

Rainow Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held 17th February 2015

at 8.00 p.m. in Rainow Institute

Present:

Councillors: John Cantrell (in the Chair), Richard Balment, Alan Brett (Vice Chairman), Ken Butler, Geoff Cooper, Sue Frith, Carole Harvey, Pat Mellish and Alan Taylor. The Clerk was also present.

1. Apologies:

Katherine Beswick, Nathan Gabbott, Mary Marsh and Cheshire East Councillor Hilda Gaddum.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

727-735 RESOLVED that the minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2015 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 - None received.

5. Report from Neighbourhood Policing Team

Report read by the Chairman on behalf of PCSO Jenny Cole.

She reported that she had monitored the school parking on Friday morning. Everything was fine, but she had to stand there in a yellow jacket. She spoke to one parent whose parking was a little questionable and explained to her why she should not be parking there. Members asked whether she could attend undercover.

Action: Clerk

She reported that a grey Vauxhall Astra was acting suspiciously near the Rainow Institute on the 11/02 with four males on board. The vehicle left the area in direction of Macclesfield. No suspicions raised when vehicle registration was run through PNC. The vehicle was not traced.

She had not managed to buy anymore brackets for other SID post as yet, so in the meantime she has deployed the SID again on Hawkins Lane.

6. Outstanding Matters**a) Memorial Stone Bench**

Cllr Taylor reported that he had spoken to the Vicar and unfortunately he was unable to accommodate the bench in the Church yard.

Members discussed other locations; Opposite Jenkins Chapel, Saltersford and Lamaload Road. It was agreed that Cllr Brett would review these locations. Permission would need to be gained from either Cheshire East or the Water board.

Action: Cllr Brett/Clerk**b) Surplus monies from the Bollington Beer Festival**

Clerk to publicise in Raven.

Action: Clerk**c) Superfast Broad Band**

A reply had been received from Mike Blackburn (Regional Director, North West BT Regions) regarding cabinet 12 connecting the Berristall Lane and the surrounding areas to superfast broadband. The copper and fibre cables are now in place and the plinth is ready. Undertaking of power provision is estimated at April 2015. Once that is completed the other remaining tasks will then need to be finished. It was noted that the distances from the cabinet to the property will still be a determining factor in the final speeds that households will receive. So the closer to the cabinet the faster the speeds. Those that are some distance from the cabinet may not significantly benefit from faster speeds. Clerk to update enquiry from resident.

Action: Clerk



d) Un-named Lane - Nameplate, Protective Post and Warning Sign

Councillors considered responses from the Roads Policing Liaison Officer, Highways Officer and member of the public. It was noted the lane is a private road. It was agreed that members did not want to go down an adoption of the lane route. The following was agreed:

- That the residents should get together to agree a name for the Lane.
- That the residents should agree on a location (after which the Parish Council would help them to get the sign installed).
- The Clerk to pursue a concealed entrance sign with Highways.
- In principal members had no objection to the installation of a post for the drop down but would suggest that the resident discusses with neighbours before installing.

Clerk to write to residents.

Action: Clerk

7. Matters Arising

a) Repair of Notice Boards

The following was agreed;

- Notice board opposite the Church needs replacing.
- Notice board on Blaze Hill needs repairing and painting.
- The notice board in the Pleasance needs re-painting. Cllr Mellish agreed to paint the board.
- Quote required for work.

Action: Clerk

b) Parking opposite the old Rising Sun Public House

Members discussed possible action. Residents to be asked to park on one side of the road through an article in Raven. It was felt that the building work is a temporary situation and would be finished soon. Clerk to investigate a bus box opposite the Rising Sun. Clerk was also asked to chase the bus box at the Church.

Action: Clerk

c) Lack of Response from gardener in respect of invoicing the Parish Council

Item no longer relevant.

d) Annual Parish Meeting

Members discussed Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed no speaker and to supply tea and biscuits.

Action: Clerk

8. Correspondence

a) Cheshire Fire Authority Draft Five Year Strategy Consultation

Noted. No comments made.

b) Cheshire Community Action Defra Funding Petition

Members agreed to support this petition.

736 IT WAS RESOLVED to support this petition. The motion was proposed by Cllr Carole Harvey and seconded by Cllr Pat Mellish and agreed by the meeting.

c) Invitation to Chairman for Bollington Civic Hall Dinner 21 March 2015

It was agreed that the Chairman and his wife should attend the event at £23 per person.

737 IT WAS RESOLVED to attend the Bollington Civic Hall Dinner. The motion was proposed by Cllr Geoff Cooper and seconded by Cllr Richard Balment and agreed by the meeting.

d) Cheshire Community Action awards (Community Pride 2015)

Members considered the following three separate awards:

- Working with/by Young People
- Best Community Initiative
- Community Champion Award

Two residents were put forward and the community bus as the best community initiative.

Action: Clerk**9. The Raven****a) Income and Expenditure report for Raven Newsletter up to 13th January 2015**

738 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the income and expenditure report for the Raven up to 13th January 2015. The motion was proposed by Cllr Richard Balment and seconded by Cllr Geoff Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

10. Finance**a) Cheque 1660 £598.60**

It was noted that cheque 1660 was incorrect and will be re-issued.

b) Quote for Memorial wall for £708.00 and Additional Comment by Contractor

Cllr Butler reported that there is a build-up of earth behind the wall which will need removing before the work can commence. The removal of the soil is not included within the quote. It was proposed to ask KRIV whether they could remove the soil. If they are unable to do this then to request a quote from a contractor. Cllr Butler agreed to speak to KRIV and the neighbour as the work could impact on their property. Clerk not to send an order until soil removal has been confirmed.

