

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2008
AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cr J Standen (in the Chair)
Crs Crowley, Davies, Henderson, Johnston, Nutt, Rogers, D Standen,
Wilson, Yorston
2 members of the public

99/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

NIL

100/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Crowley declared a personal and prejudicial interest in activities, finances and the legal position of Save Radley Lakes.

**101/08 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 22
MAY 2008**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 22 May 2008 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments:

Minute 77/08: Village Hall Management Committee should read Village Hall Working Party

Minute 84/08 (b) penultimate sentence should read: One Councillor voted against.

Minute 86/08 (a) should read: "PLAY AND SPORTS SEMINAR, 14 MAY 2008." and add "...and involving young people in the planning initiative."

Minute 87/08(a) should be extended to read:

"It was reported that Cynth Napper from the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum had indicated that she was willing to come and speak to Councillors, and suggested various ways she could do this. **IT WAS AGREED** that she should be invited to speak to the Conservation Working Party (Nature)."

102/08 CLERK'S REPORT ON BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- (a) **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL PERSON:** There had been no interest in this appointment to date.
- (b) **REVIEW OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION:** The Head Teacher had

confirmed that the Primary School was not in any danger, and was full at the moment.

- (c) **ADOPTION OF RADLEY STATION:** The Parish Council concerns about the approach road to the station had been drawn to the attention of the OCC, and it was noted that it had not been possible to make this wide as the new kerb had to be realigned due to some cables which were found when the work started. Councillors confirmed that it was possible for two cars to pass.
- (d) **APPLICATION FROM H TUCKWELL & SONS LTD:** The Parish Council concerns about the delay in considering this application had been passed to the OCC, and confirmation that the application would be discussed on the 21 July 2008 had been requested.
- (e) **LAND REGISTRY:** No further information was available to date.
- (f) **RADLEY SWIMMING CLUB:** The request for a grant from Radley Swimming Club would be considered when donations were considered in November/December.
- (g) **COPSE – CHURCH ROAD:** The Clerk reported that she had been asked to confirm the site in question.
- (h) **AWARDS TO LOCAL PEOPLE:** The Clerk would follow this up with the Chairman.
- (i) **LEADBITTER HOARDINGS – RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN STONHOUSE CRESCENT:** This was being followed up.
- (j) **PLAY AREA:** The area of deterioration highlighted by MRH Services was being followed up with Playdale.
- (k) **NETWORK RAIL:** The repair work on the bridge did not appear to have been undertaken. The Clerk was asked to draw this to the attention of Network Rail.
- (l) **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY:** This had been circulated to those Councillors who gave close consideration to planning applications.
- (m) **PLAY AREA – ASH AND WILLOW TREES:** The work had now been undertaken on these trees.
- (n) **GRANT APPLICATION – ADDITIONAL PARISH CLEANSING GRANT 2008/2009:** No further information was available.
- (o) **PROVISION OF CCTV EQUIPMENT:** The request from the Football Club to install CCTV equipment would be discussed after the public meeting on new village hall provision.

- (p) MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 9 MAY 2008:
- (i) RAILWAY STATION: The OCC had given thought to Real Time Displays, but there would also need to be announcements over the speakers. The position of the speakers would be reviewed.
 - (ii) LITTER BINS: The provision of more litter bins would be put on a future agenda.
 - (iii) DOG LITTER BIN: The DC had been asked to ensure that this was on the regular schedule for emptying.
 - (iv) TUCKWELLS: The complaints about the noise of machinery/bleeping of reversing lorries should be referred to the DC Environmental Health Officers.
 - (v) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: A letter was being prepared to local groups which would include the idea of participation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

103/08 POLICE MATTERS

- (a) REPRESENTATIVE ON NAG: Cr Davies reported that he had attended the NAG meeting on the 11 June 2008, and indicated:
- (i) 81 crimes had been recorded in Radley between 1 April 2007 and 31 March 2008. It was noted that there had been problems with the area covered by Radley and part of Abingdon had been included in the area.
 - (ii) It was hoped to carry out a survey and details of a possible circular was made available to the meeting. There was a great deal of concern about this, and it was suggested that an approach should be made to a professional firm who had more experience in undertaking surveys.
 - (iii) Speeding and anti-social parking had been tackled with good results.
- (b) MOTORCYCLISTS BEHIND STONHOUSE CRESCENT: The motorcyclists were a nuisance most afternoons.
- (c) BARRIER FOR CAR PARK: There was concern that gypsies had been using the car park at Barrows Hill, although they had now left. **IT WAS AGREED** that consideration should be given to a barrier at the Church Road car park, and this should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

104/08 PLANNING MATTERS:

(i) New Applications:

- (a) RAD/1802/4 – Conversion of garage into habitable room with entrance hallway extension, 38 Sugworth Lane: No objections
- (b) Sutton Courtenay Landfill Site: The comments agreed in between meetings had been submitted to the OCC. There was concern about the lack of information in relation to the planning application on the OCC website. It was noted that Save Radley Lakes had had an invitation to meet WRG early July.

