

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2009  
AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr J Standen (in the Chair)  
Crs Crowley, Davies, Dutton, Henderson, Johnston, Nutt, Pasquire,  
Rogers, D Standen, County Councillor Arash Fatemian  
PC Carl Bryant

**118/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cr Yorston.

**119/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Crs Crowley and Pasquire declared a personal and prejudicial interest in activities, finances and the legal position of Save Radley Lakes. Cr Henderson declared a personal interest in 1<sup>st</sup> Radley Guides, and Cr Davies declared a personal interest in Radley Swimming Club.

**120/09 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

NIL

**121/09 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 25  
JUNE 2009**

**Minute 104/009 (ii) (a) should read:** “: Cr Crowley reported on the Scoping Opinion for an Environmental Impact Assessment in relation to the application for new conditions for an old mineral planning permission at Thrupp Farm, Radley, which the OCC had issued to Mr Curtis. Cr Crowley had received this from Mary Thompson, OCC, and the Clerk was asked to ascertain when this had to be completed, and ask if the Parish Council could be included in the loop for further paperwork.”

**Minute 106(a) fourth line should read:** “... rose trees as prizes ...”

**Minute 112/09** headed REPORT OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 8 MAY 2009 should be omitted, and numbers of subsequent paragraphs renumbered.

## **122/09 CLERK'S REPORT ON BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

- (a) **COPSE – CHURCH ROAD:** It was noted that the Parish Council's solicitor was trying to ascertain the position in relation to the lease.
- (b) **COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD:** It was noted that Mr Peter Gore was going to deliver the notice board to the Clerk's home.
- (c) **GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE, CPL DISTRIBUTION, THRUPP LANE:** There was nothing further to report on this.
- (d) **FLOOD LIGHTING, GOOSEACRE:** It was noted that a meeting had been held between David Anderson from Radley College, Derek Nutt and Stuart Sharp to discuss the flood lighting proposals. David Anderson gave very clear advice on what the football club needed to do in relation to preparing a planning application. It was agreed that the football team should prepare the planning application for this but that a pre-application was important and details of this could be obtained from the Vale of White Horse DC. David Anderson indicated that if everything was done to specification it might be possible for Radley College to approve the scheme, and Derek Nutt indicated that the Parish Council would want to be assured that any lighting met the necessary specification. David Anderson supplied details of the proper specification for such lighting after the meeting.

At the meeting Stuart Sharp mentioned that the club was expanding, and was in the process of setting up teams for the disabled. Mention was made of the need for a path from the gate off Gooseacre to the Sports Pavilion. He indicated that the current facilities were really too small for the club which could expand greatly if it were to meet the demand. There was discussion on whether it would be possible to provide joint facilities for the College and the boys club, and Stuart Sharp agreed to discuss this further with his club members and then meet with David Anderson to discuss this further.

- (e) **VILLAGE POND – FENCING:** The fencing material was due at the end of the month and Mr Herring was in touch with the firm to get a more precise date so that he could fit it into his programme of work.
- (f) **LAND ISSUES:**
  - (i) **LAND AROUND FIELDHOUSE AND SUGWORTH FARM, SUGWORTH LANE:** David Weaver, the Enforcement Monitoring Officer (Planning) had not long been back from extended leave and he intended to visit the site week commencing 27 July, after which he would contact the Parish Council should he have any relevant information.
  - (ii) **PATH – TOP OF TURNERS CLOSE TO STONHOUSE CRESCENT:** Mr Bill Henderson, Director of Housing Services, Vale Housing Association had confirmed that the Association owned the grass track. He had asked if the Parish Council could confirm the length of time there

was a bollard installed, and Cr Nutt reported that this was at least twenty years. Assuming this was resolved, Mr Henderson thought that it would be a good idea to erect bollards to prevent vehicular access to Bowyer Close.

- (iii) COMMONS LANE, LOWER RADLEY: A request had been made to the Land Registry for information.
- (iv) TRIANGLE OF LAND – JUNCTION BY 33 LOWER RADLEY: I have not yet heard back from Oxfordshire Highways on the area it maintains.

