

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 25th
NOVEMBER 2010 AT 6.45pm**

PRESENT: Cr J Standen (in the chair)
Crs Henderson, Nutt, Pasquire, Rogers, D Standen, Yorston (part of the
time

Also Present: County Councillor Fatemian, Mr Rob Dance, Mr Chris Hodgkinson,
County Councillor Ian Hudspeth
PC Carl Bryant and PC Katrin Gardiner
4 members of the Thrupp Lane Residents Association

155/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Crs Dutton, Johnston and Davies.

156/10 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

TUCKWELL CLEUD:

Chris Hodgkinson and Rob Dance (OCC) updated the Council on progress with the CLEUD. He reported that Counsel's advice is that OCC does not determine the CLEUD. Any challenge to this decision would be heard by a Planning Inspector.

In the meantime, OCC will press ahead with enforcement to have the site restored to green field. The enforcement notice will insist that all operations on the site are removed.

The Parish Council asked the officers to ensure that action be taken as quickly as possible and Mr Hodgkinson undertook to visit the site in the next 10 days. He will forward a list of applications for the site for information.

Cr Fatemian told the Council that it is OCC's intention to take enforcement action and to pursue it to its conclusion, while ensuring that the proper process has been followed.

157/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Pasquire declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Friends of Radley Lakes and a personal and prejudicial interest in items relating to Radley Village Shop.

Crs J Standen and D Standen declared a personal interest in matters relating to Friends of Radley Station.

158/10 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, 28TH OCTOBER 2010:

With the following correction:

142/10(c) “there is now a prohibition on his planning *permission...*”, the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 28th October 2010 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

159/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- (a) FOOTPATH 8: A meeting had been held on November 24th with the footpaths officer and the area highways inspector and the clerk reported that both were happy with the remedial works proposed. They had confirmed that there is no need to provide an alternative route during the course of the works but that a closure will be necessary and the cost will be at least £1,400. Notice will have to be given to OCC by March.
- (b) VILLAGE HALL GRANT APPLICATION: WREN received enough letters of support for them to ratify the grant offer. The 3rd Party funding had gone off.
- (d) SYCAMORE ON LOWER RADLEY GREEN: Two quotes had been obtained. The proposed works had been cleared with the Vale arboricultural officer who had confirmed that the Council’s proposal is appropriate.
- (e) ALLOTMENTS: The Vale has confirmed that planning approval is required for changing the use of the land to allotments and has indicated that there is no objection in principle.
- (f) PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE: The clerk has invited two quotes for the maintenance items reported last month.
- (g) REPORT OF AN ACCIDENT: The parent was contacted but nothing more has been heard.

160/10 POLICE MATTERS:

- (a) The clerk was asked to investigate the procedure for enforcing bylaws.
- (b) PCs Bryant and Gardiner were in attendance.
 - (i) They reported a person has been charged in relation to some of the burglaries in the area and will be going to court.
 - (ii) The Council requested reported complaints about parking on Foxborough Road opposite close to the junction with Lower Radley.

- (iii) Cr Standen showed them notes which a resident had placed on cars. This is not encouraged by the police, but they can put on their own warning notices and ticket cars which are parked illegally close to junctions.
- (iv) It was noted that the Friends of Radley Station are in discussion with First Great Western to open up the area on the other side for overflow parking.
- (v) Cr Nutt asked when speed enforcement would be back in the village. He had seen reports about resident operated monitoring and but there is none in this area.
- (vi) Thrupp Lake volunteer warden scheme: PC Bryant confirmed that wardens should call 999 if a crime is in progress and officers will attend.
- (vii) Councillors asked about police redundancies and it was confirmed that neighbourhood policing is Thames Valley Police's priority and reductions will be in civilian posts.
- (viii) Bylaws: The police can issue a Section 59 warning in the event of anti-social behaviour.

