

RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 JULY 2021

Present: Faith Backhouse (FB)
Stephen Coe (SC)
Jane Cryer - Clerk (JC)
Keith Lovering (KL)
Jim Lowe (JL)
Sue Newton - Chairman (SN)
Amanda Pyall - Vice Chairman (AP)
Trevor Sayers (TS)
Sigi Steer (SS)
Jayne Tann (JT)

In attendance: Georgia Hall, Suffolk CC (GH)
John Ward, Babergh DC (JW)
1 Parishioner

Apologies: None

21.7.1 APOLOGIES

None.

21.7.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

FB and JT declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 21.7.7.2.

21.7.3 PUBLIC FORUM

The parishioner present did not wish to speak.

21.7.4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15 JUNE 2021

21.7.4.1 Planning meeting held on 8 April 2021

It was proposed by SC, seconded by TS and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the planning meeting held on Tuesday 15 June 2021 should be accepted as an accurate record, and signed accordingly.

21.7.4.2 PC meeting held on 15 June 2021

It was noted that the date of the litter pick was **Sunday 18 July** (not Saturday). With this amendment, it was proposed by KL, seconded by AP and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 June 2021 should be accepted as an accurate record, and signed accordingly.

21.7.5 ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

21.7.5.1 Defibrillator

JC confirmed that she had ordered a spare set of pads for the defibrillator.

21.7.5.2 Wenham Place Farm

As agreed at the last meeting, JC had written to Vellacott Farms about the overgrown grass at the junction of Acacia Road and the B1070; this had now been cut.

21.7.5.3 Community Speed Watch

As agreed, JC had ordered two new speed guns, with cases and batteries.

21.7.6 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

21.7.6.1 Babergh DC

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. JW confirmed that the Joint Local Plan hearing sessions would resume in September, with Stage 2 hearings being held in mid-autumn as originally planned. In response to a question from SN, JW said final approval depended on the examiner, but would hopefully be in late spring / early summer 2022. Most councils had cancelled their July meetings pending the easing of Covid restrictions; however, Babergh's July meeting would go ahead at Wherstead Park, which was large enough to ensure social distancing rules. JW confirmed that, should the PC wish to apply for additional CIL funding, he would be happy to assist with the application; some funding was also available from the Locality Fund. In response to a question from AP, he confirmed that the PC could apply for additional funding for the refurbishment of the telephone box in Lower Raydon.

21.7.6.2 Suffolk CC

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. GH updated the meeting on some outstanding issues: the gully near the church required further attention and Highways would carry out an inspection; the flooding and build up of mud in the middle of the road from Shelley bridge towards Lower Raydon was on the 'action' list; the landslip on Hadleigh Road would be dealt with on 15 July. KL said Wades Lane was still a problem.

21.7.7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

21.7.7.1 RFO's report

It was proposed by SN, seconded by JL and agreed unanimously that the finance report for 13 July 2021 should be approved; payments of £2005.15 were authorised.

21.7.7.2 Village Lunch Club

JT and FB were keen to start a monthly Lunch Club for parishioners and had asked the KGF Trustees if they could use the Pavilion; they had asked whether the PC would be willing to help with hire costs and publicity. It was agreed that the PC would require a formal proposal before committing any funding; however, it was agreed, in principle, to support a pilot scheme. With regard to the suggestion that SALC might also be approached for funding, JC said Community Action Suffolk was the body to approach; she would forward a link to FB. However, it was noted that FB and JT had concerns about the kitchen at the Pavilion, which would be discussed with the Trustees.

21.7.8 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

21.7.8.1 Speeding - ANPR trial

The two locations proposed by the working party were agreed and would be submitted to SCC for approval. JC would write to the owners of the two properties outside which the poles would be situated, to make sure they had no objections.

21.7.8.2 Grass verges

The report from the working party was noted. At the June meeting it had been agreed that planters were the preferred option and a detailed list of requirements had now been received from Highways. The working party would meet again to discuss these and would bring recommendations, including costings, to the September meeting. The course of action being taken was approved.

21.7.8.3 Rectory Close

FB said that parking on the grass verge and the road remained an ongoing problem. SN commented that several years ago Babergh had installed lay-bys. JW said this could be re-visited, but advised that the suggestion concerning yellow lines would be for Highways to consider, not Babergh. He said Babergh could talk to their tenants if there were specific problems; SN would liaise with him. In response to a question from SN, JW said 'residents' parking only' signs could not be enforced unless there was a residents' parking permit scheme in place. KL noted that some of the parking bays were unusable due to rubbish being dumped; AP would investigate during the forthcoming litter pick.

21.7.9 PLANNING

21.7.9.1 DC/21/02482 - Netherhall, Lower Raydon

It was noted that permission had been granted for the erection of a detached garage and games room; demolition of existing garage.

21.7.9.2 DC/21/03211 - Raydon Great Wood

It was noted that formal approval had not been required for the erection of a barn for storage.

21.7.10 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

21.7.10.1 HGV parking

A letter had been received from a parishioner concerned about the number of HGVs parking overnight at Notley Enterprise Park / Raydon Hall Farm. JW said he would look into this - JC would forward the letter to him.

21.7.10.2 Festival of Suffolk 2022

Information had been received about the Festival of Suffolk 2022, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; all parishes were encouraged to take part and nominate a 'Festival Community Champion'. This would be an agenda item for September.

21.7.10.3 National Grid proposals

As part of the Bramford to Twinstead network reinforcement consultation process, parishes were being asked if they could help with meeting venues etc. SN suggested the Pavilion; JC would forward contact details.

21.7.10.4 Discovering Suffolk

This was a new, two-year project to raise awareness of the countryside and promote local outdoor activity across Suffolk. The Project Officer had sent an email asking for assistance from parish councils to install new plaques on fingerposts. JC had requested more information about the initiative and would report back.

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

None.

21.7.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on Tuesday 14 September 2021 in the Pavilion, KGF.

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