

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2012

PRESENT: Cr J Standen (in the chair)
Crs Crowley, Henderson, Howard, Johnston, D Standen, Pasquire and Platts

In attendance: County Councillor Fatemian, the clerk

17/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Crs Davies and Tomlinson.

18/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Pasquire declared personal interests in matters relating to the Friends of Radley Lakes, Friends of Radley Station and Radley Village Shop.
Crs Crowley and J Standen declared personal and prejudicial interests in agenda item 9(a): Accounts for payment as expenses were being paid to them. They did not participate in the vote on approving payments.

19/12 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None.

20/12 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 27TH JANUARY 2012:

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT: This item was amended to read “*Councillors reported* that a newsletter introducing the new warden had been circulated.”

THRUPP LANE LIAISON MEETING: This item was amended to read: “It was estimated that the cost *of providing a link to Barton Lane* would be around £500,000 and this was *roughly* equivalent to the cost of repairing Thrupp Lane.”

The minutes were **APPROVED** as a true record for signing by the Chairman.

21/12 CLERK’S PROGRESS REPORT:

- a) VALE TREE REPORT: The Officer was unwilling to let the Council have the full report but had sent the most recent action plan.

The Council would request: criteria used for judging the condition of trees, and whether it is different from that used in open spaces, whether it considers sudden limb drop and noting that some trees previously identified as needing urgent work have now been omitted. A site meeting would be requested.

- b) CHURCH ROAD: Highways had replied that they were waiting to assess the impact of 20mph zones in Oxford before considering introducing further areas.
- c) LOWER RADLEY SPEED MEASURES: The clerk was asked to request speed limit repeater signs.

- d) **PLAYING FIELD:** It was **AGREED** that Radley Youth Football Club should be asked to remove the litter which was collecting on both fields. The Council expects it to be more rigorous about clearing up after themselves.

22/12 REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

a) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:**

Cr Johnston reported that:

- (i) The budget meeting was held on February 22nd. Council tax would be frozen for another year.
- (ii) Grants to Citizens Advice Bureau and the Information Centre in Wantage had been increased but grants to ORCC and its partnership body OPFA had been slashed. Cr Johnston declared a personal interest Chairman of OPFA and reminded the Council that this was the only independent source of information for playing fields and playgrounds in the county.

b) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR:**

Cr Fatemian reported that:

- (i) The County had also held its Budget meeting. There was extra funding for Children, Young People and Families for Every Child a Reader, an extra £1.6 million for troubled families, £3m for social care and £1m for Highways Area Stewardship Fund plus £1m extra for repairing rural roads, £10m for Broadband infrastructure.
- (ii) He was aware of responses to the Tuckwell planning application and would speak at the Planning meeting.
- (iii) He was delighted at the Parish Council's support for his speed awareness initiative.
- (iv) He had raised the Council's concerns about the work planned to the Church Road footpath with the Area Steward.

The Council reiterated its concern at money being spent on works that it knows will not resolve the problem. Cr Fatemian undertook to raise again with the Area Steward whether what was proposed was appropriate.

23/12 PLANNING:

a) **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

Cr Johnston declared a personal & prejudicial interest in this item as a member of the Vale planning committee and left the meeting while this item was discussed.

- (i) 12/00241/FUL: Erection of a dwelling: Land in between No 31 and 37 St James Road, Radley: **NO OBJECTION.**
- (ii) (Oxfordshire County Council Application) R3.0029/12: Demolition of existing condemned porch structure and reconstruction on a like for like basis with minor amendments to length and point of external access: Radley C of E Primary School: No objection.

- b) **VALE DECISIONS:**
11/02770/FUL: Demolition of existing outbuilding. Erection of new oak framed outbuildings: 18 Sugworth Lane Radley Abingdon OX14 2HY. This application would be going to the Planning Committee on 1st March.
- c) **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS:**
4, Drysdale Close: It was noted that work had started before planning conditions were approved and without tree protection measures in place. The Council will draw this to Planning Enforcement's attention.
- d) **TUCKWELL APPLICATION:** It was noted that Thrupp Lane Residents had objected to the application and had suggested conditions very similar to the Council's. The traffic figures submitted with the application were for 2007 and it was **AGREED** that OCC should be asked to ascertain the levels for 2011 and whether the figures provided are for a representative month.
- e) **THRUPP LANE:** It was agreed that Thrupp Lane issues should be a standing item on future agendas.
- f) **RADLEY WETLAND CENTRE:** Nothing further at present.

