

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2012**

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

**In attendance:** County Councillor Fatemian (for part), 5 members of the public (to  
item 33/12) and the Clerk

**31/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Cr Pasquire.

**32/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cr Howard declared a personal interest in item 10b) as a member of the Good Neighbour Scheme committee

Cr Crowley declared personal and prejudicial interests in agenda item 10(a): Accounts for payment as expenses were being paid to Cr Pasquire. He did not participate in the vote on approving payments.

Cr J Standen declared personal and prejudicial interests in agenda item 10(a): Accounts for payment as expenses were being paid to her. She did not participate in the vote on approving payments.

Cr Cook declared a personal interest in item 7(a): Planning application 19 Foxborough Road as a neighbour.

Cr Johnston declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7(a): Planning application 19 Foxborough as a member of the Vale planning committee.

Cr D Standen declared a personal interest in matters relating to Friends of Radley Station.

Cr Davies declared a personal interest in matters relating to Friends of Radley Station and Radley Village Shop.

**33/12 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

a) **TRAFFIC IN LOWER RADLEY:** Mr Martin Wilson highlighted speeding traffic, particularly in the left hand side of the loop, which is also used by College boys and walkers. Radley College was sympathetic and would put up a sign at the end of the track asking drivers to drive slowly. Residents had agreed to observe a 20mph limit and were seeking the Council's support for a symbolic gate and signs.

b) **POTENTIAL ALLOTMENT SITE, LOWER RADLEY:**  
As the closest neighbour, Mr Reynolds wished the Council to be aware of the reasons why he considered that this was the wrong site: lack of natural water, cost of a survey for Great Crested Newts, cost of laying a water main, connection fee and electrical installation.

Mrs Stabler also raised concerns at costs and had suggested that the Council should consider more suitable alternative sites.

It was that this should be an agenda item for a future meeting

### **34/12 MEETING WITH RADLEY COLLEGE:**

The Council received a report of the meeting.

David Anderson had met Lower Radley residents to hear their concerns about speeding traffic and agreed to: limit the College's vehicles (mainly minibuses) to 20 mph; put a sign on the boathouse side of the gate to the causeway stating 'pedestrians on road'; and to install symbolic 'gates' on Lower Radley between Nos. 33/35 and the stream.

The Council was sympathetic and agreed to write in support of the efforts of Radley College and the residents to reduce traffic speeds in Lower Radley.

The remainder of the report was taken as read.

### **35/12 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd FEBRUARY 2012:**

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

### **36/12 CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT:**

VALE TREE REPORT: It was agreed that the Council would request a site meeting.

FOOTPATH 8: Following the Council's letter, P. Mansbridge and Sons stated that they intended to carry out the remedial work. By their previous recommendation, the work could be carried out in May and it was agreed that should the work not be completed by the end of May, the Council would proceed to legal action with no further delay.

### **37/12 REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:**

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:

Cr Johnston reported that the Vale was now almost entirely officer run

The Interim Housing Supply Policy was causing disquiet across the Vale. He was opposed to the two proposed sites in Radley as they are both in the Green Belt.

Cr Davies reminded councillors that responses to the Parish Plan were in favour of small scale development but considered the Green Belt sacrosanct.

### **38/12 PLANNING:**

#### **a) NEW APPLICATIONS:**

*Cr Johnston left the meeting for the duration of this item.*

12/00404/FUL: Proposed rear extension and loft conversion: 19 Foxborough Road Radley Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3AB. The Council was not aware of any neighbour objections. **NO OBJECTION.**

The clerk was asked to request via Radley News that neighbours inform the Parish Council as well as the Vale of any objections so that they can be taken into account.

b) **VALE DECISIONS:**

11/02770/FUL: Demolition of existing outbuilding. Erection of new oak framed outbuildings: 18 Sugworth Lane Radley Abingdon OX14 2HY – Approved with conditions.

Planning Enforcement would be looking at issues of business use. The clerk was asked to request an update on enforcement issues.

c) **VALE INTERIM HOUSING SUPPLY POLICY SITE SCREENINGS:** The Council **OBJECTED** strongly to both proposals and would strongly oppose any development in the Green Belt.

d) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:**

Crs Crowley, Howard and Pasquire attended a CPRE and NALC organised Neighbourhood Planning workshop on 12th March and reported that:

- Legislation was not in place yet.
- A Neighbourhood Plan would have statutory weight.
- Plans were likely to take up to 5 years to produce and would be in force for 15 years. The likely cost would be £20,000-£100,000 and the front-runners had received a grant of £20,000.
- The community must be involved at all stages.
- Once written, it would go to a local referendum and would not go through unless 50% of those participating were in favour.

**39/12 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:**

a) **HIGHWAY ISSUES:** Letters, emails and photographs from residents raising Highway issues were included in the clerk's report.

It was **AGREED** that the Council should write to Tarmac regarding: lorries unsheeted lorries travelling both ways along Thrupp Lane and the treatment by one of their drivers of a resident. The latter was to be copied to Kevin Broughton, the police and the traffic commissioner.

b) **PLANNING:** No conclusion had been met on the Tuckwell planning application.

c) **RADLEY WETLAND CENTRE:** There was nothing further to report.

d) **LOCAL LIAISON MEETING:** The next meeting was to be held in April.

