

Rainow Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held 16th May 2017 at 8.00 p.m. in Rainow Institute

Present:

John Cantrell (Chairman), Alan Brett (Vice Chairman), Richard Balment, Ken Butler, Geoff Cooper, Sue Frith, Nathan Gabbott, Carole Harvey, Mary Marsh, Louise Moskowitz, Louise Perry and Alan Taylor. Cheshire East Ward Councillor Hilda Gaddum, one member of the public and the Clerk were also present.

Annual General Meeting**918 Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED that, there being no other nominations, Cllr Alan Brett was nominated Chairman by Cllr John Cantrell and the nomination was seconded by Cllr Ken Butler and agreed by the meeting.

919 Election of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED that, there being no other nominations, Cllr Alan Taylor was nominated Vice Chairman by Cllr Richard Balment and the nomination was seconded by Cllr Mary Marsh and agreed by the meeting.

It was noted that Cllr Taylor would be unable to serve as Chairman for the year 2018/19.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman and Vice Chairman signed their "Acceptance of Office".

ELECTION OF WORKING GROUPS AND REPRESENTATIVES 2017/18

Planning Groups	All Council Members
Transport Group	All Council Members
Projects Group	All Council Members
Macclesfield Area Highways Group	Cllr Ken Butler
Tidy Village - including telephone kiosk and Best Kept Village Competition (BKVC).	Cllrs John Cantrell, Sue Frith, Carole Harvey and Louise Moskowitz.
Rural Broadband Group	Cllrs Geoff Cooper, Nathan Gabbott and Ken Butler.
Cheshire Association (ChALC) Area Meeting Representative	Cllr Ken Butler
Defibrillator	Cllrs Richard Balment and Sue Frith.
Footpath Group	Cllrs Alan Taylor (Chairman), Alan Brett, Nathan Gabbott, John Cantrell and Louise Moskowitz.
Jubilee Playground Inspection Group	Cllrs Mary Marsh, Louise Perry and Alan Taylor.
Maps and Walks Booklets (distribution)	Cllrs Richard Balment.
Parish Plan Working Group	Cllrs Alan Brett (Chairman), Geoff Cooper, Richard Balment and John Cantrell.
Raven Management Group	Cllr Ken Butler, Mrs Jane Brett, Mrs Louise Leigh, Mrs Mel Wilcox, Mrs Pat Mellish, Mr Bob Langstaff, Mr Raph Murray and Mr Jim Kennelly.
• Editorial Group	
• Advertising and Invoicing	Cllrs Ken Butler, Carole Harvey, Mrs Pat Mellish and the Clerk.
Speed Indicator Device	Cllr Ken Butler
Website Editors	Cllrs Ken Butler, Louise Perry and Mr Jim Crowther.

920 Election of Working Groups and Representatives

RESOLVED the election of working groups and representatives 2017/18 were proposed by Cllr Richard Balment and the nomination was seconded by Cllr Geoff Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** None received.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

911 - 917 RESOLVED that the minutes for the Parish Council Meeting dated 18th April 2017 were agreed as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Councillor: R Balment

Seconded Councillor: C Harvey

All in favour

3. Dispensations and Declarations of Interest

None received.

4. *Public Forum for Questions*

Members discussed their comments, to the proposed base station on Land at Thornsett Farm, with resident actioned after the April Meeting. The Council were asked for their comments on the proposal and Members felt that not all the options had been considered in the proposal. They felt that the suggested option was too intrusive and the Council had to be satisfied that the best options have been considered.

5. **Report from Neighbourhood Policing Team** - No report submitted.

It was mentioned that it would be useful to have a member of the team attend the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

6. *Report from the Cheshire East Ward Member*

Cllr Gaddum reported that Highways are aware of the state of Penny Lane and are planning on patching shortly.

Members discussed the Bowling Green application and that there is some un-ease from residents regarding the process. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the planning authority to express Members' concerns.

Members discussed progress regarding the planning application for the mast in Sutton. It was reported that, for Vispa to progress their application, a "landscape impact assessment" must be submitted. At this point they have not done this.

Action: Clerk

7. *Outstanding Matters*

a) **To consider information and quotes for notice boards**

Members agreed to a phased replacement of the notice boards once they start deteriorating. Clerk to prepare specification for quotes based on the example shown to the Council. Clerk to also contact Hurdfield Parish Council for details of their metal notice board.

Action: Clerk

b) **Rural Life Exhibition 10th June – 18th June 2017**

Cllr Taylor reported that he had found information that some old minute books have been stored with Natwest Bank. Cllrs Perry, Taylor and Gabbott to arrange a meeting to put together snippets together from the minutes.

