review. We are awaiting a decision. First asylum seekers have arrived, with more expected over the next few weeks. Although asylum seekers have arrived, this does not stop the ongoing court proceedings.
- BDC are preceding with implementation of payment for green bin collections. It will be £55 for a year round collection. An early bird payment of £27.50 if paid by 30th November 2023, can be secured.
- Answered several emails from residents raising concerns and questions.

The Councillor grant scheme is now up and running. Each Councillor has an allocation of £1250 per year to apportion to organisations running projects that benefit residents of their ward. Any 'not for profit' organisation can apply for a grant. These may include:

- o Registered Charities
- o Constituted 'not for profit' Community or Voluntary Groups
- o Parochial Church Councils (anything that benefits the wider community)
- o Social Enterprises e.g., Community Interest Company, Co-operative
- o Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committees
- o Town & Parish Councils (anything that is not an ordinary or existing activity/function or a statutory obligation or duty and benefits the wider community)
- o Schools (anything that is not statutory/curriculum based and benefits the wider community).

I am looking forward too helping groups and organisations around the ward.

OLD SCHOOL ROOM WORKING GROUP

The PCC have discussed the options for a management model. Four were proposed

1. To stay as it is now
2. Informal shared model
3. Community Trust Model
4. Change of ownership

The PCC have opted for model 2. This is where a sub committee of the PCC is formed to making the OSR Management Committee, comprising of PCC members, villagers, hirers and District/PC.

This is the quickest way a management committee can get established and get going with the work in hand, to make the building cost effective and a decent place to hire. In due course model 3 or 4 may become options.

The OSR committee will have its own bank account and will be run financially separate to the church. Joy Darby is taking the bull by the horns and really pushing the project. The working group are to meet in August, to have further discussions and to also clear and tidy the back room of clutter. The PC has already been approached to label anything that is ours.

Ideas on how to improve the building in the interim have been taking place and I have been assisting and checking with BDC what can be done with some of the proposals.

A public meeting will be held in September to form the OSR Management Committee. I will be sitting on the committee as District Cllr and as the rep for the PC, I assume you are happy for me continue to represent the PC too?

QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE

I now attend this committee as Rayne PC, Salings PC and District Cllr, nonetheless the information and queries are the same.

- The road is now completed and the wash plant is installed and operational.
- From Monday 17th lorries will start leaving site with aggregate. Lorries will start arriving from 7am. To start the site will work 12 hour days to catch up on missed time. Although lorry movements are likely to finish at 2pm. There will be a slow build up on the amount of lorries leaving the site, but expected to be around 40 a day over the next few months. 70 movements is the maximum allowed.
- There is zero tolerance on lorries driving through Rayne and also arriving at site before 7am and queuing at the entrance, by the site operators. They do expect a few to 'try it on' during the first weeks of operation, these lorries will be banned from site.
- Environmental Agency are to grant a permit for the dewatering offsite, into the ditch beside the B1256 and eventually in the River Ter, on 31st July. There will be further noise surveys carried out once operational to ensure that the electric pump that pumps the water out of the new lagoon is below permitted levels.
- All reports relating to the quarry, noise, dust etc can be found on the ECC website.

After the initial meeting we were then given a demonstration of the wash plant working. The 'machine' is work of art. With the extracted earth being put in a hopper and finally coming out as separated sizes of shingle, pebbles, stones and sharp sand.

