

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER 2012

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

In attendance: 5 members of the public, the clerk

180/12 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were none.

No dispensations were requested.

181/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Crs Davies, Johnston and Tomlinson.

182/12 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Two neighbours to the site commented on item 7(a)(i) Planning application P12/V2443/FUL: 1 Foxborough Road

- (a) The neighbour stated that that the applicant had assured her that if the application was approved, they would block out the windows which had been installed under permitted development and which look directly into her property. As there were already two families living in the property, the neighbour felt that the common sense approach would be to allow the property to be split. She requested that the Council supported the application.
- (b) A neighbour in Foxborough Road raised his concern that if the property was split in two, the larger part could still be split in two again and this would result in overdevelopment of a small site.

183/12 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 22nd NOVEMBER 2012:

The minutes were agreed to be a true record and **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the date of the December meeting had been changed after the meeting.

184/12 PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- (a) **THRUPP LANE HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC:**
The officer had undertaken to carry out a monitoring visit early in the New Year. He had done spot checks on the businesses when the ROMP prohibition notice was delivered and stated that he had found nothing untoward.
- (b) **ROMP:** Cr Johnston had been briefed by Vale officers on the other planning issues in the area.
- (c) **BYELAWS:** The clerk reported that the new byelaws must be published before submission to the Secretary of State.
- (d) **BOUNDARY REVIEWS:** Responses were submitted to both the Parliamentary and District boundary reviews.

185/12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

- (a) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:**

Cr Johnston was not able to attend, but had supplied a written report:

- i. He updated his report on the ROMP.
- ii. He noted that the 2013-14 budget consultation was running very late and what would be in the Vale budget was unknown.
- iii. The Vale had put in place procedures to ensure that in spite of the abolition of Council Tax Benefit, the Parish will receive a payment whose net effect would be that sum the parish would receive would be quite close to the last year's precept.

(b) COUNTY COUNCILLOR: None

186/12 PLANNING:

(a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- (i) P12/V2443/FUL: 1 Foxborough Road Radley Abingdon OX14 3AB
Division of extended dwelling into two units
It was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Howard and AGREED that the Council would not object to the application, but would ask for traffic, access, inaccuracies on the application and closeness to a watercourse to be considered. It would also be noted that the work had already started – **NO OBJECTION.**
- (ii) P12/V2471/HH: 1A Catharine Close Radley: Single Storey side extension and porch with roof canopy extended over bay window: **NO OBJECTION**
- (iii) P12/V2389/FUL: Land inbetween 31 and 37, St James Road Radley Abingdon: Variation of condition 5 of planning permission P12/V0241, to move the two parking spaces towards the south boundary and replace with planting: **NO OBJECTION**, but the Council would comment that the drawings were unclear and that the position of the red line had changed between the existing and proposed drawings.
- (iv) P12/V1661/HH: 23 Church Road Radley Abingdon OX14 3AT
Proposed side extension, new front porch, rear extension and various roof treatments: **NO OBJECTION**

(b) VALE DECISIONS:

There were none to report

187/12 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:

- (a) HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC:
- (b) PLANNING - ROMP: Cr Johnston's report of meetings with Vale planners had been circulated. It was noted that a result of the application would be that the small businesses would have to reapply for planning permission.
- (c) RADLEY WETLANDS CENTRE: Cr Crowley reported that he attended an informal meeting organised by Jayne Manley to promulgate the Radley Wetlands Vision. Thrupp Lane residents, Matt Prosser (a Strategic Director of the Vale of White Horse DC with responsibility for Corporate Strategy, Economy, Leisure and Property and member of the Thrupp Lake Management Committee), Ian Hudspeth and Cr Fatemian were also present.
- (d) VISION AND SCOPING STATEMENT: Nothing to report.

188/12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: *Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1, extended by the Local Government Act 1972, Section 100, the Council **RESOLVED** that this item should be taken in confidential session as it involved the discussion of legal affairs and as such the press and public should be excluded from this part of the meeting.*

The Council's solicitor had advised that his advice should be considered confidential until he and the Council decide otherwise.

The clerk was asked to clarify whether the Council's response to the ROMP application was in the public domain.

189/12 TOWN AND PARISH FORUM: Crs Howard and J Standen attended the meeting and reported that it included a long presentation on permitted development regulations, which were under review.

190/12 NOISE SURVEY:

Crs J Standen and Crowley had considered the report provided by Culham Moto-Cross.

They reported that a level of 55dBA was recorded at the boundary of 12B Lower Radley and that recordings were generally below the base level.

