

RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2019

Present: Jane Cryer - Clerk (JC)
Keith Lovering (KL)
Jim Lowe (JL)
Sue Newton - Chairman (SN)
Amanda Pyall - Vice Chairman (AP)
Sigi Steer (SS)

In attendance: John Ward, Babergh DC (JW)
Parishioner

Apologies: Christine Hempstead (CH)
Jayne Tann (JT)
Gordon Jones, Suffolk CC (GJ)

19.8.1 APOLOGIES

See above - apologies were accepted from CH and JT.

19.8.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

19.8.3 PUBLIC FORUM

The parishioner present did not wish to speak.

19.8.4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JULY 2019

It was proposed by KL, seconded by JL and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2019 should be accepted as an accurate record, and signed accordingly.

19.8.5 ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Most of the actions were either ongoing, or were on the agenda; there were updates on the following:

19.8.5.1 Planning training

Tuesday 3 September was no longer convenient for an in-house training session; JC would ask SALC about availability later in September / early October. Layham PC was interested in sending a delegate; SN would ask Holton St Mary PC if they would also like to do so.

19.8.5.2 Road resurfacing issues

As agreed at the last meeting, JC had forwarded SN's report on road resurfacing issues to Mary Evans at SCC; some action had since been taken, eg sweeping up of gravel.

19.8.5.3 Grass cutting

Cutting of the verge at the Acacia Road junction with the B1070 had not yet been carried out; JC would chase.

19.8.5.4 Grit bins

KL had carried out a site visit and briefed Stephen Stiff on what was required; a formal quotation was awaited. KL would confirm details of new bins to be purchased at the September meeting.

19.8.6 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

19.8.6.1 Babergh DC

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. JW said there had been a few teething problems with the change of bin collection days, but these had been addressed. He said if any bin was not collected, the best course of action was to report it online (www.babergh.gov.uk), or via himself. In response to a comment about fly tipping, JW said if this was reported online Babergh would liaise with the landowner to ensure its removal as soon as possible.

19.8.6.2 Suffolk CC

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19.8.7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

19.8.7.1 RFO's report

It was proposed by SN, seconded by KL and agreed unanimously that the finance report for 13 August 2019 should be approved; payments of £618.55 were authorised, together with direct debits to E.ON and Anglian Water of £491.76. SN reported that KGF had changed to a different tariff with E.ON, which should prove more cost effective. Anglian Water had confirmed they had over-charged KGF during the past few months and a refund of £301.12 was due. JC had submitted a VAT claim to HMRC for £797.55; this had now been received.

19.8.8 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

19.8.8.1 Proposed Ipswich Northern Route consultation

JL had attended one of the drop-in sessions and produced a brief report which JC would circulate to councillors; he had also obtained copies of the consultation document for councillors.

19.8.9 PLANNING

19.8.9.1 DC/19/03373 - Brett Vale House, Noaks Road

The application was for the erection of 14 dwellings (500% affordable homes), including the creation of vehicular access and part change of use of the existing clubhouse to a shop. Councillors noted that there had been a previous application for 9 holiday lodges, which had been approved in October 2017. It appeared that these were now being sold as holiday lodges with a 12-month licence. It was noted that the development would be completely outside the 2017 and 2019 settlement boundaries. The application made an assumption that the 5-year land supply may not be met; however, Babergh had confirmed that it **did** now have a 5-year land supply. The application stated that the development would comprise 50% affordable homes, but councillors questioned whether this was appropriate on a golf course, and doubted that either the district council or any housing association would be willing to pick up that element in that location. With regard to the application for part change of use of the existing clubhouse to a shop, it was noted that there were no pavements leading to the site; in addition, the application stated the shop would create job opportunities - but elsewhere stated that existing golf club staff would man the shop. Other areas of concern were:

- No school within 3 miles;
- No transport links;
- Suffolk Fire & Rescue had voiced concern that fire engines might not be able to access the development, as the access road might not be able to take the strain;
- Currently no speed limit along most of Noaks Road - especially the section that accessed the Golf Club;
- Part of the road was very narrow and did not allow for two cars to pass each other safely;
- Noaks Road was a section of the National Cycle route and the South Suffolk route;
- There would be an increase in vehicles in both directions due to residents going to and from work; also an increase in deliveries etc;
- Noaks Road was popular with walkers and an increase in traffic would certainly be detrimental to their safety.

19.8.9.2 DC/19/00958 - Land off Noaks Road

It was noted that outline planning permission had been granted for the erection of 1 dwelling (application was originally for up to 5 dwellings).

19.8.9.3 DC/19/02503 - 2,4,5 & 6 The Gardens

It was noted that the application for 5 dwellings had been approved.

19.8.9.4 DC/19/02280 - Land east of King George's Field

It was noted that some actions were required before discharge of certain conditions could be approved.

19.8.10 SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Councillors expressed concern that several bus services sponsored by SCC had been cancelled. One of these was the 971 bus which delivered more than forty children to Colchester Sixth Form College, Colchester Institute and other schools. On 23 July the EADT had reported that the route had been saved as Beestons had agreed to take it on; however, the route had been changed and would no longer include Raydon or Layham but would go through Capel St Mary and Hintlesham, then via East Bergholt to Colchester. AP said she had been told that there were insufficient numbers in Raydon, Holton and Layham to make the service viable - apparently insurance for drivers using Benton Street was also a problem. In addition to this service being cut, the 796 and 94A services would also cease at the beginning of November. It was proposed by SN, seconded by AP and agreed unanimously that a letter should be sent to SCC and James Cartlidge MP, and copied to Holton St Mary PC for information as they were also concerned. AP would draft the letter, which she would then forward to JC for submission.

19.8.11 BABERGH & MID SUFFOLK JOINT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The deadline for the draft Joint Local Plan consultation had been extended to 30 September. SN, KL and SS would review the document and pull together recommendations for full Council.

19.8.12 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

19.8.12.1 Blackwell Barn, The Street

JC had received an email after the agenda had been circulated confirming that the discharge of conditions relating to planning application DC/19/02445 had been approved.

19.8.12.2 Speeding on Woodlands Road

JC had received an email from a resident drawing attention to the ongoing problems with vehicles speeding along Woodlands Road; he had photographed the skid marks caused by the most recent incident. SN would follow up on this, and speeding would be an agenda item for the September meeting.

19.8.13 CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

None.

19.8.14 MEETING DATES

19.8.14.1 Date of next meeting

7.30pm on Tuesday 10 September 2019, in the Pavilion.

19.8.14.2 October meeting

It was agreed to change the date of the October meeting from the 8th to **Tuesday 15th**.

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