161/10 PLANNING MATTERS:

- (a) NEW APPLICATIONS:
 - (i) RAD/14959/6 - 10/02072/FUL: Bakers Close, 104 Lower Radley
Erection of a cedar conservatory – No objection
 - (ii) RAD/21053/2 – 10/02123/FUL: 13 Foxborough Road, Radley
Demolition of rear extension, removal of existing roof structure and partial demolition of bay windows. Single storey roof extension to the rear of the dwelling, extension of existing bay windows to front elevation and erection of new roof structure (and accommodation within) encompassing rear extension and bay windows – No objection
- (b) APPLICATIONS APPROVED: None to report.
- (c) TUCKWELLS, THRUPP LANE: Reported above.
- (d) APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS by J Curtis & Sons Ltd, Thrupp Lane, Radley.

The application asserts that the premises have been in use for the purposes of waste collection and recycling for 10 years.

The Council was previously assured that all activities on the site had planning approval and will request a copy of the permissions relevant to the site.

The Parish Council will object to the application on the basis that there are insufficient grounds to support the application and questions whether continuity of lease is proof of continuity of use.

The clerk was asked to apply for an extension of time.

162/10 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a) **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE 11TH NOVEMBER 2010:**

The notes of the meeting were received, and Cr Crowley presented the report.

The Parish Council had received the following papers:

- (a) Current position as at 31 October 2010
- (b) Revised Budget for 2010/11
- (c) Balances/Accruals

The following points were made:

- (i) **KISSING GATE AND BOW TOP FENCE, PLAYING FIELD:** The clerk has written to Mr Herring to ask him to prioritise this work.
- (iii) **FINANCIAL PLANNING SOFTWARE:** Several options were discussed as well as the level of detail reporting required. Cr Pasquire had details of a suitable package.
- (iv) **CLERK GRATUITY:** It has proved impossible to obtain an annuity with the remaining £740 it was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Rogers and **AGREED** that the remainder should also be paid and Miss Raven asked to make arrangements for paying tax due.
- (v) **EXPENDITURE:**

IT: It was **AGREED** that the Council should consider again at the provision of a laptop and projector for use in meetings. This will be a proposal for the next meeting.

Donations: It was **AGREED** that the budget for donations should be increased to £5,000 for 2010/11 only to allow for a donation to the Village Shop if required.

Allotments: It was **AGREED** that allotment rents should be reviewed with the intention of increasing them to a competitive rent over a 3 year period and that this should be referred to the Allotments Working Group in the new year.

(b) PARISH PRECEPT 2011/12:

After consideration of the budget and changes in the tax base for 2011/12, it was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Rogers and **AGREED** that the Council should precept for £50,000 for the coming year. While this is an increase over the current year, an increase in the tax base for the year will mean that no individual council tax will rise.

(c) DONATIONS 2010/11:

The committee made the following suggestions for donations:

Radley News (s142)	£50.00
Abingdon and District CAB (s142)	£500.00
South and Vale Carers Centre (s137)	£250.00
Oxon Association for the Blind (s137)	£100.00
Air Ambulance Berks/Oxon/Bucks (s137)	£100.00

(d) INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:

It was proposed by Cr Rogers, seconded by Cr D Standen and **AGREED** that the following accounts should be paid:

a) Payments made since the last meeting:

Cheque no.

326	Miss Sally Raven replacement chq - original lost in post and cancelled	Parish Plan Admin fee	£400.00	£411.65
		Expenses	£11.65	
327	Miss Sally Raven replacement chq - original lost in post and cancelled	Gratuity		£8,429.00

b) New payments

328	Mrs J E Dymock	Salary November 2010	£678.85	£765.43
		Village Cleaner November 2010	£86.58	
329	Miss S Raven	Parish Plan admin fee	£80.00	£127.76
		Parish Plan Expenses	£47.76	
		Photocopying	£32.80	
		Postage	£14.96	
340	Mrs Karen Sharp	Salary November 2010		£148.15
341	M.R.H. Services	Play Area inspection	£35.50	£828.27
		Supply and install gate between fields	£775.92	
		New lock	£16.85	
342	Lockwood Plumbing Heating and Gas Services Ltd	Pavilion gas appliances annual service		£229.13

343	OPFA	Membership subscription	£45.00
344	British Gas	Pavilion gas supply 7 October 2008 - 21 September 2010	£1,796.40
345	Radley PCC	Church Room rental	£208.00
346	Cr Pasquire	Petrol expenses	£21.60

The Council noted the very high charge for gas used for water and space heating and it was proposed by proposed by Cr Rogers and seconded by Cr D. Standen and **AGREED** that quotes should be obtained for providing an instant water heater for the kitchen.