24/12 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Raised above.

25/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**
Crs Standen and Crowley did not participate in the vote as two of the payments were for them.
It was **AGREED** that the following should be paid:

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no. **New payments:**

512 Mrs J E Dymock	Net salary (February)	£ 724.80	£ 811.38
	Village cleaner (March)	£ 86.58	
513 Mrs Karen Sharp	Salary February)		£ 148.15
514 HMRC	Income Tax and N.I.		£ 76.98
515 Thames Water Utilities	Water charges pavilion		£ 59.91
516 Thanos Water Utilities	Water charges allotmnts		£ 48.16
517 Mrs J Standen	Councillor petrol expenses		£ 15.93
518 Dr B Crowley	Councillor petrol expenses		£ 15.60
519 Oxford Green Belt Network	Membership Subscription		£ 15.00

520 Berinsfield Community Business Cutting back self-set hedge along Village Hall boundary £ 270.00

- b) PAVILION: It was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Platts and **AGREED** that, with some minor amendments, the reply to Radley Youth Football Club should be sent.
- c) DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Cr Johnston declared a personal interest in this item as member of the Village Hall committee.

A complaint had been received about arrangements and this was discussed in detail. The Council received an estimate of costs and it was proposed by Cr Pasquire, seconded by Cr Henderson and **AGREED** that the Council would underwrite costs to the value of £2,000, subject to alternative dietary requirement being respected.

- d) ONLINE DATA STORAGE: It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Henderson and **AGREED** that a direct debit would be set up.

26/12 POLICE MATTERS:

- (i) Residents of Sugworth Crescent and Pebble Hill are very pleased with recent speed enforcement measures and would like it to be continued, especially at weekends.
- (ii) NAG meeting: Councillors noted the report of the most recent meeting. Their “Bin Buddy” initiative was highlighted and the clerk asked to include it in her Radley News report.

27/12 NO COLD CALLING ZONE:

It was reported that there had been an incident on Woodlands which has been reported.

Cr Howard had established the steps that have to be taken in designating an area a “no cold calling” zone. She showed the Council “no cold callers” stickers. The new warden was ensuring that one went to every home on the Parks.

Cr Howard was thanked for her work on this.

28/12 WEBSITE WORKING PARTY:

It was reported that Mrs Joyce Huddleston had resigned from the Working Party and from the tasks she carried out on the website.

The Council formally thanked Mrs Huddleston for all she had done for the website.

The clerk was asked to place an advert in the Radley News for help with the website

29/12 CORRESPONDENCE:

For action:

- (a) Nicola Blackwood MP: Neighbourhood Plans. The Council would send its thanks for the useful information.
- (b) Nicola Blackwood MP: Woodland Trust Jubilee Woods Project. Noted. It was agreed that

- details should be forwarded to the Earth Trust.
- (c) South Oxfordshire District Council: Mid Examination Publication - South Oxfordshire Submission Core Strategy (statutory). Noted
- (d) OCC: Rail Strategy for Oxfordshire consultation. Noted.
- (e) OALC Training events: Data transparency - meeting the requirements Tuesday May 5th 10am - 12.30pm at SODC and How local councils fit into the planning system - effective responses to planning applications Wednesday 11th July 2012 9.30am - 1pm in Didcot (costing £35 + VAT each). Noted.
- (f) OCC Equality policy consultation: Noted.

For information:

- (a) High Sherriff's Awards: Notice that the Council's nominations were unsuccessful. The clerk was asked to write to Mrs Hewlett and Mr Gasson conveying the High Sheriff's good wishes and appreciation for all they do in the village.
- (b) Earth Trust: Details of benefits of grant received from Radley Parish Council. Noted.
- (c) Earth Trust: Thrupp Lake management plan (forwarded to councillors by email). Noted.
- (d) Tuckwells: Notice of a crusher which would be working on site.
- (e) VWH: Review of District Councillor numbers: It was agreed that the Chairman and clerk would attend the briefing event at Didcot on 28th February.

30/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT: None

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