

## **MINUTES OF AN MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2014**

**PRESENT:** J Standen (in the chair), Cr Crowley, Davies, Henderson, Howard, Johnston (for item 8/14), Pasquire, Platts, D Standen, Tomlinson.

**In attendance:** 12 members of the public and the clerk

**1/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**2/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**DISPENSATIONS:** None requested.

### **3/14 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

- (a) Mr Law noted that Highways proposed to make permanent the temporary 40mph limit through the repaired stretch of Oxford Road in Bagley Woods. He condemned this as a piecemeal approach which ignored the accident record of the stretch of road from Sugworth Lane to the A34 slip road. He noted that it is possible for Parish Councils to fund speed limit changes.
- (b) Mr Castling, owner of 89 Foxborough Road referred to the objections to his original application which had been withdrawn and re-submitted. The footprint had been reduced by 4m and the eaves dropped to match the existing bungalow. He wished to dispel the rumour that he intended to run a B&B from the property, rather he wished to modernise the bungalow to provide a comfortable home for his retirement.
- (c) Mrs Harpwood spoke on behalf of the neighbours of 89 Foxborough Road. They were concerned at the gabling of the roof, moving the entrance to the side, the canopy adjacent to her study window and the proposed increase in height.
- (d) Mr Dumas objected to the front gable wall and stated that the house as proposed would be out of keeping with its neighbours.

### **4/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013:**

The minutes were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chairman.

### **5/14 CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT:**

- (a) **PLANNING - ENFORCEMENT:**
  - (i) Foxborough Road: The householder proposed to install a storage container in the place of the shed. This was no more acceptable to the Council.
  - (ii) Container at Longmead Lake: The officer was proceeding with enforcement action.
- (b) **HIGHWAYS:**
  - (i) Temporary parking restrictions during Network Rail bridge works:  
Mr Tole had passed the Council's enquiry to his colleagues who would be dealing with this site and ask them to contact the Council
  - (ii) Station Parking:  
The clerk had passed on copies of correspondence between the Parish Council and OCC, Network Rail and FGW to SCRAP. The group was likely to make an application for a grant to cover costs.  
Correspondence from Nicola Blackwood MP was received.
  - (iii) Thrupp Lane: An accident involving a lorry which had left the road in Thrupp Lane was reported to the Council.
- (c) **POWER CABLES, LOWER RADLEY:** Councillors reported a power cut caused by

fallen power lines on Christmas Eve. The Council was concerned that trees were still growing into power lines and the clerk was asked to contact the owner of Lower Radley Caravan Park asking that they be reduced in height.

**6/14 POLICE MATTERS:**

Councillors were concerned that illegally parked cars were not ticketed consistently. It was thought that it was possible for drivers to be charged with criminal damage if parked on verges and the local PCSO would be asked to seek further advice on this.

**7/14 PLANNING MATTERS:**

(a) **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

- (i) **P13/V2628/FUL:** Radley College Radley Abingdon OX14 2HR: Construction of a rowing centre: NO OBJECTION (Vale ref: 44695)
- (ii) **P14/V0037/FUL:** Demolition of existing spiral escape stair to North West elevation and replace existing escape doors with windows. Removal of existing juliet balconies to south-west elevation and erection of new spiral escape stairway upgrading the existing balcony doors to escape doorways. Demolition of existing garage and erection of new storage building. Change surface of portion of hard standing to synthetic turf for recreation. H Social Block Radley College: NO OBJECTION (Vale ref: 44698)
- (iii) **P14/V0004/LB:** Relocation of garage, partial demolition of garden wall, single storey extension, internal and external alterations and new boundary wall. Park End Kennington Road : NO OBJECTION  
**P14/V0002/HH:** Relocation of garage, partial demolition of garden wall, single storey extension, internal and external alterations and new boundary wall. Park End Kennington Road NO OBJECTION (Vale ref: 44696/44697)
- (iv) **P14/V0055/HH:** Proposed extension to rear and conversion of loft space to form 3-bed dwelling (resubmission) 89 Foxborough Road OBJECTION. The council had concerns about the height of the proposed roof compared to its neighbours, the shape of the roof, that it was out of proportion with the existing, overlooking and the overall height as proposed.

**8/14 REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR:**

Cr Johnston joined the meeting and Standing Orders were suspended so that his reports could be taken at this point.

(a) **DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

- (i) The move to Crowmarsh Gifford would start the following week. Cr Johnston reported that the County had insisted on some environmental improvements to the building including cavity wall insulation.
- (ii) The majority party had prepared a budget, as had the opposition. Many issues were still unknown, including the central government settlement.

It was anticipated that the Vale component of the council tax would be frozen.

(b) **COUNTY COUNCIL:** Cr Johnston reported that:

- (i) A huge amount was being done on the budget, with the same constraints as the District. Each party's budget would be revealed within a month.
- (ii) The A4183 had opened on time on 20<sup>th</sup> December.
- (iii) He had now spent all his Stewardship money. He has asked for the yellow lines outside Kennington Co-op to be refreshed and the remainder would go to refreshing markings starting at the end of Kennington Road and carrying on through Kennington then Radley until funds ran out.
- (iv) He expected an update on electrification by the end of February.

- (v) The Draft Minerals and Waste plan was just about to emerge into the public domain, after the cabinet meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Cr Johnston was asked to be aware that someone bidding for the franchise had indicated that they would increase the number of rail lines through the Radley cutting.

The question of the speed limit on Oxford Road was raised and Cr Johnston confirmed that it was possible for parish councils to request speed limit changes. It was **RESOLVED** that this should be an item for the next agenda.