The clerk was asked to request the football club's assistance in keeping costs to a minimum. The Finance Committee will consider whether any additional charge should be made to mitigate the cost of bills over the winter months.

163/10 CONSERVATION:

SYCAMORE, LOWER RADLEY: It was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Henderson and **AGREED** that the Council should accept Oxford Tree Surgeons' quotation for £700 to reduce the crown of the tree by 30% as approved by George Reade.

164/10 COUNTY COUNCILLOR IAN HUDSPETH:

Cr Hudspeth attended the meeting to discuss the questions raised by the Council in relation to the Minerals and Waste Strategy.

The Chairman told him that the village feels that it is time for gravel extraction to move on to other areas.

OCC's feeling is that the biggest issue is the quantity of 1.82 million tons per annum allocated to be provided from Oxfordshire by the South East Plan. OCC is trying to provide the evidence base to have this reduced to a more realistic target. There are at present reserves from current planning permissions of 10.87 tons. A target of 1million tons/year a land bank of 7/8 million tons would be required for the life of the plan.

Councillors questioned the robustness of the consultation process as it appeared to set villages in opposition to each other. The main issue for the village is the the designation of Radley as an existing area

Cr Hudspeth was asked to take on board the need for enforcement to ensure that reinstatement is carried out. He noted that reinstatement to agricultural land usually equates to waste infill.

Cr Hudspeth was thanked for attending and asked to take away the village's very strong feeling that Radley has done its part and extraction should move on.

165/10 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

POTHoles FOR REPORT: The clerk was asked to report a pothole on the approach to Radley road bridge.

166/10 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

- a) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Cr Johnston had supplied a written report:
- (i) “It now appears that the pension revaluation may be much less costly for the Vale than first feared. This has yet to be confirmed, but if true takes some of the pressure off the Vales budget.
 - (ii) The uncertainties about the loss of funding in respect of bus passes and Government Grant will not be resolved until next month. This may delay the time at which the Vale can go out to consultation on its draft budget for 2011/12.
 - (iii) In all probability the Vale's Council tax will be frozen at 2009/10 levels for the next financial year. This means it will continue to remain about the 10th of 11th lowest Council tax of the English Districts.
 - (iv) It is proposed that community grants are re-instated at a level of £100,000 for the year 2011/12. They were cut as a one-off measure in 2009/10.”
- b) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR:** Cr Fatemian reported that:
- (i) The Big Debate meetings regarding potential areas for savings will feed into the budget-setting process.
 - (ii) The new highways Area Steward is settling into the role and will attend a future Parish Council meeting. Cr Fatemian confirmed that OCC has bigger grit reserves than at the same time the previous year.
 - (iii) He continues to hold surgeries. It has been reported in Kennington that an individual claiming to be from the Vale has been seen looking into recycling bins. Any suspicious activity like this should be reported to the police.
 - (iv) The Redbridge railway was closed at present, but would re open for two weeks from 10th December. It has been reported that there has been an effect on traffic levels and Kennington has asked for a traffic survey to be carried out.
 - (v) The County Council is in negotiation with Thames Valley Police to provide safety camera enforcement in Oxfordshire on a self funding basis.

167/10 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) FOR ACTION:

- (i) OCC: Consultation on concessionary fares scheme:
It was AGREED by a majority that the Council would welcome the change to a 9am start.
- (ii) MRH Services: Quarterly Playground inspection report

b) FOR INFORMATION:

- (i) VWHDC: Proposed allotments; pre-application advice: To be referred to the Working Party.
- (ii) Rail Future November newsletter
- (iii) Open Space Autumn edition
- (iv) NHS Oxfordshire: Urgent and Specialist Care Closer to home: Details of the scheme currently being tested.
- (v) NHS Oxfordshire: Notice that Health News magazine will no longer be produced.
- (vi) VWHDC: Update on the new waste collection arrangements

168/10 NOTIFIED BUSINESS:

NONE

169/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT:

NONE

Date:

Chairman