105/08 APPLICATION FOR TOWN GREEN STATUS – THRUPP AND BUILFIELD LAKES, RADLEY

IT WAS AGREED that a meeting with RWE Npower should be held after 21 July 2008.

106/08 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Rogers and **AGREED** that the following accounts should be paid.

Paid in between meetings:

- (i) Mrs K Sharp – Salary, May 2008 (Duplicate Cheque): £142.76
Original cheque lost in post – informed Bank and stopped cheque.

New Payments:

- (i) Miss S E Raven: £968.38
 - Salary, June 2008: £398.14
 - Village Cleaner, July 2008: £64.92
 - Expenses, 1 April to 30 June 2008: £505.32
 - 1. Expenses: £25.00
 - 2. Telephone: £15.66
 - 3. Mileage: £201.32
 - 4. Postage: £31.14
 - 5. Stationery: £54.53
 - 6. Photocopying: £117.11
 - 7. Cleaning Material: £35.56
 - 8. Reimbursement of Seminar Charge (OPFA): £25.00
- (ii) Mrs K Sharp – Salary, June 2008: £142.76
- (iii) Alliance Insurance PLC (to cover new bus shelters): £74.66
- (iv) Radley PCC – Hire of Hall: £96.00

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| (v) | Copycat Services – Photocopying/Envelopes: | £77.05 |
| (v) | Berinsfield Community Business: | £285.99 |
| (vi) | RJS (IA) Ltd – External Audit: | £192.50 |
| (vii) | Ringrose Tree Services – Tree Work: | £446.50 |
- (b) ACCOUNTS FOR 2007/2008: It was reported that the accounts had been approved by the Internal Auditor. It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Crowley and **AGREED** that the accounts for 2007/2008 be approved. The Chairman would sign the Statement of Accounts for the External Auditor.
- (c) WILLOW TREE, VILLAGE GREEN: Cr Rogers reported that urgent work was needed on this tree following its collapse across the footpath, and the necessary work had been needed in between meetings. It was proposed by Cr Rogers, seconded by Cr Johnston and that the cost incurred should be met.

107/08 CONSERVATION

- (a) CONSERVATION WORKING PARTY (NATURE): The Clerk was pursuing the meeting with Cynth Napper from the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum (ONCF).
- (b) PLACES FOR PEOPLE – FOOTPATH 8: Four estimates had now been received ranging from £14,031.00 to £23,300.00. It was agreed that Crs Rogers and Wilson should meet a representative from the firm quoting the lowest figure, Peter L Mansbridge & Son Ltd, and subject to the estimate being acceptable, the Clerk was authorised to accept this quote. This was seconded by Cr Crowley and **AGREED**.
- (c) DESIGNATION OF LOWER RADLEY AS A CONSERVATION AREA: Cr Wilson **AGREED** to be a member of this Working Group.
- (d) ACTION ON “ENVIROCRIMES” – POWERS FOR PARISH COUNCILS: No date had been arranged for this meeting.
- (e) VILLAGE POND: The volume of water was still not known.
- (f) COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD: The Clerk reported that Mr Paul Gamble was ascertaining whether any of the pupils had taken this on as a project.
- (g) VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2008: It was noted that the Parish Council had been invited to send a team to give a presentation on Saturday, 28 June 2008, from 9 – 2 pm at Yarnton Village Hall. It was **AGREED** with the Parish Council should decline this invitation with regret as this was the day of the Village Fete and local organisations were unable to participate.

