

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 19th JULY 2012

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

In attendance: County Councillor Fatemian (for part) and the clerk

105/12 DECLARATIONS OF DISCOLSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST: None.

106/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Crs Johnston and D Standen.

107/12 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

92/12(i) to read “he has raised an objection”.

117/12: amended to read “lily shelter”.

108/12 PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- (a) **CHURCH ROAD BUS STOP:** Localities funding was requested for the works.
- (b) **PLANNING MATTERS:** 18 Sugworth Lane: a request was made for copies of correspondence.
- (c) **ALLOTMENTS:**
Berinsfield were been instructed to clear the path leading from Church Road.
The clerk had written to allotment holders asking if their contact details could be shared among them with a view to establishing an allotment holders’ group and had one reply.
The vacant allotment was to be offered to the next person on the waiting list.
- (d) **LAND NEXT TO THE BOWYER ARMS:** Councillors J and D Standen and the clerk met the landlord of the Bowyer Arms to discuss the Council’s proposal. They explained that if the Council were to adopt the land, it would have to control the land either by owning or leasing it.

The landlord outlined the renovations which were proposed and indicated that a planning application would be submitted for changes to the car park, entrance and some internal alterations.
- (e) **SURVEY OF THE PAVILION:** Mr Anderson was on holiday and a meeting would be arranged on his return.
- (f) **BYLAWS:** The clerk was asked to confirm in writing to event organisers that a “no dogs” bylaw exists. The Council will consider relaxing the bylaw for the fete and other events. It was reported that football supporters often bring their dogs.

It was noted that the archery demonstration held at the fete was very well organised and it was agreed that archery might be allowed in future during and organised event.

- (h) 18 SUGWORTH LANE: A request was made for information relating to Enforcement issues.
- (i) PONDS CONSERVATION TRUST: The Trust had been in touch when it was seeking funding for renovating village ponds in the area but would be pleased to offer advice on an informal basis.

109/12 REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

- (a) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Cr Johnston's written report is reproduced below:

“ The Vale Officers are becoming concerned about the lack of engagement by the majority party and are drawing up a training programme to try and address the matter, training on planning will be central. It is worth noting that the majority party could only muster 23 out of 31 at Full Council last night, and nearly lost two crucial votes in consequence.

The only really noteworthy decision was to spend an extra £145,000 over the next 18 months to get the Core Development Strategy completed following the abandonment of the Interim Housing Supply Policy. It should just about do the job, but they have cut it very fine. It should just about get the Strategy through all its stages by the end of 2014. The danger is that the Vale Plan having run out in March 2011, its after effects, the so called "saved policies", increasing lose their weight after 2013, leaving the Vale vulnerable to "planning by appeal". Green Belts and Conservation Areas remain in place, which is good news for Radley. “

- (b) COUNTY COUNCILLOR: See item 112/12.

110/12 CODE OF CONDUCT:

- (a) REGISTERS: Registers of Interest were received from all present and the Clerk undertook to send them to the Vale.
- (b) GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS: It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Tomlinson and **RESOLVED** that the responsibility for granting dispensations would be with the full council.

111/12 PLANNING MATTERS:

- (a) NEW APPLICATIONS:

RADLEY BRIDGE: P12/V1511/P11: Prior approval submission for information only: Radley Road Bridge Network Rail.

It was agreed that the Council would raise questions of how the work would be managed and would insist that access for residents was maintained at all times.

- (b) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING BRIEFING EVENT: Crs J Standen, Crowley and Pasquire attended the event on 16th July. They reported that this was an exercise to ascertain which councils are likely to want to produce a plan and/or other associated documents. A full plan was likely to be very expensive and time consuming but there was also the option to carry out a scoping and

visioning exercise which would allow the Council to say how or if an area could be developed.

It was **AGREED** that the Council make a formal decision in September on whether it wished to pursue either document.

112/12 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cr Fatemian confirmed that the next meeting of the Liaison group was arranged for 24th July and that the OCC cabinet member for Infrastructure would attend. Cr Fatemian was asked to ensure that representatives from Abingdon Town Council, the Earth Trust and Npower would be invited.

A meeting had been arranged for 8th August at which the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council and landowners would be present. Its purpose would be to look at strategic issues.

Cr Fatemian confirmed that he had approved the Council's request for Localities funding for the Church Road bus stops.

113/12 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:

- (a) **TRAFFIC:** One issue was reported.
- (b) **PLANNING:** Noted in the County Councillor's report.
- (c) **RADLEY WETLAND CENTRE:** There has been no movement on the Highways issue and landowners had responded negatively to a suggested off-road route for bikes and pedestrians.
- (d) **LIAISON MEETING:** The matrix for alternative access routes was received, but costings did not include land costs.

The Council asked Cr Fatemian to enquire if the ROMP EIA had been received. He was asked to establish who would be taking over John Hamilton and John Duncalfe's responsibilities when they left their positions. The Council felt that it was essential that they made a site visit and were fully briefed on related planning issues.

114/12 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- (a) **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS:**
Nuisance parking: Cr Davies conveyed residents' dismay at cars parked near the Foxborough Road/St James Road junction and the damage caused to the verge by a large vehicle.

It was noted that the station car park is due to be extended but this is at an early stage. The Bowyer Arms would be reorganising their car park during the course of renovations and planned to charge for parking.

It was **AGREED** that the owners of the recovery vehicle should be responsible for repairing the verge. The clerk was asked to inform correspondents. The possibility of restricting parking to residents was discussed and the Council felt that this was inappropriate.

