



Raynham Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 23 May 2023, 6.45pm

Parish Councillors present: David Sidell (Chairman), Richard Brooke (Vice Chairman), Tim Mudd, Barry Sergeant, Nigel Housden (District Councillor) and Tom FitzPatrick (County Councillor). Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk), there were no members of the public present .

1. **Welcome and receive apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

There were no apologies received.

2. **To receive Chairman's report**

Cllr Sidell reported on the closure of the local school within the past few years but Raynham Estate are now considering it being used as a special needs school.

Following this Cllr Sidell advised that the new litter bin will now be installed in the play area, since the play area will remain in situ for the foreseeable future.

Raynham Estate has enquired whether the Parish Council has or will implement a Local Plan. It was agreed this would need further consideration.

There has been development on the camp, such as the Governance Review.

Cllr Sidell would like to thank the Councillors and Clerk for all their support.

3. **To approve the minutes of meeting held on 31 May 2022**

The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **NCC & NNDC Councillors, if in attendance**

Cllr Tom FitzPatrick (County Councillor)

NCC are looking to recruit a Chief Executive and are looking at a move to have an elected leader, as part of the devolution. The final decision on this will be made by December and this would be a free vote for people.

Work is being undertaken to establish some prime social care providers around the county and looking to 'up' the standard.

The County Council continue to push for more funding for work to the roads. It was noted that the Parish Council has been successfully awarded the funding for the trod. Thanks given.

Cllr Nigel Housden (District Councillor)

Cllr Sidell congratulated Nigel for being re-elected, all agreed. Cllr Hosuden wished to thank everyone who voted for him.

Cllr Housden plans to attend a SEND fest in 3 weeks time and will discuss the proposed plans for the West Raynham School with Tom Raynham before mentioning them at the event.

Cllr Housden will also be discussing the situation with regards to nitrates in relation to the 94 dwellings development with Ian Fox in the near future and will update us on any progress.

Cllr Housden advised that a complaint had been directed to Steve Blatch at NNDC regarding the polling station as it was not properly advertised for people to come to Raynham to vote. There was some discussion around the Raynham's being the gateway to North Norfolk and making more of this would be of benefit to the whole area. A brown tourism sign could be installed if it was supported.

There was also some discussion regarding the hangars on the ex RAF base which have now been listed, and whether further consent is required for the planned works. Cllr Housden agreed to look into this, as the planning application was submitted before the listing so further consent may not be needed. Update to follow.

5. To hear from representatives of local clubs or organisations, if in attendance

Cllr Sidell mentioned that the Solar Committee is continuing to run well, and local people and organisations may apply for grants again this year.

Also, the Village Hall Committee are looking to organise some more community events including a quiz night. The coronation was well attended with 55 people at the village hall and thanks went to the Solar Committee Fund for their donation.

6. To hear from members of the public

There were none.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

Signed: Date: