

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2012

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

In attendance: 7 members of the public and the clerk

175/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Crs Davies and Tomlinson, County Councillor Fatemian.

176/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Pasquire declared personal interests in matters relating to the Friends of Radley Lakes and Friends of Radley Station.

Cr J Standen declared personal interests in matters relating to Friends of Radley Lakes, Friends of Radley Station and Radley Village Shop.

Cr Davies declared personal interests in matters relating to Friends of Radley Station and Radley Village Shop and a personal interest in item 171/11a): as a shareholder of Scottish and Southern.

Cr Tomlinson declared personal interests in matters relating to Friends of Radley Station and Radley Village Shop.

177/11 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

- (i) **DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** Mr Graham Collett told the Council that the Jubilee committee comprising 18 people from various village organisations had met that week. The committee requested financial support from the Parish Council as it would need to be aware of its budget as soon as possible.

It was noted that the Council's donations budget had been increased for the year 2012-13 to allow it to contribute to Jubilee celebrations.

- (ii) **TUCKWELLS' PLANNING APPLICATION:** Thrupp Lane residents spoke about the impact on their homes from lorries and Tuckwells' poor safety measures, including loads not being sheeted and lorries operating until 9.30pm.

The residents planned to object to the application and would stress that the option of access via Barton Lane should be considered. It was noted that following the recent Liaison meeting, OCC officers would be looking at all options.

The Parish Council would write to Tuckwells regarding their own and customers' lorries being unsheeted and road safety.

178/11 ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2011:

168/11 (iii): "*and*" was omitted.

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

179/11 CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT:

- a) **MOBILE HOME PARKS TREE SURVEY:** The Vale officer had stated that the report was available to residents through the warden, but that he would prefer not to release the full report and action plan. The clerk was asked to request the full report.

180/11 REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

a) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR:**

Cr Fatemian had submitted a written report:

- (i) He had signed off the Area Stewardship funding for the footpath restoration scheme and expected work to start soon.

Some concern was expressed by that Area Stewardship fund was being spent on this sort of repair rather than on "extras" as it had been understood.

- (ii) Cr Fatemian requested the Council's comments on a proposal to provide through Area Stewardship funding a vehicle activated speed awareness sign which would be shared by the parishes in his Division.

It was **AGREED** that there were locations in Radley where it would be useful and Crs D Standen and Henderson offered to pick up the sign when it was Radley's turn to have it.

- (iii) Owing to due to a delay in receiving the financial settlement from the Government, the County Council budget day had been delayed until Friday 10th February.

- (iv) Tuckwells had submitted a planning application in advance of the deadline set.

- (v) At the Thrupp Lane liaison meeting earlier in the week, it had been agreed by all those present, including the landowners, to move towards assessing the practical feasibility (including costs, knock-on effects on businesses etc) of developing a Barton Lane access and an exit either through the Science Park or via the leisure centre

b) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:**

Cr Johnston reported that:

- (i) The on-site Pebble Hill and Woodlands warden had been made redundant at the end of November.

Cr Johnston reported an incident over the Christmas holiday when the out-of-hours service had not been working. He also expressed concerns that conmen were at large on the parks.

- (ii) The Budget had been consulted on.

It was reported that a newsletter introducing the new warden had been circulated. He would be available in Radley for 9 hours per week.

Cr Howard had tested the new out of hours service.

She suggested that the Parks might be designated “no cold-calling” zones. This would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

181/11 PLANNING:

a) **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

Oxfordshire County Council application MW.0001/12: Use of the existing processing plant site to process sand and gravel from the nearby 94 acre Review of Old Mineral Permission (ROMP) site (Ref: P/369/71) and the installation of a field conveyor system to the site boundary and ancillary facilities for the transportation, storage and processing of the sand and gravel: Thrupp Lane, Radley for H Tuckwell & Sons Ltd

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

A recommendation had been considered by councillors. The Council would want to see good conditions and these properly enforced. On grant of permission, Tuckwells would withdraw the CLEUD application and would start restoration immediately.

Concerns were expressed at the quality of landscape restoration proposals.

The Council would point out that Tuckwells’ retail business should require a planning application.

It was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Howard and **AGREED** that the Council would offer no objection to the application but with conditions including limits on hours of operation and number of lorry movements.

b) **VALE DECISIONS:** None

c) **RADLEY WETLAND CENTRE:** Nothing further at present.

d) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:** It was **AGREED** that the Council would request two places on the NALC/CPRE workshop on 12th March. The clerk was asked to solicit via Radley News volunteers from the community to join a working party to work towards preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

182/11 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a) **PARKING:**

(i) Whites Lane: A complaint had been received about contractors’ vehicles parking on the pavement in Whites Lane. It was agreed that PCSO Wright should be asked to attend.

(ii) Lower Radley bridge: The clerk had asked PCSO Wright to attend to the car which persistently parks on the approach to Lower Radley bridge blocking the pavement.

(iii) Village Shop: It was reported that the milk lorry often parks on the pavement.

- c) LOWER RADLEY: Residents had requested that the road be narrowed so that a footway could be provided over the bridge. Residents were concerned at speeding traffic and requested further speed limit repeater signs.

The Council would consider Lower Radley among other sites for Speed Awareness sign locations.

- d) BOAT: Crs Crowley and J Standen had attended a meeting with Andy Sylvester at Countryside Services regarding downgrading the BOAT to a bridleway. Mr Sylvester states that this would only be possible if it could be proved that it was not properly upgraded from a RUPP (Road Used as a Public Path). The Parish Council has been offered access to OCC archives for this purpose. The Council will ask the History Club to see if any of their members would like to do so.
- e) KENNINGTON ROAD DRAINAGE: Highways had re-laid the gullies and installed a new drain. OCC are in touch with the landowner about getting the trees cut back.
- f) CHURCH ROAD: Andrew Ashton, Radley College Bursar (also governor of Radley Primary School) was planning to write to Highways regarding this issue.

The Council broadly supported the Bursar's comments but there were some items which it would not endorse. In particular, speed bumps and chicanes have proved contentious in the past.

It was noted that OCC have looked on previous occasions at pedestrian crossings on Kennington Road and Church Road which have been rejected because of the existing road layout

The clerk was asked to enquire whether funding was still available for a school crossing patrol and if so the Council would try again to find someone willing to fill the post.

The Council had seen a speed survey for Church Road which showed little evidence of speeding, but would enquire whether a 20mph limit could be imposed in Church Road around the school.

- g) THRUPP LANE VERGES: OCC had supplied the agreement under which cutting of the verges would be delegated to the Parish Council. A minimum of 5 cuts per year would be required. Payment would be 20p per m² per year.

It was **AGREED** that the Council would ask OCC for a map of all the verges in the area which they cut and that Berinsfield Community Business should be asked to quote for cutting them all.

183/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Platts and **AGREED** that the following should be paid:

Cheque no.

503	Mrs J E Dymock	Salary January 2012	£ 724.38	£ 918.23
		Village Cleaner February 2012	£ 86.58	
		<u>Expenses:</u>		
		Postage	£ 11.20	
		Land registry charge	£ 4.00	
		Back up hard drive	£ 59.99	
		Printer drum	£ 28.08	
		Land registry charge	£ 4.00	
504	Mrs Karen Sharp	Salary January 2011		£ 148.15
505	HMRC	Tax & N.I.		£ 76.98
506	Radley College	Rent: Gooseacre & Village pond & car park		£ 1,064.66
507	Open Space Society	Subscription	£ 40.00	£ 140.00
		Donation	£ 100.00	
508	Vale & Downland Museum	Donation		£ 25.00
509	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd	Playground spare caps and washers		£ 15.90
510	MRH Services	Playground inspection		£ 38.75
511	Oxfordshire Playing Field Association (OPFA)	Annual membership subscription		£ 45.00

The Council would consider subscribing to online data backup.

b) PAVILION LEASE: Deferred to the February meeting.

184/11 POLICE MATTERS:

MOTORBIKES IN THRUPP LANE: It was reported that illegal motorbikes continue to use Thrupp Lane often at speed but police officers were observed not to take any action. The Council would complain to the police.

185/11 MEETING WITH THE ESTATES BURSAR:

Notes of the meeting were received. It was noted that the Bursar had offered that, once the College grounds were cleared, the college could clear snow in the parish. The Parish Council was happy to accept this offer.

186/11 DIAMOND JUBILEE:

Cr D Standen reported on the meeting held on 24th January. An event is planned for June 2nd and would be held in the Village Hall and on the Playing Field.

Costs were discussed and it was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Platts and **AGREED** that the Parish Council would underwrite the event to the sum of £2,000, subject to approval of a costed estimate.

187/11 THRUPP LANE LIAISON MEETING:

OCC was conducting a feasibility study on access to the ROMP by alternative routes. It was estimated that the cost would be around £500,000 and this was equivalent to the cost of repairing Thrupp Lane.

188/11 GARDEN COMPETITION WORKING PARTY:

A meeting date was to be agreed by email.

189/11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Offer by Mr John Orchard to act as a footpath warden, request for the Council to replace the stile with a kissing gate. The Council gratefully received this offer and looked forwards to receiving his reports.
- (b) ORCC: Introducing the rural housing enabler: Noted
- (c) Oxford Green Belt Network: Tuckwell planning application: Noted
- (d) Mrs L Thompson: Objection to proposed allotment site: Noted
- (e) Mr C Thompson: Objection to proposed allotment site: Noted
- (d) Mrs Callie: Objection to proposed allotment site: Noted
- (e) Mr Reynolds: Objection to proposed allotment site: Noted
- (f) Vale of White Horse DC: Nominations for carrying the 2012 Paralympic torch : Noted

190/11 MATTERS FOR REPORT:

Cr Platts reported that the Football Club often left a large amount of litter on the Playing Field.

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