### **123/09 POLICE MATTERS**

- (a) TO MEET PC CARL BRYANT: PC Carl Bryant was introduced to the Councillors, and there was wide ranging discussion on the areas of concern to the Parish Council:
  - Motorcyclists problems along Thrupp Lane, Footpath 9, around the Lakes, Barton Lane, along the towpath and on farm land
  - Speeding – Foxborough Road and Kennington Road
  - Vandalism in the village
  - Vandalism at the play area/sports pavilion
  - Vandalism at the railway station

PC Bryant indicated that Radley was a low crime area. At the moment he was not aware of any problems, but he noted the areas of concern to the Parish Council. There was discussion on how calls were prioritized by the call centre, and PC Bryant would report back on this. He would also look into the speeding problem through the use of speed checks and the GATSO. It was noted that there were regular speed checks at Pebble Hill and Twelve Acre Drive, but the particular areas of concern to the Parish Council included Foxborough Road and Kennington Road. PC Bryant indicated that the police were trying to get an office at Kennington.

The Parish Council indicated that it would be useful if posters with pictures of the police covering the Radley area were available, and a regular report in Radley News would also be helpful.

- (b) HARASSMENT – FOOTPATH 9: PC Bryant had discussed this with Cr Pasquire, and no further action was required by the Parish Council. PC Bryant apologised for the way this incident was handled following a 999 call.
- (c) NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING: It was noted that NAG now had a website. It was not clear when the official results of the Neighbourhood Policing – Public Survey would be available, but Cr Davies indicated that the areas of concern were Speeding, Condition of Roads and Footpaths, Litter, Environmental Problems such as weeds, Street Lighting, Lack of knowledge about local police, etc. It was essential that the Parish Council kept these items under review.

- (d) NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING – UPDATE RURAL ABINGDON JULY 2009: The report was noted.
- (e) DAMAGED TREE, WHITES LANE: An estimate for the replacement trees had been received, and the Clerk would follow up an insurance claim.

#### **124/09 PLANNING MATTERS:**

##### **(i) New Applications:**

- (a) RAD/5882/2 – Proposed extension and garage, 50 Sugworth Lane: No objections

##### **(ii) Permission Given:**

- (a) RAD/20882 – Single Storey Rear Extension, 21 Foxborough Road

##### **(iii) Misc.**

- (a) THRUPP FARM – REVIEW OF OLD MINERAL PERMISSIONS: SCOPING REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: This matter had been followed up with Mary Thompson, OCC, who had indicated that the Parish Council was consulted on the scoping exercise carried out in November last year. A scoping opinion was issued on 10th February containing the comments of everyone that responded to the consultation. The applicant then had 12 months from that date to produce the Environmental Statement. Cr Crowley had asked Mary Thompson to send a copy of a plan from the file. The file was public and anyone could view it, but this was not new information and there was not currently a consultation on anything, therefore it was not necessary to also send it to the Parish Council.
- (b) TUCKWELLS APPLICATION FOR A CLEUD: The Clerk reported that Mary Thompson, OCC, was not able to provide any new information in time for the Parish Council meeting. Progress on the CLEUD application was on hold until the OCC solicitor returned from leave next week, and Mary Thompson hoped to provide a full update on this application and on the enforcement situation.
- (c) TARMAC CLEUD: Nothing further had been received from the DC Planning Officer and the Enforcement Officer about the height of the building.

#### **125/09 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) REPORT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, 22 JULY 2009: The notes of the meeting were received, and Cr Crowley presented the report. It was noted that Cr Crowley had been appointed as Chairman for 2009/2010. Cr Rogers had been appointed as Vice-Chairman and Cr Nutt as the Playing Field Coordination for the same period.

