

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 24 JUNE 2010  
AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr J Standen (in the Chair)  
Crs Crowley, Davies, Henderson, Nutt, Pasquire, D Standen, Yorston  
(for part)  
County Councillor Arash Fatemian  
Mr Neil Irwin of Culham Park

**83/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Cr Dutton, Cr Rogers and Cr Johnston

**84/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cr Pasquire declared an interest in matters relating to Friends of Radley Lakes.

**85/10 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Mr Irwin runs one of the few legal off-road motorcycle centres in Oxfordshire at Culham Park where he has had success with teaching boys to self-police and getting them involved in events.

Councillors explained the problems in Radley with public safety, noise, damage to wildlife sites and identified problem areas: the field behind Stonhouse Crescent, the Playing Field, the Thames Path and Mr Curtis's field behind the lakes. Mr Irwin suggested that a logbook of activities be kept.

The clerk is to supply addresses so that Mr Irwin can contact the landowners concerned.

**86/10 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 27<sup>th</sup>  
MAY 2010:**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments

84/10: should read: Cr Cowley *wished it to be noted that he had stood down...*

88/10: Secondary Parish Transport Representative (Buses/Trains): *Cr G Rogers*  
Designation of Lower Radley as a Conservation Area: member should read *Dr* (not Mr) M Wilson

92/10: (b) refers to Longmead Lake and should be after item (c)  
(e) Should read Footpath 9/Thrupp *Lane*

93/10 (h) (i) Cr Fatemian ...*would be prepared* to insist...

(ii) Target is 2.5m tons... *and would suggest 1.58.*

(iii) Omit "*In that event*"

95/10 Heading should read: CONSERVATION: *GARDEN COMPETITION.*

96/10: Should read: *priority* routes.

**87/10 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL,  
27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010:**

- (a) COPSE, CHURCH ROAD: Nothing further to report.
- (b) LAND AROUND SUGWORTH FARM, SUGWORTH LANE: the clerk will contact the Enforcement Officer again.
- (c) HEADED PAPER: The clerk had circulated a suggested new format. Cr Crowley suggested some modifications and offered to provide a clearer copy of the crest.
- (d) ALLOTMENTS: The clerk reported a meeting on site with the chairman and Mrs McDougall and the conditions under which she will be happy to lease the land to the council. Councillors raised questions about possible conditions which might be placed on allotment leases. The clerk was asked to look at the possible costs involved and report to the next meeting.
- (e) BYLAWS: Simon Escreet from the Vale has sent a copy of the Bylaws the Vale has on file, but signs at the Playing Field indicate that these are out of date.
- (f) INSURANCE REVALUATION: The Council's insurers have advised that they won't carry out a valuation, but might verify the Council's valuation.
- (g) FOOTPATH 8:  
Resurfacing: Peter Mansfield and Sons have still not carried out the work. The clerk was asked to press them for a date.  
Right of Way: Mark Sumner had advised that the Right of Way begins approximately 110m east of the roundabout, opposite where the footpath enters Barrow Hill. The clerk was asked start a Definitive Maps Modification Order request and to contact Mark Sumner about installing a "cyclists must give way to pedestrians" sign.
- (h) FAMILY PARTY ON THE PLAYING FIELD: Cr Nutt and the clerk had met Mrs Young and discussed the concerns which the council raised at the last meeting and advised that she had plans in place to deal with them. Provided she abides by the rules of the Field and checks the indemnity for the fireworks, the Council AGREED to rent the field to Mrs Young.
- (i) DATE OF THE JULY MEETING: It was agreed that the Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July and the Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

- (j) COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: membership of the Conservation Working Party (Nature) is confirmed.
- (k) GLASS ON THE GRASS VERGE: The glass has still not been removed and is more of a hazard as it is now hidden in the grass. The clerk is to chase the Vale. Cr J Standen and Cr Davies offered to point it out to them.

**88/10 POLICE MATTERS:**

- (a) RURAL ABINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE: Circulated directly to councillors
- (b) PROBLEM WITH MOTORCYCLISTS: Covered above at 85/10
- (c) ROBBERY, THRUPP LANE: Cr Davies had raised this at the NAG meeting and that the perception by the owner is that nothing has been done.
- (d) MUGGING, THRUPP LANE: It has been confirmed that this is being investigated.
- (e) LETTER FROM INSPECTOR BOYD: The letter was read to the Council.
- (f) MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS: Cr D Standen noted that the suicide at Radley Station was dealt with quickly.

**89/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- (a) PLANNING CONSULTATIONS: It was AGREED that when the application arrives for return before the next Parish Council meeting, it should be circulated to available designated councillors. The Clerk will send councillors links to the Vale website so that they may look at applications online to speed up the process.
- (b) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:
  - (i) RAD/21211: Demolition of detached garage and erection of replacement detached garage: 40 Stonhouse Crescent: No objection.
  - (ii) RAD 21163: Demolition of existing garage. Erection of a two storey side extension: 8 Whites Lane, Radley: No objection.
- (c) PERMISSION GIVEN:
  - (i) RAD 21163: Demolition of existing garage. Erection of a two storey side extension: 8 Whites Lane, Radley.