Action: Clerk

c) **Memorial Gardens Extension of Paved Area**

Cllr Taylor reported that he had met with the Contractor and been given a verbal quote of around £660 + VAT for a roll of matting across the top of the grass. Two metres on either side of the paved area. The Contractor was concerned that this may cause a trip hazard on the boarder. He suggested filling with gravel. Members were not keen on removing the flower beds. Members asked to see a detailed quote but, not removing the flower beds.

Action: Cllr Taylor/Clerk

8. *Matters Arising*

a) **To consider proposal for the running Speed Indicator Devices for Rainow, Adlington and Pott Shrigley**

Costs incurred would be £255 per year with £57 initially for batteries. Members agreed to the purchase of the batteries and taking on Mr Paul Redwood. However, they wanted to specify a one year contract subject to satisfying Members that his personal and liability insurance is in order and that he has a risk assessment in place.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Butler asked the Clerk whether she could confirm, with the Clerks in Adlington and Pott Shrigley, that they are happy with the proposed SID allocation schedule.

Action: Clerk

9. *Correspondence*

a) **Village of the Year Competition**

Noted.

10. *Finance*

a) **To approve the un-audited Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2016/17**

921 RESOLVED to approve the un-audited Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement for year 31 March 2017. The motion was proposed by Cllr L Perry and seconded by Cllr M Marsh and agreed by the meeting.

b) **To approve Section 2 - Annual statements 2016/17**

922 **RESOLVED** to approve the un-audited Section 2 – Annual Return for year 31 March 2017. The motion was proposed by Cllr L Perry and seconded by Cllr M Marsh and agreed by the meeting.

c) To approve Bank Reconciliation Statement up to 31st March 2017

923 **RESOLVED** to approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement up to 31st March 2017. The motion was proposed by Cllr L Perry and seconded by Cllr K Butler and agreed by the meeting.

d) To resolve to approve summary of income and expenditure for year ended 31st March 2017

924 **RESOLVED** to approve the summary of income and expenditure for year ended 31st March 2017. The motion was proposed by Cllr L Perry and seconded by Cllr C Harvey and agreed by the meeting.

e) To approve income reports for Maps and Walks booklets and Selecta DNA

925 **RESOLVED** income reports for Maps and Walks booklets and Selecta DNA. The motion was proposed by Cllr L Perry and seconded by Cllr G Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

f) To approve the following receipts and payments:

Receipts: From

Silvertown Taxis	CASH – Raven Advertising R36, R37 and R38	£51.00
CASH Sales	CASH Sales December issue 70p and March Issue £1.78	£2.48
Hilda Gaddum	Raven Advertising £15 for 4 issues R39/R40/R41/R42 (£3.75 each including donation)	£15.00

Payments: To – None Received

926 **RESOLVED** to approve the payment and receipts. The motion was proposed by Cllr M Marsh and seconded by Cllr G Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

11. The Raven

a) To approve Income and Expenditure report for Raven Newsletter up to 8th May 2017.

Members to chase outstanding payments. Invoices to be sent out. Clerk to forward updated list to Group.

927 **RESOLVED** to approve the Income and Expenditure report up to 10th April 2017. The motion was proposed by Cllr K Butler and seconded by Cllr G Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

Action: Clerk

b) To approve Income and Expenditure reports for the Raven Newsletter 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

928 **RESOLVED** to approve the Income and Expenditure report 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017. The motion was proposed by Cllr L Perry and seconded by Cllr G Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

c) To discuss vacancy for the distribution of the Raven

Members reviewed the distribution list due to a vacant route. Cllrs Perry and Moskowitz will split Cllr Taylor's round and Cllr Taylor will take over the distribution of the vacant route. Cllr Brett will be reviewing the distribution.

Action: Cllr Brett

d) To consider using an alternative printer company for the Summer issue.

929 **RESOLVED** to approve the use of alternative printing company for the Summer issue. The motion was proposed by Cllr G Cooper and seconded by Cllr K Butler and agreed by the meeting.

e) Raven 39 - content deadline 31st May

Noted.

Action: Clerk

12. Planning

a) To agree comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

- 17/1533M Bowling Green, Ingersley Vale, Bollington, Cheshire East. Reserved matters application following outline approval 15/2354M - Details of Appearance of the proposed 11no. 2.5 storey townhouses and 1no. detached house. Details of Landscape layout and materials.

Deadline for comments: 18 April 2017 (Deadline Extended to 17th May)

and

- 17/1531M - Bowling Green, Ingersley Vale, Bollington, Cheshire. Variation of condition 3 (approved plans) of 15/2354M - Outline application for proposed 11 no. 2.5 storey and 2 no. 2 storey residential housing.

