**Parish Council News – January**

At the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 6th January, nine councillors were present.

District Councillor Ann Hooks and County Councillor Graham Butland were also in attendance.

We were fortunate enough to have three members of the public in attendance. The Chair offered the Council’s grateful thanks to one of the Rayne planter volunteers who has helped with the planters for many years but is now relinquishing her role.

The full minutes are published on the Rayne PC website.

**PLANNING**

24/02522/COUPA – Land adj to Woodstock, Dunmow Road, Rayne

Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3), and for associated operational development – Change of use to 1no. residential dwellings.

*Details were received for information purposes only and the Council agreed to make no further comment on the application.*

**PLANNING RESULTS**

24/02306/VAR – Rosyth, 35 New Road, Rayne

Variation of Condition 2 of (Approved plans) of approved application 24/01037/HH granted 01.07.24 for: Single storey rear and side extension. Variation would allow:- Alteration from hipped roof to gable.

*Application granted*

24/02221/FUL – Land to the West of Mill Lane Rayne

Construction of an agricultural building to store grain.

*Application refused*

24/02075/FUL – 8 Gore Terrace, Gore Road, Rayne

Garage to be used independently from no 8 Gore Terrace

*Application granted*

**WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES**

A copy of the full calendar was included in the December 24 magazine but has also been posted on the Parish Council website and social media:

Tuesday 4th February – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 11th February – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

Tuesday 18th February – Grey bin and food bin

Tuesday 25th February – Green bins (subscribers only), Clear sacks and food bin

**COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING**

Our next Community Coffee morning will be on Saturday 22nd February 2025 from 10 – 12 but please note the new venue **– The Old School Rooms, Shalford Road**. Do come along for a cuppa and a chat **especially if you have any concerns regarding the village.**

If any local organisations would like to come along and set up an information stall in the future then please contact the clerk ([rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk](mailto:rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk)) to arrange a booking.

**MOBILE LIBRARY**

The mobile library will be outside Rayne Primary School, Capel Road on Thursdays between 9:40 – 10:10. The next date is 20th February 2025.I

**TIMMY THE TRACTOR**



We visited the school in January to officially unveil the name they had chosen for the tractor. It was lovely to see so many children excited about the choice of name and they were all thanked for their help with this project.

**VILLAGE PLANTERS**

We are still in need of volunteers to help with summer and winter planting of the various planters around the village. If you are interested in helping to enhance our village’s beauty and supporting our local environment please get in touch.

**COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If anyone is interested is helping our community by getting involved, please email:

[community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk)

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION POINT**

The office will continue to be open during Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, so please keep an eye on social media for CIP opening hours during the month or call 01376 552489 to check opening hours. The Clerk is available to discuss any issues or provide guidance on the most appropriate authority that can assist, please call 01376 552489 or email [rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk](mailto:rpc@rayne-essex.gov.uk).

During the office opening times you can pick up your clear recycling sacks or collect from The Welsh Princess public house during their normal opening hours. (Clear sacks must only be used for clean sorted materials for recycling, please do not use them for other purposes such as general refuse or garden waste.) At the Parish Office there are also dog poo bags, supplied by the Dogs Trust, for just a small donation, plus we still have a small stock of energy efficient lightbulbs.

Rayne village New Resident Welcome Packs are available if you have a new neighbour moving in.

Outside of the office opening times emails and voicemails will be monitored.

# DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd February 2025** at the Old School Rooms, Shalford Road. Please see agendas for meetings posted on the notice boards and on the website. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak at the public forum at the beginning of the meeting on subjects on the agenda. Please do not attend if you have any symptoms associated with Covid or any other infectious disease.

**DUTY COUNCILLOR**

The Duty Councillor scheme continues to be available, if you need help you can speak to a councillor who will be able to organise assistance. Please phone 01376 552489 and choose option 2 to speak to the Duty Councillor. Our Councillors volunteer for this role so if they are not able to answer your call immediately, please be patient. If you need to speak to the Clerk, please choose option 1.