

MINUTES OF AN MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT: Cr Crowley (in the chair), Davies, Henderson, Howard, Johnston, Kallie, Pasquire, Tomlinson

In attendance: 6 members of the public
The clerk

138/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Crs D Standen, J Standen, Platts

139/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

DISPENSATIONS: No requests had been received.

140/13 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Residents of Foxborough Road and New Road raised their objections to planning application P13/V2129/H, for alterations to 89 Foxborough Road. They all felt the proposal to be unneighbourly as the proposed extensions would overlook gardens and windows and overshadow both for much of the day.

141/13 PLANNING MATTERS:

Standing Orders were suspended so that Agenda Item 7: Planning Matters could be discussed at this point in the meeting.

Cr Johnston withdrew from the meeting whilst new applications were discussed as he is a member of the Vale planning committee.

- (a) (i) Application reference: P13/V2129/HH
Erection of two storey extension to rear, raising of roof and conversion of loft space to form a 4 bedroom property with separate lounge, kitchen, diner, utility room, WC and study. Address: 89 Foxborough Road (Vale ref:42178)
The Council concurred with the residents' objections and strongly **OBJECTED** to the application, considering it to be unneighbourly and overdevelopment of the site.
- (ii) P13/V1619/HH: Moving the current entrance to a different location on our boundary. Bayworth Manor West Lodge Bayworth (In the parish of Radley).
The application appeared to be on land not belonging to the applicant and the Council thought that it had insufficient information to comment on the application.
- (iii) P13/V2130/HH : Erection of a double garage: 50 Sugworth Lane.
The Council **OBJECTED** to the application as the garage would be forward of the building line.
- (b) **OTHER APPLICATIONS:** For information only – No action required: None
- (c) **VALE DECISIONS:**
Application No : P13/V1725/HH: Proposal : Proposed two storey side extension
Address : 14 Little Howe Close - Granted

142/13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2013:

Added: 129/13 a): Cr Crowley declared an interest and did not vote on this item.

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

143/13 PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Council received the clerk's progress report on matters arising from the minutes.

- (a) **PLANNING - ENFORCEMENT:**
 - (i) VE13/079: Garden building erected forward of the principal elevation. 31 Foxborough Road. The officer had advised that the resident planned to appeal to the Parish Council and to submit a retrospective planning application
 - (ii) VE13/052: Unauthorised storage - shipping container and open air storage on green belt land. Enforcement would require the owner to remove the containers.
- (b) **HIGHWAYS:** Bus shelter consultation letters had been sent out.
- (c) **FINANCE:**
 - (i) Pavilion: Minor items of maintenance: Mr Herring had quoted £75 to complete all items at the same time as the next Play Area inspection.
 - (ii) Website: Mr Stoye was proceeding in accordance with his quote.
- (d) **THRUPP LANE ISSUES:**
 - (i) ROMP: The Council received an update.
 - (ii) Thrupp Lane ancilliary uses: A letter sent to Thrupp Lane Residents by Martin Tugwell was circulated
- (e) **CONSERVATION:**
 - (i) Litter pick 20th October: This was cancelled.
 - (ii) Play area report: Mick Herring was monitoring the shakes in the swing frame.
- (f) **OTHER MATTERS TO REPORT:**
 - (i) **COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID:** The Vale had agreed that the Bowyer Arms is an asset of Community Value under the legislation and it had been entered onto the register.
 - (ii) **FLY-TIPPING:** There had been 3 incidences of fly-tipping in Sugworth Lane (Reference RT9468) in the past month or so. The Vale environmental warden had managed to trace the origin of one of them:

144/13 POLICE MATTERS:

- (a) **NAG MEETING:** Cr Davies had recently attended a NAG meeting and reported issues raised:
 - (i) Shed burglaries: New identifying "smart water" paint was available from the local police station.
 - (ii) Thames Valley Alert: Individuals were asked to sign up to receive information by intelligence gathering.
 - (iii) Thames Valley Police were appointing new wildlife officers who would be more aware of wildlife legislation.
 - (iv) The police commissioner was very aware of rural crime.
 - (v) Cold calling had been an issue in the area.
- (b) **CAR PARKING:** Cars were regularly parked on the bridge approach and at junctions and the Council was concerned that the police were not ticketing. This had been discussed at some length at the NAG meeting. The clerk was asked to write again to the police asking them to enforce more vigorously.

145/13 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** Cr Kallie declared an interest in this item and did not participate in the vote as one of the cheques was for his company. The Council **RESOLVED** to make payments as itemised:

739	Mrs J E Dymock	Net Salary (October) Village cleaner (Nov)	994.16	LG(Misc Provisions)1976 /Litter Act 1983
740	Mrs J E Dymock	Refunds and expenses	171.59	LGA 1972 s111
741	HMRC	PAYE, NIC	156.49	LGA 1972 s112
742	OCC	Pension contributions	249.16	LGA 1972 s112
743	ST Grounds Maintenance	Empty litter bin Play Area	50.00	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
744	Eclipse Events	PA system for open meeting	55.00	LGA 1972 s111
745	Radley Village Hall	Hire of hall for open meeting	39.00	LGA 1972 s111
746	Radley PCC	Church Room hire Jan-Oct	281.25	LGA 1972 s111
747	Thames Water Utilities	Allotment Water Charge	23.76	Allotments Act 1950
748	Thames Water Utilities	Pavilion water charge	155.02	LG(Misc Provisions)1976

- (b) FOOTBALL CLUB: The Club had deposited £2000 in the Council's account for the season's rent.