739 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the quote for work on the memorial for £708 subject to soil removal. The motion was proposed by Cllr Richard Balment and seconded by Cllr Geoff Cooper and agreed by the meeting.

c) Quotation for work on Trinity Gardens

Councillors considered two quotations which were considerably different. It was agreed to request a separate quote from another contractor.

Action: Cllr Harvey

The Clerk was asked to find out when the work would be commencing on the memorial seat.

Action: Clerk**d) To approve the following receipts and payments:**

The Clerk reported that the laminator had broken. Members agreed that the Clerk could purchase a new laminator.

Receipts: From

Alan Brett	CASH purchase of one Map	£1.00
Carole Harvey	Advertising in Raven 28/29	£26.00

Payments: To

Bob Langstaff	Final payment for WW1 exhibition	£400.23
Arrow Business Machines Ltd	Staples and laminating pouches	£12.58
Cheshire Community Action	Entry for Community Pride/Best Kept Village Competition	£35.00
John Pickford	Gardening work March and October 2014	£644.98
Bollington Town Council	Civic Dinner Invitation	£46.00
Arrow Business Machines Ltd	Laminating posters	£7.20

740 IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the payment and receipts and the purchase of a laminator. The motion was proposed by Cllr Carole Harvey and seconded by Cllr Ken Butler and agreed by the meeting.

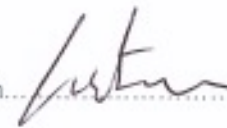
11. Planning

None received.

For Information; Decisions and withdrawals this month:

14/3833M - Cliff Farm, Cliff Lane, Rainow, Macclesfield, SK11 0AB. Change of Use, Conversion/ Demolition and Extension of existing masonry and corrugated metal barn into dwelling with associated garden and garage/store. (referred to as the Lower Barn) Change of use and Conversion of existing metal clad barn into 2 no dwellings with associated gardens, garages, vehicle hardstandings and improvements to associated access. (referred to as the Upper Barn)

Approved with Conditions



12. Footpath Group Report

Notice of Public Path Diversion Order 2014 for Footpath No 19 (Part) - Noted.

Cllr Brett reported on some excellent work completed on Footpath 14 near Summer Close. The Clerk was asked to enquire with Cllr Gabbott whether he knew who had carried out the work.

Action: Clerk

Councillors discussed the temporary closure or diversion of Footpath 45 at Tower Hill. The Council was not informed and would like to know the nature of the closure and how long it is for.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk was asked request an update on the situation regarding Footpath 37 (Ingersley Vale Mill) which has now been closed for a number of years.

Action: Clerk

13. Jubilee Playground Inspection Group Report

Cllr Taylor read a report from Cllr Beswick. She reported that the fencing around the playground still appeared to be standing and asked whether the posts had been replaced. Cllr Taylor informed members that six posts are rotten and in need of replacing. The wooden backing, where the sign adhered to, has rotten away and needs removing along with the two metal posts.

Cllrs Cantrell and Taylor agreed to replace the posts in the fencing and remove the metal posts for the old sign.

Action: Cllr Taylor and Cantrell

Cllr Taylor reported that he had had to tighten one of the nuts on a swing. He also reported that the catch on the gate had gone and the hedge was in need of a trim before the birds start nesting.

Action: Clerk

14. Parish Plan Implementation Group Report

a) Rural Housing Needs Survey 2014

Members discussed the findings. There was a disappointingly low return of 22% of 550. Of these some 15 households wished to move within the village, 8 of these to smaller accommodation and 7 requiring a new household. The need for affordable housing was put at 3 less than 2.5%. The survey has shown that there is no identifiable area for building (apart from the Mill) and therefore no need for a Neighbourhood Plan. There is a need for smaller housing (bungalows) but not for affordable housing.

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

Cllr Butler reported that they now have nine drivers and would like one more. They have revised their schedule and will be including trips to Bollington. They have also received their first outside group booking.

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

a) Road Safety on Rural Lanes Sub-Group, Cheshire East Local Access Forum 14/1/15

Cllr Cantrell reported that, while the conference was useful, he felt it was more of a pressure group with little influence.

b) Best Kept Village Competition

It was reported that the Peak Park Parishes Forum recently commissioned a set of posters on dog waste. Clerk to note in the Raven and print posters for notice boards.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk was asked to contact Streetscape to request help with litter picking and sign cleaning along the main road to Higher Hurdfield.

Action: Clerk

Reminder of Permitted Development meeting 21st April at 7.15 p.m.

Cllr Brett reported that he had seen two caravans pitched on the west side of Gin Clough Quarry. One of which seemed to be occupied. The Clerk reported that she had notified the Peak Park

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but, it was felt that it was probably just pitched during for the school holidays. It was agreed to keep an eye on.

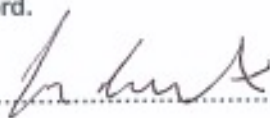
Cllr Butler reported that he would be attending the Rural Crime Conference on Wed 25 Feb 2015. Unfortunately there is also a ChALC Area meeting. The Chairman said that he may be able to go in his stead.

16. Items for Next Meeting (Tuesday 17th March 2015)

Councillors were reminded that the March meeting would be at 7 p.m. followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.30 p.m.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Rainow Parish Council as a true record.

..........Chairman