Although there was a known complaint, the report stated that there were no complaints recorded during the September meeting. It was suggested that any future reports should be made via the Vale website so that a reference number was recorded.

The Council agreed that the organisers had made good efforts to reduce noise from this event, but it would be noted that the aircraft noise which was stated to be extraneous was part of the event itself.

191/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a) **BUDGET PAPERS:** A revised budget and Cr Cook's notes on the budget were circulated to Councillors and the following was noted:

Allotments: The Council should ascertain need by contacting those on the list to enquire whether they wanted to remain on the list.

Radley Youth: It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Platts and

RESOLVED that the Club should be informed that if they do not pay the outstanding amounts, they would be considered to be in breach of their contract with the Council.

It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Pasquire and **RESOLVED** that the budget should be adopted.

The clerk reported that the tax base received from the Vale was significantly reduced

from that in 2011-12. The Vale Officer explained that this was entirely as a result on the changes to Council tax support including the payment of single person supplements. But for that, the tax base would have increased.

It was expected that central government funding would go some way to mitigating the change but details would not be received until later in the month.

(b) DEPOSITS: It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Platts and **RESOLVED** that longer term reserves of £90,000 should be deposited in Santander and United Trust Bank, as those offered the highest rate of interest for business accounts. It was delegated to Crs Crowley, Cook and the clerk to decide on the amounts to be deposited in each.

(c) DONATIONS

(i) RADLEY BROWNIES: The Brownies would be able to provide the information requested to the January meeting.

(ii) RADLEY NEWS: The editors had provided an account of the financial position of the Radley News.

It was proposed by Cr Cook, seconded by Cr Platts and **RESOLVED** that a donation of £250.00 should be made.

(d) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Cook and **RESOLVED** that the following payments should be made:

<u>New payments</u>			<u>Power to act</u>		
623	Mrs J E Dymock	Net salary (November) & expenses	LGA 1972 s112/s111	£ 937.22	£ 1,195.46
		Village Cleaner	LG (Misc Provisions) Act 1976	£ 86.50	
<u>Refunds:</u>					
		Mileage		£ 99.54	
		Telephone (3 months)		£ 65.86	
		Printer paper		£ 3.99	
		Refuse sacks (for village cleaner)		£ 2.35	
624	HMRC	Income tax & NI	LGA 1972 s111		£ 191.66
625	ST Grounds Maintenance	Litter bin emptying	Litter Act 1983		£ 50.00
626	MRH Services	Play Area inspection	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976		£ 40.70
627	Radley PCC	Church Room rent	LGA 1972 s111		£ 328.00
628	Berinsfield Community Business	Gardening	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976		£ 71.88
629	SLCC	Annual membership	LGA 1972 s143(1)(b)		£ 145.00

630	SLCC	CiLCA registration fee (registration deferred till course completed - original cheque returned & cancelled)	LGA 1972 s111	£ 150.00
631	CPRE	Membership	LGA 1972 s111	£ 29.00
632	Abingdon Street Pastors	Donation	LGA 1972 s137	£ 50.00
633	Open Spaces Soc.	Donation	LGA 1972 s137	£ 30.00
<u>Direct Debits:</u>				
	Peninsula	HR Advice	LGA 1972 s111	£ 79.20
	British Gas Business	Gas supply pavilion	LG (Misc Provisions)A ct 1976	£ 197.54

192/12 MEETING DATES: Dates for meetings from May 2013 to April 2014 were **AGREED.**

193/12 CONSULTATIONS:

- (a) **PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT:** The council discussed the DCLG consultation on extending permitted development rights for homeowners and businesses and the clerk was asked to submit the Council's agreed responses.
- (b) **RIGHTS OF WAY:** The clerk had forwarded the consultation to the Footpaths Warden and to councillors who were asked to make individual responses.

194/12 CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) **OPFA: PLAYGROUND INSPECTION TRAINING 2nd March 2013:** It was agreed that Cr Platts should attend.
- (b) **INVITATION TO THE OXFORD GREEN BELT NETWORK AGM 15th January:** Cr J Standen hoped to attend.
- (c) **REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT OF TURNERS CLOSE:** Crs D Standen and Cook undertook to inspect shrubs overhanging the road opposite 1, Turners Close

195/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT: There were none.

196/12 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

It was **AGREED** that the reserve Finance and Administration meeting would not be required.

The date of the next meeting was **AGREED** to be Thursday 24th January 2013.

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