115/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (a) MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE held on 5th July 2012:

The Council received minutes of the meeting and received the following recommendations:

- (i) FOOTPATH 8: It proposed by Cr Tomlinson, seconded by Cr was **AGREED** that the path should be properly reinstated in line with a full survey of condition. Tenders should be invited against a proper specification and schedule of works so that the work could be complete by 30th June 2013.

However, it was felt by some that by allowing cyclists to use the footpath, the danger has passed to pedestrians on the footpath.

- (ii) PLAY AREA: It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Tomlinson and **AGREED** that the accruals held at present for a replacement playground and adventure trail should be combined.

That the Council should consider providing a play area for the use of the mobile home parks. Cr Howard advised that there were few young children under the age of 10 on the mobile home parks and that the existing play area has been problematic in the past.

- (iii) RISK ASSESSMENT: It was **RESOLVED** that the Risk Assessment should be approved with minor changes.

- (iv) CONFIDENTIAL ITEM:

The Council passed the resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1, extended by the Local Government Act 1972, Section 100, that the following item was confidential as it involved the discussion of employees' contracts of employment/terms of conditions and as such the press and public were excluded from that part of the meeting.

The confidential item is minuted separately

- (v) QUOTES FOR HEDGE CUTTING: The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the committee's recommendation that the Council should accept a quotation from Complete Tree Services in the sum of £1035 + VAT.

- (b) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

It was proposed by Cr Tomlinson, seconded by Cr Howard and **AGREED** that the following accounts should be paid:

	Accounts paid during the month:		Power to Act		
564	Geoff's minibuses	Garden Competition - Minibus for afternoon judging	S137 LGA 1972		£ 150.00
	New payments:				

565	Mrs J E Dymock	Salary & expenses June 2012	LG 1972 S112		£ 949.86
		Net salary (June)		£ 775.90	
		Expenses:	LG 1972 S111	£ 87.38	
		Postage		£ 70.40	
		Stationery		£ 16.98	
		Village cleaner (July)	LG (Misc Provisions) 1976	£ 86.58	
566	HMRC	Tax & NI	LG 1972 S112		£ 69.45
567	Mrs Karen Sharp	Salary (June)- Pavilion cleaning & caretaking	LGA (Misc Provisions) 1976		£ 148.15
568	Information Commissioner's office	Annual renewal	LGA 1972 S111		£ 35.00
569	Mrs Jenny Standen	Reimbursement for garden competition catering	LGA 1972 S137		£ 89.79
570	Melba Swintex	Litter bin for play area	LGA (Misc Provisions) 1976		£ 190.26
571	Allsports Trophies	Engraving Garden Comp trophies	LG 1972 S137		£ 39.00
572	British Gas Business	Gas supply pavilion	LGA (Misc Provisions) 1976		£ 45.23
573	Pear Technology	PT-Mapper & technical support	LGA 1972 S111		£ 120.00
	Credits:				
056	Berinsfield Community Business	Donation to the garden competition		£ 75.00	
055	Radley Village Hall	Jubilee - Surplus from event		£ 297.84	
	Cash	Sale of Jubilee mugs		£ 15.00	
	Balance at bank	Current account		£ 4,907.77	
	18/07/2012	Deposit account		£ 140,526.48	
		Natwest account		£ 20.00	

Jubilee

Underwrite

£ 2,000.00

Less income

Sale of Jubilee Mugs

£ 142.50

£ 297.84

Net donation

£ 1,559.66

The clerk was asked to circulate the accounts for the Jubilee event for scrutiny and discussion at the September meeting.

116/12 CONSULTATIONS:

The Council was asked to comment on the proposal that the Vale Council size should be reduced and to make suggestions for ward patterns.

117/12 CONSERVATION:

(a) **GARDEN COMPETITION:**

The competition was held on Saturday 7th July. The Chairman thanked everyone who was involved in making this year another successful event. The presentations were due to be held on 21st July and all councillors were welcomed to attend. It was noted that the Friends of Radley Station were commended for the planting at the station.

(b) **ALLOTMENTS:** It was **AGREED** that in the interests of conservation & biodiversity and in deference to neighbours, the Council would not proceed with providing allotments on the land in Lower Radley.

(c) **VERGE CUTTING:** Berinsfield were asked to quote and the clerk would seek another for comparison.

118/12 POLICE MATTERS:

(a) **NAG MEETING:** Cr Davies reported that he had raised the question of nuisance parking. PCSO Wright was sympathetic and undertook to speak to those involved. Other areas were experiencing parking problems, especially around schools.

It was observed that Radley was a low crime area but that there had been a spate of cycle thefts.

There had been personnel changes in the police but the PCSOs were working very hard and know their areas well.

(b) **NO COLD CALLING ZONE:** Cr Howard had the package together for submission to Trading Standards and had many offers of help with delivering the survey.

119/12 LOW FLYING HELICOPTERS:

There had been many reports of noise nuisance from low flying helicopters and Cr Pasquire complained to RAF Benson. Sutton Courtenay was also suffering and their Parish Council was organising a meeting with RAF Benson.

Although the Council was sympathetic to the needs of the RAF to train, it was agreed that people should be advised via Radley News to contact the Low Flying Complaints team if they experienced a problem.

120/12 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **FOR ACTION:**

Nuisance parking: This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

b) FOR INFORMATION

Report of fly-tipping in Thrupp Lane: An incidence had been reported to the Vale and Environmental Warden would take action.

121/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT: There were none.

122/12 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The date and location of the next meeting were noted to be Thursday 27th September at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Radley.

Signed.....Date.....

(Chairman)