- (i) **BUS SHELTERS:** It was noted that an application form to apply for new bus shelters had been received and the Clerk was processing this. It was noted that a request had been received to replace the brick built bus shelter at Pebble Hill. The Parish Council considered that priority should be given to areas where no bus shelters exist.
- (ii) **MILLENNIUM TRINKET BOXES:** It was noted that sales continued.
- (iii) **REGISTER OF RISKS 2009:** The Parish Council reviewed the Register of Risks and **AGREED** that this should be accepted with the following action:
  - (a) **INSURANCE VALUES:** These should be updated in line with the 2009/2010 insurance cover.
  - (b) **SPORTS PAVILION:** The insurance cover for the sports pavilion should be reviewed. This would entail checking the size of the property x building costs.
  - (c) **PEBBLE HILL BUS SHELTER:** The condition of the brick bus shelter should be checked. Cr Henderson **AGREED** to look at the bus shelter.
  - (d) **BOW TOP FENCING, GOOSEACRE:** The Clerk should ascertain the cost of replacing the damaged panels to see whether an insurance claim should be made.
- (iv) **RADLEY VILLAGE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE:** It was proposed by Cr J Standen, seconded by Cr Johnston and **AGREED** that the Parish Council should hold the budget of the Steering Committee and would provide insurance cover should this be necessary.
- (v) **FINANCIAL STATEMENT UP TO 30 JUNE 2009:** The budget was reviewed and the following comments were made:
  - (a) **PLAYING FIELD EXPENDITURE:** It was noted that the electricity bill was extremely high for the first quarter of this financial year. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk should check the readings and that the Parish Council should consider at a future meeting the cost of providing the sports facilities at Gooseacre.
  - (b) **ALLOTMENTS:** The Clerk reported that she had a long waiting list for the Parish Council allotments. **IT WAS AGREED** that local landowners were approached to see whether they were willing to make any land available for allotments.
  - (c) **JUDICIAL REVIEW:** It was noted that Mr Alastair Wallace had estimated that his final bill should be in the region of £7460 plus

VAT. This included Mr Pechey's fee but he was not certain if there would be a court fee for cancelling the Judicial Review.

(vi) ESTIMATES TO BE CONSIDERED:

(a) GOOSEACRE PLAYING FIELD:

(i) DITCH BEHIND SPORTS PAVILION: It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Rogers and **AGREED** that the estimate of £300 from Berinsfield Community Services should be accepted subject to comparison with a second estimate which was due to be received. It was noted that the chestnut paling fence provided by Radley College was a temporary measure and had now been replaced by a close boarded fence.

(ii) PERIPHERY OF PLAYING FIELD: It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Rogers and **AGREED** that the estimate of £290 - £340 from Berinsfield Community Services for cutting back more of the grassed areas to prevent rubbish getting caught up in the undergrowth should be accepted subject to the Clerk being satisfied that the amount to be cut back justified this.

(iii) REPLACEMENT OF FLYGT PUMPS: The Parish Council considered the recommendations from ITT Water & Wastewater UK Ltd, which recommended the replacement of the pumps with a macerator type pump that cuts/macerates all of the solids before pumping away. This maceration of the solids would remove the risk of the discharge pipe work blocking, and these pumps were designed to work on small bore pipe work such as the pipe work installed at the sports pavilion pumping station. It was proposed by Cr Nutt, seconded by Cr Pasquire and **AGREED** that two new macerator type pumps should be provided at a cost of £1,176 for each pump, plus an installation cost of £392, plus VAT.

(b) FOOTPATH 8:

(i) CUTTING BACK BOTH SIDES OF THE PATH FROM WHITES LANE TO THE ROUNDABOUT AT TWELVE ACRE DRIVE: Berinsfield Community Services thought that this was a small job which could be included in the work outlined in (a) (i) and (ii) above. It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Davies and **AGREED** that the work should be undertaken if the cost was within the sum the Clerk was able to agree. This needed to be discussed further with Berinsfield Community Services to ensure it was understood that this would be a regular job and that it was necessary to ensure

that the full width of the path was retained, and would be discussed at a future meeting.

- (ii) **PLANTING HEDGING ALONG THE NEW WOODEN FENCING:** Berinsfield Community Services had indicated that it would cost approximately £125 to supply and plant blackthorn with canes, and an extra £25 for guards. It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Pasquire and **AGREED** that the area should be planted with rose rugosa. The Clerk would obtain a further estimate.
  
- (c) **COPSE IN FRONT OF CAR PARK, CHURCH ROAD:**
  - (i) **TRIMMING GROWTH:** This had recently been trimmed and the Parish Council had been asked to advise if this was the correct height. The remaining bush had always been cut higher, but the Parish Council were happy that this should be cut to the same level to allow a clear view of cars from the road. It was noted that this work would cost £20.00
  
  - (ii) **REPLACEMENT TREE:** It was understood that the cost of replacing the dead tree would be £100 - £150. There was sufficient money in the tree planting budget to cover this.
  
