

# Rainow Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### at 8.00 p.m. in Rainow Institute

**Present:**

Councillors: John Cantrell (in the Chair), Richard Balment, Katherine Beswick, Alan Brett (Vice Chairman), Ken Butler, Geoff Cooper, Sue Frith, Nathan Gabbott, Carole Harvey, Mary Marsh, Pat Mellish and Alan Taylor. Cheshire East Councillors Hilda Gaddum, the Clerk and two members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies:** None received.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

717-726 **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were agreed as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. **Dispensations and Declarations of Interest**

None received.

4. **Public Forum for Questions**

a) **Superfast Broad Band**

A resident spoke regarding the lack of access to Superfast Broad Band for Berristall Lane and surrounding areas. The resident's telephone is on the Macclesfield exchange. Those on the Bollington exchange were selected for inclusion in the Connecting Cheshire project but, those on the Macclesfield exchange were not. BT undertook to connect those residents on the Macclesfield exchange. Having been left out of the plan to connect rural areas the resident was concerned they are not commercial enough for BT. She was informed that Cllr Gaddum, the Parish Council and the Broadband group continue to put pressure on.

Cllr Gaddum reported that she had today received a message from the Connecting Cheshire Programme Manager. He reported that this area and surrounding areas are covered by BTs commercial rollout and are not directly part of the Connecting Cheshire work. BT has confirmed that this area is served by cabinet Macclesfield 12. The cabinet has been physically stood and is currently awaiting both power and fibre connections to be made before it can be brought into service. He has asked when this is likely to take place and is awaiting a reply.

It was suggested that the Parish Council write to BT to express their concern over the lack of movement from BT and find out what their plans are and when they expect to connect this end of the village to the superfast network. This was agreed.

**Action: Clerk**

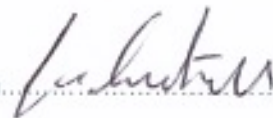
b) **"Spoutbank Lane" Nameplate**

A resident spoke regarding an un-adopted and unnamed road. A flyer was distributed, by the Parish Council, to the residents on this lane requesting their thoughts on installing a nameplate. He informed the Council that it is very difficult to direct emergency services so the Councils help would be much appreciated. He was not concerned what the name should be although he thought "Thornsett Lane" was more appropriate.

He also spoke regarding installing a warning post for the drop down from the Lane to the main pavement/road. The drop also makes it very difficult turning left onto the main road forcing the driver into oncoming traffic. It is made more difficult by the children using the back entrance to school, drivers parking in the layby to drop off and the overgrown trees. A concealed entrance sign coming from Macclesfield would also be useful. It was wondered whether a post and nameplate could be combined. It was suggested the Council should contact the police as a starting point.

5. **Report from the Cheshire East Ward Member**

Cllr Gaddum reported that she would be unable to attend next month meeting. She informed members that a post has been installed to protect resident's property on Mount Pleasant from



further damage from HGVs. A meeting has taken place with Highways and it is hopeful they can find a solution.

#### **6. Report from Neighbourhood Policing Team**

A report was received but there was nothing to report.

#### **7. Outstanding Matters**

##### **a) Memorial Stone Bench**

Members considered correspondence in response to proposal to position donated bench on Smithy Lane which was negative. It was proposed the Council contact the Vicar for an alternative position for the bench. Cllr Taylor agreed to talk to the Vicar.

**Action: Cllr Taylor**

##### **b) Surplus monies from the Bollington Beer Festival**

Clerk to contact organisers to request details.

**Action: Clerk**

##### **c) White Nancy Waterloo 200 Commemoration**

Cllr Frith reported she had attended a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the above commemoration. She will be representing the Parish Council in judging the White Nancy painting competition (deadline 30<sup>th</sup> March). It was noted that Rainow Primary School are involved. Cllr Frith reported that she has volunteered to contact Bollington Rapid Responders to cover one of the events.