108/08 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- (a) OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ABINGDON ITS: The notes of the meeting, sent by the Clerk of Drayton Parish Council, were received.
- (b) THRUPP LANE: It was noted that, following representations from the Thrupp Lane Residents Association, the OCC would be carrying out a vehicle count.
- (c) SPEED LIMIT – RADLEY/SUNNINGWELL TURNS, OLD A34:
- (d) CONDITION OF ROAD BY 35/36 STONHOUSE CRESCENT:
- (e) LOWER RADLEY – SPEED LIMIT:
- (f) UNEVEN KERB, 33 CHURCH ROAD:
- (g) RADLEY COLLEGE – COLLAPSE OF BANK:
- (h) CATHARINE CLOSE:
- (i) POTHoles THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE:
No further information was available on these matters.
- (j) PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER: The application had not yet been prepared for the additional bus shelters.
- (k) PEDESTRIAN SIGNS, LOWER RADLEY: The Clerk was asked to ensure that the pursue this, making the points that the sign had been put too near the bridge and that the distance mentioned on the signs needed to be changed.
- (l) SUGWORTH LANE: Concern was expressed about the extremely poor condition of the road which was used as a rat run. The Clerk was asked to draw the condition of the road to the attention of Oxfordshire Highways and the fact that the road was used by a lot of commercial vehicles to OCC Trading Standards.
- (m) LOWER RADLEY: The condition of this road was very poor, and this should be drawn to the attention of OCC Highways.
- (n) CORNER OF SUGWORTH LANE/OXFORD ROAD: The overgrown hedge was causing concern, and should be drawn to the attention of OCC Highways.
- (o) PARKING – BUS BAY BY CHURCH: Concern was expressed about the parking in this area, especially as the car park was so near.
- (p) FOOTPATH 9: There were two hazards along this path, trees down and lumps of iron in the road, and the Clerk was asked to draw this to the attention of the OCC Footpaths Officer.

109/08 PARISH WEBSITE

There was nothing to report.

110/08 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The following report from the District and County Councillor was given to Councillors:

Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council were going to jointly reconstruct their senior management, which would save half a million pounds for each Council.

Oxfordshire County Council: A further attempt was going to be made to improve the ABITS scheme by taking out two pedestrian crossings.

111/08 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) FOR ACTION

- (a) Vale of White Horse DC:
 - (i) Vale Community Safety Forum, 3 July 2008, 9.30 – 1 pm, Wantage Civic Hall: The Parish Council was unable to be represented at the Forum.
 - (ii) Youth Development Partner Workshop, 9 July 2008, 9.15 to 1.30 pm, Guildhall, Abingdon: The Parish Council was unable to be represented at this Workshop.
 - (iii) Draft Vale Sustainable Community Strategy: Councillor Yorston **AGREED** to look at this document to see whether any comments should be put forward.
 - (iv) Chairman, Vale of White Horse DC: request to meet local people: The Chairman had been informed of local events, and had been invited to attend one of the Parish Council meetings.
- (b) South East England Regional Assembly:
 - (a) Review of Sub-Regional Allocation of Primary Land-Won Aggregates in the South East: Cr Crowley **AGREED** to report on this to the next meeting.
 - (b) The South East Regional Sustainability Framework – Towards a better quality of life: This related to (a) (iii), and the report was passed to Cr Yorston.

(ii) FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council:
 - (i) Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Plan, Newsletter May 2008
 - (ii) Oxfordshire County Council (Abingdon Marathon) (Traffic) Regulation in Abingdon and Radley) Order 2008
 - (iii) Road Safety News
- (b) Vale of White Horse DC – Standards Committee, 16 June 2008

- (c) ORCC News Bulletin, May 2008
- (d) CPRE Oxfordshire Campaign Briefing, 28 April 2008
- (e) Oxford Green Belt Network, Newsletter May 2008
- (f) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils - Oxfordshire ClimateXchange update 36, June 2008
- (g) Glasdon – Products for Local Councils
- (h) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – Annual Report 2007/2008
- (i) CPRE Oxfordshire Campaign Briefing, 30 May 2008
- (j) Local Council Review, July 2008
- (k) Open Space, Summer 2008
- (l) Abingdon Town Council – Town Crier Newsletter

112/08 NOTIFIED BUSINESS

NIL

Date:

Chairman

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE, 26 JUNE 2008

The Chairman formally moved that the public and press be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that if they were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to legal and financial affairs.

113/07 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 22 MAY 2008

The Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 22 May 2008 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman, with the following amendment:

Minute 97/07 (b) should read: “....., and consideration of a CFA.”

114/08 RADLEY COLLEGE

There was discussion on the format of the public meeting taking place on the 11 July 2008, and the principles being considered.

115/08 APPLICATION FOR TOWN GREEN STATUS – THRUPP AND BULLFIELD LAKES, RADLEY

The paper prepared by George Laurence QC was discussed.

116/08 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR PRESS RELEASE

Cr Davies tabled a press release for discussion. A number of suggestions were made on its content. It was **AGREED** that this would not be issued at the present time, but kept for future reference.

Date:
Chairman