- (vii) **REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS:** The following were considered:
  - (a) **RADLEY GUIDES:** It was proposed by Cr Davies, seconded by Cr Johnston and **AGREED** that a donation of £150 be given to support the launch party of the Centenary celebrations, and that a further donation should be considered later in the year when it was known what funding had been raised by Radley Guides. Cr Henderson did not participate in the discussion and voting.
  
  - (b) **RADLEY SWIMMING CLUB:** It was noted that the Committee did not feel it was possible to make any recommendations on the information available to it. The Clerk was asked to obtain the following:
    - (i) Proper Accounts setting out how much income was received (broken down into different categories such as subscriptions, guest payments, etc) and list of payments which were made including hiring facilities and lifeguards, etc.
  
    - (ii) Details of how much was spent to support training and the awards scheme.
  
    - (iii) Number of members, broken down to show how many under 16s and adults (and concessionaries if that is offered)

- (iv) A business plan showing what steps the club was taking to attract new members, raise money, etc.

The Parish Council **AGREED** to consider this when other requests for donations were considered.

- (b) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: It was proposed by Cr Pasquire, seconded by Cr Johnston and **AGREED** that the following accounts should be paid.

1. Account paid in between meetings:

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| (i)   | Thames Water – Allotments:                      | £1.13     |
| (ii)  | Thames Water – Sports Pavilion:                 | £81.47    |
| (iii) | Steelway Fensecure Ltd – Fencing, Village Pond: | £6,606.49 |
- This bill has not yet been paid as a formal invoice has not been received

2. Accounts to be paid:

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| (i)    | Miss S E Raven:   | £837.97 |
|        | Salary, July 2009:  | £659.66 |
|        | Village Cleaner – Salary, June 2009:                      | £85.78  |
|        | Garden Competition:                                       | £67.98  |
|        | • Engraving of Trophies:                                  | £39.10  |
|        | • Food:   | £28.88  |
|        | Parish Plan Meeting, 30 March 2009 – Refreshments:        | £24.55  |
| (ii)   | Mrs K Sharp – Salary, July 2009:                          | £146.68 |
| (iii)  | Berinsfield Community Business - Gardening/Grass Cutting: | £267.90 |
| (iv)   | HM Revenue & Customs (Post Office Ltd – Income Tax/NI:    | £561.77 |
| (v)    | ITT Water & Wastewater UK Ltd – Servicing of Flygt Pump:  | £787.21 |
| (vi)   | MRH Services – Fencing, Radley Road:                      | £355.67 |
| (vii)  | Tony Stoyle – Work on Website:                            | £40.00  |
| (viii) | LexisNexis – Arnold Baker Local Council Administration:   | £72.45  |
| (ix)   | Mrs J Standen – Garden Competition Food:                  | £51.87  |
| (x)    | Mr G Rogers – Garden Competition Expenses:                | £21.00  |
|        | Petrol – Mini Bus:  | £12.00  |
|        | Food:   | £9.00   |
| (xi)   | Mr D Standen:   | £36.30  |
|        | Garden Competition Expenses:                              | £31.25  |
|        | Padlock – Play Area Litter Bin:                           | £5.05   |

- (c) GRANT APPLICATION – ADDITIONAL PARISH CLEANSING GRANT 2009/10: It was noted that the Parish Council had been awarded a grant of £445.00 for 2009/2010.