The plan is to display some of the art work together with any other footage available at the Rainow fete. A member of Rainow's history group, who has produced a document on White Nancy, is more than happy to help organise this and will use the display boards from the WW1 exhibition. He has been invited to attend their next meeting. A flyer will be going out with the June edition of the Raven to publicise the event.

##### **d) Responses from members of the public regarding the possible installation of a nameplate on the Lane ("Spoutbank Lane")**

See 4(b). Councillors agreed that a sign is necessary for directing the emergency services. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the police as a starting point. It was noted that Highways have said that as the Lane should be considered as a private road and in this instance they would not provide a street nameplate.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **8. Matters Arising**

##### **a) SID Traffic Report**

It was noted that the Clerk had requested the purchase of clips for the second post. Cllr Butler reported that the SID will be put up again, once repaired, because the figures were not representative of a normal week.

##### **b) Dates for meetings in 2015**

Noted. Clerk to include the date for elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **9. Correspondence Requiring Response**

##### **a) Buckingham Palace Garden Party**

It was agreed Cllr Alan Taylor to be nominated.

**Action: Clerk**

##### **b) Letter from member of the public – Warning Post**

See 4(b). The Clerk was asked to request help from the Police in approaching Highways to install a nameplate, a warning post for the drop down from the Lane to the main pavement/road (or combining both sign and post) and installing a concealed entrance sign coming from Macclesfield.

**Action: Clerk**

Clerk to contact Highways to request that the trees be cut back.

**Action: Clerk**

c) **Road Safety on Rural Lanes Sub-Group, Cheshire East Local Access Forum**  
Cllr Butler agreed to attend.

d) **Best Kept Village Competition 2015**

The Clerk reported that she had received the forms for 2015. The Council agreed to apply for 2015.

**Action: Clerk**

e) **Radio Base Station**

No comment.

**10. The Raven**

a) **Income and Expenditure report for Raven Newsletter up to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

727 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the income and expenditure report for the Raven up to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The motion was proposed by Cllr Carole Harvey and seconded by Cllr Mary Marsh and agreed by the meeting.

b) **Raven Distribution List**

Councillors considered list finalising numbers and distribution.

**11. Finance**

a) **Quotation for £740 in respect of work on Trinity Gardens**

Councillors considered quote and agreed to request a separate quote from another contractor.

**Action: Cllr Harvey**

b) **Quotation for £680 in respect of work on surrounding memorial wall**

Councillors considered quote and agreed to request a separate quote from another contractor.

**Action: Cllr Cantrell**

c) **Quotation for £240 in respect of work in the memorial garden**

Work includes stone memorial seat and the re-laying of paving slabs.

728 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve Quotation for £240 in respect of work in the memorial garden. The motion was proposed by Cllr Ken Butler and seconded by Cllr Geoff Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

d) **Review Insurance Cover, Risks, Asset List and Standing Orders**

The Clerk reported that the Insurance agreement runs out in May. Clerk to request quotes from alternative Insurers. The Clerk informed Members that she is in the process of updating the Asset List with purchase dates as requested by the Auditor. No amendments to Risks and Standing Orders.

**Action: Clerk**

e) **Income and Expenditure reports for July to September and October to December 2014**

729 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve Income and Expenditure reports for July to September and October to December 2014. The motion was proposed by Cllr Mary Marsh and seconded by Cllr Carole Harvey and agreed by the meeting.

f) **Donation of £200 towards KRIV as agreed in the budget for the financial year 2014/15**

730 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve donation of £200 towards KRIV. The motion was proposed by Cllr Richard Balment and seconded by Cllr Carole Harvey and agreed by the meeting.

g) **To approve the following Receipts and Payments:**

<b>Receipts: From</b>		
Cheshire East Council	BACS payment	£54.00
	Delivered to Macclesfield Visitor Centre	
	20 maps @ £1 £18	