## 90/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

(i) Mrs J.E.Dymock		£ 839.34
Salary - June 2010	£564.04	
Expenses May & June		£188.72
1. Telephone	£ 25.00	
2. Petrol	£ 104.28	
3. Postage	£ 13.53	
4. Stationery	£ 45.91	
Village Cleaner		£ 86.58
(ii) Mrs Karen Sharp – Salary June 2010		£ 148.15
(iii) Copycat Services –		£ 50.64
1. Garden competition leaflets	£ 45.00	
2. Photocopying & Stationery	£ 5.64	
(iv) British Gas - Sports Pavilion Electricity		£ 74.01
(v) Cr J Standen		£ 227.40
1. Clerk's retirement gift (by donation)	£191.30	
2. Reception Expenses	£ 36.40	
(vi) Cr G Rogers – Reception expenses		£ 65.49
(vii) Marrons Solicitors		£1,024.38
Legal fees for CLEUD Submission		
(viii) ASHTAV - Subscription		£ 25.00
(ix) Hotsons Eurodrive -		
1. Hire of minibus for Garden Competition	£ 97.00	
2. Deposit for minibus	£ 350.00	
(x) Miss Sally Raven –		
Balance of donations for retirement gift		£ 69.70

(b) QUOTE FOR TREE WORKS: It was AGREED to refer the quote for works to trees throughout the village to the meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee for approval, as long as the quote is within the Budget.

## 91/10 CONSERVATION:

(a) DRAFT NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP held on 25<sup>th</sup> May had been circulated with the Agenda.

It was proposed by Cr Davies, seconded by Cr D Standen and AGREED to invite Mr Steve Clarkson to a meeting of the Conservation Working Party.

(c) GARDEN COMPETITION:

It was reported that the judges and guides are in place and that Cr J Standen will provide the lunches and teas again.

(d) REPLACEMENT OF FELLED SYCAMORE, Foxborough Road: OCC had replied offering to replace the tree, but in a different location and it was AGREED to recommend that this should be nearer to the Thrupp Lane entrance and to ask Cr Johnston to recommend a suitable species.

(e) CHERRY TREE, CATHERINE COURT: Cr J Standen had received a complaint a cherry tree in the garden on 1&2 Catherine Court has been taken down. She reported that it had been diseased and that the owner plans to replace it.

**92/10 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

(a) LORRY PARKING, THRUPP LANE:

It was agreed that the Council should write to the operator if the resident is able to report the name of the company.

(b) PREMIUM BUS ROUTE MARKINGS:

Cr Davies reported that residents living beside bus stops have been informed of the consultation, but that he was unable to contact the officer responsible. The documents were passed to councillors for circulation and comment.

(c) POTHOLE, SUGWORTH LANE: Councillors reported that the pothole is becoming much bigger.

**93/10 STANDING ORDERS:**

Proposed revisions were not available.

**94/10 PARISH PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE:**

MEETING 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY:

Cr Davies reported that the committee is developing the questionnaire. 17 question themes have been identified.

Grants received: £2,000 has been received from Grass Roots, £ 908.00 from ORCC and £150 from Mr John Curtis. This is less than the budget but the remainder may be made up in kind; for example nPower have offered to fund the printing.

**95/10 WEBSITE:**

- (a) Statistics – May 2010: It was reported that there was a sharp fall in visits in May.
- (b) Website matters: It was agreed that the Website Working Group should look at ideas for promoting the website.

**96/10 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:**

- (a) District Council business: Cr Henderson reported that the post of warden to Pebble Hill & Woodlands is to be downgraded and that a petition is being presented to the Vale
- (b) Cr Fatemian reported:
  - (i) That the County Council has identified cut to heads of departments. As they had already agreed to a pay freeze, no one in a senior management positions will have a pay increase for 4 years.
  - (ii) First Great Western has decided not to introduce car parking charges at Radley Station.
  - (iii) Cr Fatemian wished to record his thanks to the OCC officers who attended the special meeting on issues around gravel extraction in Thrupp Lane.

Cr Davies observed that road maintenance appears to be improving, as evidenced by fewer “hates” about potholes at the most recent Parish Plan event.

**97/10 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**(i) FOR ACTION:**

- (a) Consultation workshops on minerals spatial strategy options for Oxfordshire: Cr J Standen had already indicated that she would be able to attend the event.
- (b) Oxfordshire Emergency Planning Unit: Planning for Emergencies: Invitation to workshops. It was noted that that local knowledge is invaluable in Emergency Planning. Crs Yorston and Davies hoped to attend.
- (c) ASHTAV: invitation to the Herbert Lane Lecture.
- (d) Track to the rear of Stonhouse Crescent: Crs Dutton & Nutt reported that the track is very overgrown and a nuisance to residents on both sides. The Clerk reported that Sovereign Vale will arrange to for it to be attended to.

(e) Noise complaints, Thrupp Lane: It is recommended that a log is kept.

(ii) **FOR INFORMATION**

(a) Vale Community Safety Newsletter

(b) Oxfordshire County Council: Temporary closure of the Thames Footpath, Sandford on Thames has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> July.

(c) Vale of White Horse: Update on the introduction of the new waste service: It was noted that the Government has instructed the audit commission to withdraw its advice to introduce fortnightly collections.

(d) Oxford Green Belt Network: June Newsletter.

**98/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

It was reported that John Rainford, the Manager of Didcot 'A' will be leaving his position. It was proposed by Cr Davies and seconded by Cr D Standen and AGREED that the Council will write to wish him well for the future.

Date: .....  
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Chairman