## **126/09 CONSERVATION**

- (a) GARDEN COMPETITION 2009: The list of winners was noted. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Advisory Working Party should meet in September to review the arrangements for the Garden Competition in 2010.
- (b) FOOTPATH 9/BOAT: It was noted that Mary Thompson, OCC, was not worried as the fence was not of a height to need planning permission. Nothing further had been heard from the Field Path Officer.
- (c) LITTER/DOG BINS: The litter/dog bins had not yet been installed.
- (d) REPORT OF CONSERVATION (NATURE) WORKING PARTY, 10 JULY 2009: Cr Crowley presented the report when the following points were noted:
  - (i) Cr Crowley had been appointed as Chairman.
  - (ii) Radley College should be contacted to see if it was possible to meet with appropriate person to discuss conservation (nature) issues.
  - (iii) Parish Plan: The Parish Council noted that the paperwork provided by Cynth Napper would be made available to the Parish Plan Steering Group.
  - (iv) Wildlife and Its Conservation in Kirtlington: A copy of the document had been requested and Mr Chris Mason, Chairman of the Kirtlington Wildlife and Conservation Society, had indicated his willingness to give further help to the Radley Working Party. The Parish Council noted that the Working Party considered that it would be useful to set up a meeting with Mr Mason, and that there was discussion on whether this should be with the Working Party or a wider audience. An approach would be made to Mr Mason to see what he was willing to do.
  - (v) Dog Fouling: It was reported that the DC were looking into the possibility that a dog litter bin should be provided by Sandles.
  - (vi) Jo Cartmell would be liaising with Cr Crowley to sort out the ditches to be surveyed for water voles. It was noted that BBOWT gave advice on how ditches should be cleared to avoid damage to wildlife.
  - (vii) Community Landscape Character Statement for Radley: The Working Party looked at the documents obtained in relation to the Community Landscape Character Statement and noted that a start-up pack had been requested from CPRE. The Parish Council noted that there was a need

for a public meeting to launch the project, and that the possibility of hiring the new sports pavilion at Radley College was being investigated as it was thought that this venue would attract people to attend the meeting. The History Club had been informed of the project in the hope that it would be able to provide old photographs of Radley Parish.

- (viii) Longmead Lake: There was discussion on the need to ensure this lake was preserved in its present form and the possibility of different groups contributing to allow it to be purchased as a wildlife area. It was clear that there was a need for some organisation interested in managing the area to co-ordinate the raising of the necessary funds to purchase it.

#### **127/09 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

- (a) **STREET LIGHTING:** The Parish Council was informed that the OCC was giving further consideration to reducing the street lighting between 12.30 am to 5.30 am, and further advice would be given. There were concerns that crime would increase if street lighting were reduced.
- (b) **SPEED LIMIT – A4183:** It was noted that the Oxfordshire Limits Review of “A” and ”B” Roads in Oxfordshire was recommending that the A4183 Oxford Road – Abingdon to Boars Hill had a 50 mph speed limit. This recommendation was endorsed by the Parish Council. There was no mention of the changes to the boundaries of the speed limits in Sugworth Lane, and the Clerk would follow this up.
- (c) **LETTER FROM RADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL:** The letter to Cr Fatemian from the Chairman of Governors pointing out major concerns over the road safety of children at the school was noted. Cr Fatemian confirmed that he was following up the points which had been raised. The Clerk was asked to thank the Chairman of Governors for keeping the Parish Council informed.
- (d) **POTHOLES:** Cr Fatemian reported that the inspection had taken place on the 4 July 2009, some on foot and some by car.

It was noted that the Church Road potholes had been partly repaired, but a complaint had been received because a local resident had fallen into the road through the defective pavement/kerb where the gas repairs had been carried out. Her son had been in touch with the Parish Council and the OCC Highways and the Clerk had followed up the complaint with the OCC Highways. However, the area, although marked up for repair, had not yet been repaired. The Clerk understood that this was in hand and that the earth would be cleared back at the fence side to widen the footpath.

The Parish Council’s comments on the OCC criteria had been passed to OCC Highways, but no further information had been received.

The Parish Council appreciated that it was helpful if defective areas could be reported to OCC Highways, but that it was the overall responsibility of the Oxfordshire County Council to ensure roads and pavements were repaired.

- (e) CYCLEWAY C5 – HAZARDS: It was not known whether the remaining hazard had been removed.
- (f) GRASS CUTTING: It was noted that the contractors should blow cut grass back on to the verge so that it does not block the drains, but they were not instructed to take cut grass away as there was no money to do this. The OCC Highways had not heard of any problems with any drains and had asked if any problems could be reported to them. The Parish Council considered that the grass should be removed the same day that it was cut and not left for several days.
- (g) WEEDS ON PAVEMENTS: It was noted that the OCC Highways did not have a budget for this and that the problem was getting worse especially as some householders did not clear the weeds away from outside their properties. The Clerk was asked to put a special plea in Radley News for local residents to help with this problem.
- (h) SUGWORTH LANE: A further letter had been sent to Oxfordshire Highways about the condition of Sugworth Lane. It was noted that an employee of Radley College had damaged his car extensively and had put in a claim against Oxfordshire Highways. Radley College had been asked to ensure that any coaches hired by Radley College stipulated that Sugworth Lane should not be used, and the Clerk indicated that she had written to Tappins Coaches with the same plea, but had not had a response.
- (i) ROAD SWEEPING, CHURCH ROAD: It was noted that road sweeping took place every eight weeks.
- (j) RUSTY LAWN MOWER: This had been removed.
- (k) SIGN BY SHOP/SPINNEYS CLOSE BUNGALOWS INDICATING PEOPLE CROSSING: I have passed on Parish Council request.
- (l) BURNT OUT VEHICLE, THRUPP LANE: I am not certain if this has been removed.