Mr Stone requested that the freezer is allowed to remain in the building as the Club would like to have it available for their tournament next year and have no alternative storage. It was proposed by Cr Tomlinson and **RESOLVED** that the freezer should be removed in accordance with the Council's initial letter.

The Club would request assistance with the purchase of line paint.

- (b) PLAYING FIELD BOOKING:
It was **RESOLVED** that hire of the facility for the football club tournament should be levied at the normal rate.
- (c) COUNCIL TAX BRIEFINGS: Cr Crowley reported on the briefing and it was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Johnston and **RESOLVED** that it preferred Option 1 of the formula for distributing the grant.
- (d) KENNINGTON ROAD BUS SHELTER: It was **RESOLVED** that MRH Services should be asked for a quote for replacing the fixings with screws so that the glass panels might be removed in the future for annual cleaning and hedge cutting.

146/13 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

- (a) DISTRICT COUNCIL: Cr Johnston reported:
- (i) The Local Plan was delayed again following the release of a central government circular which required certain economic factors to be taken into account. It was likely now to be complete in 2015. Cr Johnston would be attending a meeting on the methodology to be used for assessing housing need, after which he would have more precise information.
 - (ii) The Vale had reached an accommodation with County whereby most Vale officers would move to SODC offices in Crowmarsh and a large part of Abbey House would be occupied by OCC's Children, Young People and Families directorate. This was said to result in an annual saving of £200,000. Many

councillors thought that the move would result in a substantial increase in travelling expenses and that SODC should relocate to Abingdon and the SODC site should be sold.

- (iii) The Doric issue and Botley had been contentious, but the Vale had signed the contract in principle. The majority party had agreed to hold a meeting of the Scrutiny committee to see what could be done.

(b) COUNTY COUNCIL: Cr Johnston reported that:

- (i) The date for the ROMP enquiry was expected to be February 2014. The grounds for appeal were those stated in the Inspector's letter.
- (ii) Having spoken to officers, he expected the slab at the Church Road bus stop to be installed the following week. Weed clearance would be carried out soon.
- (iii) He had attended a meeting of the working group on minerals and issues would start to emerge into the public arena in February. The group aimed to release a document in September 2014, to be implemented in early 2015.
Cr Johnston had asked for a number of issues on the no.35 bus route to be addressed.

Councillors asked what the risk was of the Local Plan being delayed again and Cr Johnston reported that the risk was that anywhere not in the green belt could potentially be built on.

147/13 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

RADLEY STATION PARKING:

Nothing had been heard from FGW apart from an email regarding waiting time, ticket machines.

The clerk was asked to wait until a month after the meeting then write reminding FGW of actions from the meeting.

She was asked to write to the Department of Transport asking if they can assist, since they are presumably monitoring how the grant was spent and the impact of the grant.

148/13 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:

- (a) HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC: None
- (b) PLANNING: ROMP: The letter from DCLG on the enquiry had been circulated. The Council confirmed its desire to support the County as much as possible in resolving the gravel issue.
The Council would write to Marrons asking how best they could represent the Council and whether the Council's letter should be re-submitted.
- (c) RADLEY WETLANDS CENTRE: Nothing further.
- (d) MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN: Nothing further.
- (e) TUCKWELL ANCILLARY ISSUES: The Council was disappointed to note that the Vale and County intended to take no further action.

149/13 CONSERVATION

- (a) VILLAGE HALL TREES: It was agreed that a quote should be sought to crown lift the trees at the front of the hall and remove trees on the neighbour's boundary.
- (b) FOXBOROUGH ROAD: It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should deal with the Elder which persistently grew across the pavement.

150/13 CORRESPONDENCE: The Council noted items of correspondence.

a) FOR ACTION

ORCC Event: County Council budget reduction and services changes – County

Council Budget reductions and service changes and the impact on rural communities.

b) FOR INFORMATION:

- (i) Thames Valley Police: Mid-Year Performance statement
- (ii) ORCC News Bulletin: Circulated by email
- (iii) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association Autumn Newsletter
- (iv) Weekly Email News Digest
- (v) Vineyard traffic lights: Response to Cr Pasquire's complaint:
- (vi) VWHDC Press release on Fly-tipping:
- (vii) Email from Richard Gifford: VWHDC moving to Crowmarsh Gifford
- (viii) Emails regarding the station parking meeting – as appended to the agenda.
- (ix) The Rural Services Network: Are public services changing?: Survey
- (x) Weekly Email News Digest - 14 October 2013
- (xi) Hill End Winter Craft Fair - Saturday 23rd November

151/13 MATTERS FOR REPORT:

Items for the next meeting:

- (i) Byelaw prohibiting the setting of Chinese lanterns from Parish Council land.
- (ii) Community Land Grab

152/13 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Finance and Administration committee meeting: Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

Ordinary meeting: Thursday 28th November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Church Room

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