**7/14** (continued) PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) (v) **MW.0056/13:** Planning application by RWE Npower PLC, for planning permission for the revised restoration to nature conservation rather than agriculture, retention of Sandy Overburden Material mound (north of Area I), retention of the majority of the bunds and retention of some of the associated concrete structures to the remaining unrestored ash lagoons (Areas G & H/I) and the settling and discharge pond area east of the Oxford-Didcot railway line, without complying with Conditions A11, A17 & A18 of planning permission SUT/RAD/5948/12-CM at Radley Ash Disposal Site, Thrupp Lane, Radley, Abingdon: **NO OBJECTION:**
- (vi) **P13/V2722/FUL:** Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Erection of three new detached houses: 43 Sandford Lane Kennington: **NO OBJECTION**
- (b) OTHER APPLICATIONS: None.
- (c) VALE DECISIONS:
- (i) **P13/V2446/DIS :** Discharge of condition 6 relating to planning application P12/V2443/FUL: 1 Foxborough Road Radley - **Fully discharged**
- (ii) **P13/V2467/HH :** 2 Stonhouse Crescent Radley Abingdon OX14 3AG Replacement rear single storey extension. Rear two storey extension. New entrance porch. **GRANTED**
- (iii) **P13/V2499/D:** Prior notification for the demolition of a single storey industrial building and removal of pipes and thrust blocks. Radley Lakes Pigging Station Radley Ash Disposal Site Lower Radley Abingdon: **Demolition Consent on 19th December 2013**
- (d) APPEALS: Appeal Ref: APP/V3120/A/13/2203065 Sandles, Thrupp Lane: The appeal is allowed. The planning approval is varied by the deletion of condition 9.
- (e) ENFORCEMENT: The Council was asked to comment on the proposed replacement shed for 31 Foxborough Road. The Council objected to the proposal and thought it unnecessary as the property has access to the rear for storage.
- (f) REPORT OF A MEETING AT RADLEY COLLEGE: Notes were received.

**9/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- (a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Councillors received the list of payments, details of expenses and the reconciliation.  
It was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Henderson and **RESOLVED** that the Council should make payments as itemised:

|     |                |                            |         |                   |
|-----|----------------|----------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 778 | Mrs J E Dymock | Net Salary (January)       | 1093.70 | LG Act 1972 s112  |
|     |                | Village cleaner (February) |         | Litter Act 1983   |
|     |                | Expenses (February)        | 50.00   | LG Act 1972 s 111 |
| 779 | HMRC           | PAYE & NI                  | 151.48  | LG Act 1972 s112  |

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| 780 | OCC                    | Pension contributions  | 249.16  | LG Act 1972 s112  |
| 781 | SH Lewis Ltd           | Clean bus shelters     | 84.00   | Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s. 4 |
| 781 | ST Grounds Maintenance | Empty play area bin x2 | 50.00   | Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6                                   |
| 783 | Radley College         | Rent car park and pond | 1089.29 | Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984                         |
|     |                        |                        |         | Public Health Act 1936, s.260                             |
|     |                        | Rent Gooseacre         |         | Public Health Act 1875                                    |
| 784 | Open Spaces Society    | Annual subscription    | 45.00   | LG Act 1972 s 111   |
| 785 | MRH Services           | Play Area Inspection   | 43.00   | Public Health Act 1874 s164                               |

- (b) PAVILION: A report on services was received and it was **RESOLVED** that the showers should be closed temporarily. It was further **RESOLVED** that the report should be considered in more detail next month.

**10/14 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

- (a) PARKING: The Council remained opposed to parking restrictions and returned comments on Oxfordshire County Council's draft proposals. The Council received an update on SCRAP's activities. It would thank Graham Steinsberg for his report and ask him in to keep close contact.
- (b) SPEED LIMIT ON BAGLEY WOOD ROAD: Discussed earlier.

**11/14 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:**

- (a) HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC: None
- (b) PLANNING:  
Coal yard: The Council noted reports of activity in the coal yard and **AGREED** that they should be reported to the Vale and to the Environment Agency.  
Romp: The Parish Council fully supported Friends of Radley Lakes in their viewpoint. It was agreed that the Council wished to be considered to be of the same mind. It would draw attention to earlier correspondence ask to be considered an interested party and to be kept informed.
- (c) RADLEY WETLANDS CENTRE: Nothing further.
- (d) MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN: Above.

**12/14 CONSERVATION:**

- (a) LITTER BINS: It was **AGREED** that the litter bin presently beside the phone box in Foxborough Road should be moved next to the new bus shelter at Stonhouse Crescent.
- (b) HEDGES: It was agreed that the Council should point out to householders hedges which overhang the pavement.

**13/14 CORRESPONDENCE:** The Council noted items of correspondence.

- (a) FOR ACTION: None
- (b) FOR INFORMATION: The following was noted.
- (i) Earth Trust press release: Sheep killed on the Clumps by pet dog

- (ii) SCRAP: Update on the campaign
- (iii) Change of property name from: Wardens Bungalow to: The Limes and as a result of a change to the access, instead of Pebble Hill, the property will now be accessed off Kennington Road.
- (iv) News from the PAGE Campaign
- (v) Abingdon and District Twin Towns Newsletter
- (vi) Open Spaces Society - Choosing Direction
- (vii) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association Winter Newsletter
- (viii) Weekly Email News Digest - 13 January 2014
- (ix) Bus Users UK - date for your diary - In Partnership with Thames Travel Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10am to 3.30pm at the amphitheatre, Orchard Centre, Didcot.
- (x) Carers Voice Oxfordshire: Public Involvement Network (PIN) Thursday 30th January 1.30 - 3.00pm  
Transitions Workshop on Friday 31 January 2014 12.30 - 2.30 at Level 2 the Charter Abingdon,

**14/14 MATTERS FOR REPORT:** None

**15/14 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

Signed.....Date.....  
(Chairman)