#### **128/09 RADLEY LOCAL LIAISON GROUP (RWE NPOWER)**

Members of the Radley Local Liaison Group reported that they had been invited by Dr Steve Waygood to walk around the site to look at the reinstatement work which had taken place. Dr Waygood had indicated that it was hoped that the Waste Management Licence could be surrendered in the near future on land owned by Mr Attia. Cr Crowley reported on the type of flora on site, mentioning the New Zealand Pygmy Weed and a number of rare plant species.

The high fencing around the site which was of considerable concern to the Parish

Council had largely been hidden by trees so it was not as obtrusive as the Parish Council had thought.

It was noted that the site of Tuckwells workshop did not look good, with the concrete base of the original workshop still on site.

The Clerk was trying to arrange a meeting of the Radley Local Liaison Group (RWE Npower) to discuss the long term nature of Thrupp Lake.

### **129/09 RADLEY VILLAGE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE**

The notes of the meeting of the Steering Committee on the 30 June 2009 and 21 July 2009 were tabled. It was noted that the Committee would meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, commencing on the 21 September 2009, and that the notes of each meeting would be made available to the Parish Council. In addition, a regular report would be put in Radley News and on the website.

It was hoped that its membership could be increased to include the Primary School/Foundation Unit, the Village Hall Management Committee, the Youth Club and the church.

A Constitution and procedure for volunteers wishing to claim expenditure had been agreed.

It was clear that there needed to be a lot of activities in the village involving all age groups before a questionnaire could be circulated either to households or to individuals, and there would need to be a pilot questionnaire before the main one was circulated. In addition, there needed to be a different type of questionnaire for younger children (8-11).

It was essential that the Steering Committee were aware of village activities so that the idea of a Parish Plan could be raised at these. In addition the adoption of a logo was considered essential, and ideas about a competition for the younger people in the community are being developed.

The Steering Committee was extremely grateful for the help of Anton Nath, ORCC, and would be applying for funding once it was clearer what activities were needed.

### **130/09 PARISH WEBSITE**

There was nothing to report on the Parish Website.

## 131/09 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, FRIDAY, 8 MAY 2009

The following matters were considered by the Parish Council:

- (a) Use of Double Decker Buses – weight as well as height a problem: This has been pointed out to the Oxford Bus Company and the Oxfordshire County Council.
- (b) Footpath 8 – Sign indicating priority for pedestrians: The Parish Council agreed to approach the landowner and farmer to see if they would agree to “permissive” use by cyclists. If this were agreed and a sign was provided showing this was a permissive cycle way with priority for pedestrians at this stage it would ensure people were aware of the position.
- (c) Thrupp Lane – Cycle Way: The possibility of buying land to accommodate the cycle way was raised. The difficulties experienced by Sustrans were discussed, and it was thought infeasible to pursue this.
- (d) Street Light Pollution: Cr Ian Yorston had agreed to raise with Radley College the late lighting at its all weather pitch.
- (e) Thrupp Lane – Speed of Traffic: It was queried whether the police could check the speed of lorries along Thrupp Lane, although it was appreciated that the road was so narrow it was difficult to judge the speed of lorries. This had been raised with the police.
- (f) Path by Cemetery/Beagles Kennels: The bank is encroaching on the path and needs clearing back, and this has been raised with the Oxfordshire Highways.
- (g) Trees by Lower Radley Caravan Park: Trees were cut back and the cuttings were left in the road. The debris was not removed quickly. This has been raised with Oxfordshire Highways, but they did not do the work and they have not been able to find out who did.
- (h) Footpath 8 – Condition of New Tarmac Path: It was reported that the surface was not satisfactory. Cr Rogers reported that he had inspected the footpath and it was clear that the tarmac on the new area was not satisfactory. The Clerk was asked to raise this with Peter Mansbridge and Son and arrange a site meeting. Crs Rogers and Johnston and County Councillor Fatemian indicated they were willing to attend such a meeting.
- (i) Speed Limit – Repeater Signs: There was a request for repeater signs within the 30 mph limit, but no specific area was mentioned. The Clerk was asked to raise the possibility of repeater signs being put along Sugworth Lane. She was also asked to query with Oxfordshire Highways the positioning of the sign indicating the road was not suitable for wide vehicles as this sign was not seen by drivers turning left into the road until they had actually turned.