	20 walks @ £2 £36	
Mr G Nicol	BACS payment Red Arctic	£33.00
Mr G and Mrs P Mellish	Raven 28/29 - The Robin Hood	£59.00
Wirral Heating Oil Ltd	Raven 28/29	£33.00
Oliver at Bollington Green Ltd	Raven 28/29	£109.00
RMH	Raven 26/27/28/29	£218.00
E Williams KEHO	BACS Raven 28/29	£59.00
D Stuart Band	Raven 28/29	£33.00

#### Payments: To

Mr C Vernon	Work completed on Jubilee Playground	£230.00
Mail Boxes Etc.	Printing of Raven 29	£503.25
Parish Plan Implementation Group	Contribution towards the Community Bus Scheme.	£450.00
	Made up: £200 for 2013 and £250 for 2014	
KRIV	Donation for financial year 2014/15	£200.00
East Cheshire Hospice	Donation for removal and disposal of Christmas Tree	£25.00
United Utilities Water Ltd	16 ft Christmas Tree	£109.09
Mr R Langstaff	Final receipts for WW1 exhibition	£598.60
Arrow Business Machines Ltd	Cartridges and paper	£129.17

Receipts for £598.60 in respect of WW1 exhibition were noted.

731 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve receipts for WW1 exhibition. The motion was proposed by Cllr Mary Marsh and seconded by Cllr Pat Harvey and agreed by the meeting.

732 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the payment and receipts. The motion was proposed by Cllr Pat Mellish and seconded by Cllr Ken Butler and agreed by the meeting.

#### 12. Planning

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

14/5744M - Lower Brook Farm, Smithy Lane. Listed Building Consent for extension, amendments to garage roof and internal alterations.

733 The following comment will be sent to the Cheshire East Council: "*Rainow Parish Council have no objection to this application*". The motion was proposed by Cllr Carole Harvey seconded by Cllr Geoff Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

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For Information; Decisions and withdrawals this month:

None received.

#### 13. Footpath Group Report

Public Path Diversion Order for Footpath No 19 (Part)

735 The following comment will be sent to the Cheshire East Council: "*Rainow Parish Council have no objection to this diversion order*". The motion was proposed by Cllr Ken Butler seconded by Cllr Alan Taylor and agreed by the meeting.

Action: Clerk

#### 14. Jubilee Playground Inspection Group Report

Cllr Beswick reported that the fencing in one section, at the bottom end near the school, appeared flattened. Cllr Beswick agreed to see if she could put it up and would report back.

Action: Cllr Beswick

**15. Parish Plan Implementation Group Report**

**a) Rural Housing Needs Survey 2014 and consider draft report**

Members were informed that only 22% of residents replied to the survey. Residents mainly asked for smaller properties to downsize. The poor return rate suggests there is no pressing need. Cllr Butler suggested the Council should still consider a Neighbourhood Plan.

**b) Community Bus Project (Community not Parish Council project)**

Cllr Butler reported that there is a Department of Transport Scheme to provide new minibuses to rural communities. The group have put in an application accordingly. Cheshire East have agreed that they can sell the old mini-bus and keep the funds.

**16. Councillors Reports - To receive Chairman's and Councillors' reports**

- a) Cllr Balment reported that he had attended the Cardiac Awards Evening along with Councillors Harvey and Frith and achieved Gold CardiacSmart Status. He will send an article to the Clerk for forwarding to the Macclesfield Express.

**Action: Clerk**

Councillor Taylor agreed to install the award on the Institute wall.

**Action: Cllr Taylor**

- b) Clerk was asked to include item on Agenda regarding hazardous parking opposite the old Rising Sun public house.

**Action: Clerk**

- c) Cllr Mellish reported that there had been an incidence of graffiti on the wall in the Pleasance aimed at a resident. The incident has been reported to the police.

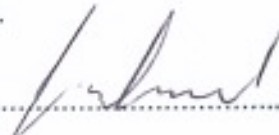
- d) Cllr Gabbott reported that there had been a few incidents of bad parking and speeding at the crossing near the school gates. The Clerk was asked to request the police attend during morning drop of and picking up time.

**Action: Clerk**

**17. Items for Next Meeting (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015)**

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Rainow Parish Council as a true record.

..........Chairman