**40/12 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

a) **CHURCH ROAD ISSUES:** Kerbs had been delivered but there was no progress to report with the pavement.

b) **TRAFFIC SURVEY:** Not received yet.

c) **BUS STOP:** The clerk was asked to follow up the Council's request for a "no stopping" sign.

**41/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

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

**Accounts paid during the month:**

521 Radley Village Hall Jubilee Event			£ 2,000.00
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no. <b>New payments:</b>			
522 Mrs J E Dymock	Net salary (March)	£ 724.80	£ 1,097.07
	Village cleaner (April)	£ 86.58	
	Expenses		
	Mileage	£ 122.96	
	Postage	£ 6.75	
	Stationery	£ 2.49	
	Printer cartridges	£ 52.92	
	Telephone Jan, Feb, March	£ 64.62	
	Refund of online backup fee	£ 39.95	
	less overclaim in January	£ 4.00	
523 Mrs Karen Sharp	Salary (March)		£ 148.15
524 HMRC	Income Tax and N.I.		£ 75.34
525 Mrs J Standen	Refund of expenses for presentation	£ 40.22	£ 56.41
	Mileage- attendance at Vale briefing	£ 16.19	
526 Ms L Pasquire	Mileage - attendance at Neighbourhood Planning Workshop		£ 14.95
527 Miss S Raven	(Final) Parish Plan expenses		£ 20.76
528 British Gas Business	Electricity Charge Pavilion		£ 48.80

*Crs J Standen did not participate in the vote as one of the payments was for her.  
Cr Crowley did not participate in the vote as one of the payments was for Cr Pasquire.*

- b) GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME: The Committee requested funding for a short questionnaire which would be delivered to all households to determine interest. It was proposed by Cr Tomlinson, seconded by Cr Platts and **AGREED** that the Council would support this, but would expect the committee to submit full details of proposed expenditure if they were likely to submit further requests for funding.

*Cr Howard did not take part in the vote.*

- c) CONFIDENTIAL ITEM:

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.

After discussion of this item, the meeting was reopened in public session.

- d) RADLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB: It was recorded that the Club had not paid any rent, although an interim sum had been expected. The clerk would invoice the Club.

- e) PAVILION: The Clerk was asked to write to the Club asking them to remove flammable and dangerous items that had been left out in the pavilion for some time.

#### **43/12 POLICE MATTERS:**

It was reported that there had been a burglary in Lower Radley on 19<sup>th</sup> March and the offenders were caught.

#### **44/12 NO COLD CALLING ZONE:**

Cr Howard reported that she visited Trading Standards and was advised that the first step would be to complete a checklist from which Trading Standards would decide whether there was enough need. This would be followed by a questionnaire to go to every household which Cr Howard and her neighbours were willing to deliver.

The Vale was willing to put up the appropriate signs on their sites.

Cr Howard would come back to the next meeting with costs. She was thanked for all her hard work.

#### **45/12 WEBSITE WORKING PARTY:**

Mr John Huddleston's resignation from the working party was noted. It was agreed that the Council should advertise for volunteers with website posting experience.

#### **46/12 DIAMOND JUBILEE:**

Another meeting of the committee was held. It had spoken about providing alternative meat and a vegetarian option.

#### **47/12 GARDEN COMPETITION:**

It had been pointed out that the proposed date clashed with the Village Fete and it was **AGREED** that, as long as the Church Room was free, the Garden Competition would be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July, with the presentations following two weeks later on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

#### **48/12 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

Cr Fatemian reported that:

- a) The OCC Cabinet adopted the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March. This decision would be recommended to the full Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, then to the Secretary of State.
- b) Area Stewardship Fund: He would be shortly be attending a meeting with the Area Steward to discuss further spending from the fund on the pavement in Church Road and would report his decision to the Council as soon as possible
- c) Thrupp Lane Liaison meeting had been postponed until 24<sup>th</sup> April, by which time the decision on the Tuckwell application would have been taken.

The Council raised the Thrupp Lane highways issues which were discussed earlier and asked what he might be able to do for the residents. He undertook to raise these issues with Highways.

He reported that some work had been done on the Barton Lane access feasibility study.

**49/12 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**(a) FOR ACTION**

For action:

- (i) OCC: Setting up a No Cold Calling Zone
- (ii) Resident: Trees on the Gooseacre boundary with 50 and 52 Foxborough Road: It was **AGREED** that the trees and bushes should be cut back, but that this would have to wait until the appropriate time of year.
- (iii) Resident: Letter regarding dog mess on village streets. The clerk had included this in her April report. Noted.
- (iv) Railfuture Freight Services Development Committee appeal to members to write a letter to MPs. Noted.
- (v) Request for the use of Lower Radley Green for a private Jubilee party. The Council **AGREED** that this would be acceptable, provided the event did not clash with the village celebration and all neighbours were in agreement.
- (vi) Resident: Sewerage problems in Sugworth Lane.
- (viii) Greene King: Land in Foxborough Road (carried over from the February meeting): The clerk was asked to request an update.
- (ix) DCLG: Regarding Parish Plan report.

**b) FOR INFORMATION:**

- (i) ASHTAV – Spring magazine & details of the Abingdon Riverside Walk
- (ii) Railwatch magazine
- (iii) The Clerk – March edition
- (iv) Mr Huddleston MBE: Investiture

**46/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT: None**

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