## **132/09 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

**(a) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:**

Cr Johnston reported that the Terms of Conditions of Service from the Vale of White Horse DC and South Oxfordshire DC were being harmonised.

**(b) COUNTY COUNCILLOR:**

County Councillor Fatemian reported on:

- (i) The situation relating to potholes, indicating that the quality of the work had been a problem but that a new contractor had been appointed.
- (ii) Grass cutting. He indicated that he would find out more information on this in view of the Parish Council's comments.
- (iii) The letter he had received from the Chairman of Governors, Radley Primary School: There was discussion on the possibility of a 20 mph speed limit past the Primary School, and the Parish Council indicated that there would need to be consultation within the Parish about such a measure.
- (iv) Thrupp Lane: He had been approached by residents regarding the problem with HGVs using Thrupp Lane.
- (v) Community Service: Cr Fatemian indicated that he understood that some Parish Councillors arranged for work to be undertaken through the Community Service, and he would let the Parish Council have more information so that this could be put on a future agenda for discussion.
- (vii) Police: Cr Fatemian undertook to press for leaflets in relation to police staffing.
- (viii) Budget: Work was taking place on efficiency savings which had to be found over the next five years.

## **133/09 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) FOR ACTION**

- (a) Oxfordshire Rural Community Council: Helping Your Village in a Flu Pandemic, Kennington Village Hall, 29 July 2009: It was not possible for the Parish Council to send a representative.
- (b) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils: Members Update June and July 2009: No action was required

**(ii) FOR INFORMATION**

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council: Primary Capital Programme: Locality Reviews Update
- (b) Vale of White Horse DC: Standards Committee, 3 and 14 July 2009
- (c) Oxfordshire Rural Community Council Review, Spring/Summer 2008/Strategic Plan 2009-11
- (d) Clerks and Council Direct, July 2009
- (e) Local Council Review, Summer 2009
- (f) Railwatch, July 2009
- (g) The Playing Field, Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association Newsletter, Summer 2009
- (h) Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum's Weekly Environmental E-Bulletin, 28 May 2009, 4, 11, 18, 15 June 2009, 2, 9 and 16 July 2009.
- (i) Open Spaces Society Open Day, 15 August 1009, Memorial Hall, Aldbury, Herts.
- (j) ASHTAV News, July 2009

**134/09 NOTIFIED BUSINESS**

- (a) **BIRD SCARERS:** Cr Nutt reported that the residents of Bigwood Park had complained about a problem with bird scarers which were going off from 5 am, four times an hour, until 9.30 pm. This was very frightening for animals. **IT WAS AGREED** that the DC Environmental Health Department should be notified of this problem.
- (b) **ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY LINE – HOW WILL THIS AFFECT LOWER RADLEY:** The Clerk reported that BBC Radio Oxford had approached her to ascertain how Lower Radley would be affected if the railway bridge had to be removed/altered because of the over head cables. It was not thought this would be a problem to Radley.
- (c) **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST: IT WAS AGREED** that an August meeting would not be held, and that any accounts for payment should be dealt with by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Date: .....

Chairman

**CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE, 23 JULY 2009**

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.

**135/09 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 25 JUNE 2009**

The Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 25 June 2009 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

**136/09 LONGMEAD LAKE**

It was noted that some worthwhile Trusts and local authorities were interested in purchasing this site, but that it was necessary to identify the necessary funding.

**137/09 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR PRESS RELEASE**

NIL

Date: .....  
Chairman