Deadline for comments: 28th April 2017 (Deadline Extended to 17th May)

930 The following comment will be sent to the Cheshire East Council regarding applications 17/1533M and 17/1531M:

“ Traffic

The Council remains concerned as per our original comments with regard to planning application 15/2354 over issues of traffic, particularly taking account of additional traffic arising from the proposed development at Ingersley Vale Mill.

Car parking

- Whilst 4 additional spaces are provided in the latest proposals we believe this will still prove insufficient and result in parking issues in the area that will affect existing residents and businesses;
- We consider that the room designated as a study is likely to be used as a bedroom – thus increasing the parking requirement to 3 spaces per dwelling – 36 in total, compared with the total of 28 spaces currently proposed;
- We note that no additional parking space is available in the area either on or off-street; and
- We refer to the report produced by John Knight on behalf of a resident and support his findings regarding the inadequacy of the proposed parking provision.

Materials

The Council considers the materials proposed, predominantly grey in colour, to be out of keeping with the local area where existing buildings are predominantly constructed using local gritstone with white window frames.

Amenity

The Council recognises that the revised plan provides some improvement in amenity for Rainow Mill cottages by moving the plot 12 property further away from the cottages and changing window arrangements.

We refer to our previous submission and continue to request that additional natural screening (using appropriate shrubs and trees) be provided between the new development and the existing properties to help reduce the impact of the development.

Detailed issues

Rainow PC does not have the resource or expertise to examine detailed issues that have been raised by residents. The Council request that CEC ensure that potential errors in submitted plans are properly examined and addressed and that the impact of the revised proposals provides no further detriment to residents beyond that in the original approved plans. In particular, we would request that CEC investigate the following issues that have been raised:

- Accuracy of the site boundaries, particularly those adjacent to the conservation area and Mill Lane; and
- The roof heights of the proposed new houses.”

The motion was proposed by Cllr R Balment seconded by Cllr G Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

- 17/2074M - Long Meadow Barn, Smithy Lane, Rainow, SK10 5UP. Proposed new dwelling in lieu of an existing agricultural building (currently undergoing conversion to residential as permitted development) and extended residential curtilage.

Deadline for comments: 24 May 2017

931 The following comment will be sent to the Cheshire East Council: “The Parish Council would prefer to see smaller dwellings, which would better meet the housing needs of the village, as per our housing needs survey. We note this would have been provided by the original plan for the site.” The motion was proposed by Cllr L Perry seconded by Cllr G Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

b) For Information; Decisions and withdrawals this month:

NP/CEC/0317/0213 – Ravenowe, Berristall Lane, Rainow. Single storey extension. **GRANTED**

13. Footpath Group Report**a) Public Rights of Way - Footpath 28**

Cllr Taylor reported that he had met with the landowner and discussed the position of the current footpath. The landowner informed him that she had been asked to move the gate by the Ramblers Association. The Clerk to ask Cheshire East to contact the current owners to prevail upon them to sort out the drainage.

Action: Clerk

14. Jubilee Playground Inspection Group Report**a) To arrange a Working group meeting**

It was agreed to advertise in the Raven for volunteers to help with the tidying up of the playground. The Clerk was also asked to approach the school.

Action: Clerk

b) To consider playground report and agree necessary action.

It was reported that the grass in the playground needs cutting. It was also pointed out that the grass around the cenotaph is also in need of cutting.

It was agreed that Cllr Taylor should purchase some soil and sand to clean up the matting and cover the tree roots.

Action: Clerk

15. Parish Plan Working Group Report

It was reported that the Community Bus has recruited a new driver. Friday and Saturdays could do with more use but, there is a steady group use of the bus.

16. Councillors Reports - to receive Chairman's and Councillors' reports

a) Macclesfield Local Highways Meeting

Cllr Butler reported that he had attended. Members were informed that some monies are still available in this year's budget for Highways improvements. Members were asked to consider items for highways improvement. It was reported that the marker posts for Smithy Lane are in hand. Clerk to email the Area Highway Group bulletins to members.

Action: Clerk

b) Community Litter Pick held Sunday 7th May at 10 a.m. (S Frith)

Cllr Frith reported a disappointing attendance but, due to a bike race they were unaware of, it was for the best. The Clerk to include item in Raven asking that residents help by keeping the outside of their homes tidy.

Action: Clerk

c) Other items:

- Cllr Cantrell reported that, Rainow Primary School, football Teams A and B had both won their respective leagues. Clerk to send a letter of congratulations.
- To include item regarding overgrown hedges in the Raven.

Action: Clerk

17. Items for Next and Future Meetings (Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 8 p.m.)

- ChALC – Election of Members.
- Cllr Marsh sent her apologies for the June meeting.
- Civic Service.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Rainow Parish Council as a true record.

.....Chairman