

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER
2008 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cr J Standen (in the Chair)
Crs Crowley, Davies, Dutton, Henderson, Nutt, Pasquire, D Standen
4 members of the public (for part)

Mr Mike Wilson spoke to the meeting about the application from Tuckwells for a CLEUD, setting out the objections of the Thrupp Lane residents, and asking for the Parish Council's support in objecting to this application.

178/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Crs Johnston, Rogers and Yorston.

179/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Crs Crowley and Pasquire declared a personal and prejudicial interest in activities, finances and the legal position of Save Radley Lakes.

**180/08 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 25
SEPTEMBER 2008**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 25 September 2008 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment:

Item 163 (iii) (d) should read: "The Clerk was asked to ascertain from South Oxfordshire DC if the events taking place were in accordance with the planning conditions."

181/08 CLERK'S REPORT ON BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- (a) **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL PERSON:** The latest position was not known on this.
- (b) **LAND REGISTRY:** No further information was available to date.
- (c) **COPSE, CHURCH ROAD – AMENDMENT TO LEASE:** No further information was available to date.
- (d) **LEADBITTER HOARDINGS – RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN STONHOUSE CRESCENT:** The hoardings had not been removed.

- (e) **PLAY AREA:** The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with Mr Roger Davies and had had confirmation that he already undertook the RoSPA inspection of the play area. The deterioration of the stainless steel tube and the poor joins on the safety surface were being followed up with Playdale.
- (h) **NETWORK RAIL:** It did not look as though Network Rail had undertaken any repair work on the sounding bridge, and the Clerk was requested to ask Network Rail if a meeting could be held on site to look at the position.
- (i) **MOTOCROSS, CULHAM:** The necessary information had not yet been obtained from South Oxfordshire DC.
- (j) **SPORTS PAVILION – GUTTERING:** Cr Nutt reported that most of the new guttering had been erected by members of the Radley Youth Football Club.
- (k) **PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE SOUTH EAST:** The Parish Council comments had been submitted.

182/08 POLICE MATTERS

- (a) **MOTORCYCLISTS – STONHOUSE CRESCENT:** The motorcyclists were still a problem.
- (b) **VILLAGE HALL/PLAY AREA – VANDALISM:** No further information was available.
- (c) **POLICE PRESENCE:** The police staff covering the Parish was reiterated. Inspector Ian Money was covering the area, and the neighbourhood team which covered Radley Parish was A/Sgt Sean Delaney and PCSO Adi Wright. PC Jimmy May was the Neighbourhood Specialist Officer and A/Sgt Charlie Pollard was the team Sergeant. The Parish Council thought it would be useful to have the neighbourhood team posters and the Clerk would pursue this.
- (d) **MOTORCYCLISTS – USE OF AREA BY THRUPP LANE:** The position was not known.
- (e) **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, PLAYING FIELD:** There was discussion on the situation which had occurred and **IT WAS AGREED** that the police should be called should the problem reoccur.

183/08 PLANNING MATTERS:

- (i) **New Applications:**
 - (a) RAD/20697 – Extend kitchen to rear with dining area, plus new utility room and WC, 24 Stonhouse Crescent: No objections
 - (b) RAD/6211/7 – Removal of forecourt canopy and kiosk and replacement with two canopies, Lodge Hill Garage, 31 Lodge Hill: No objections.

- (c) RAD/5948 – To continue the development permitted under RAD/5948/24-CM for the deposit of PFA in Lake E, without complying with conditions 10 and 11 relating to time limits for restoration of Area N and construction of drainage ditch, RWE Npower: The Parish Council considered that the relevant conditions were 10 and 11 relating to the restoration of Lake N and the construction of the drainage ditch. A real concern arose from the fact that works had already been carried out at Lake N. Even if the development did not proceed, there would need to be some restoration of this area. If the conditions were accepted as proposed, then there would need to be a further condition to ensure that restoration was carried out in respect of any works carried out prior to dewatering, should the development not proceed further. This should include restoration of the works already carried out in N area and across the BOAT to the edge of Thrupp Lake and replanting of trees to replace those cut down that would not recover. The Clerk was also asked to point out that the Parish Council endorsed the detailed comments made by Save Radley Lakes in its letter of the 14 October 2008.
- (d) TUCKWELLS – APPLICATION FOR A CLEUD: Following the representation from the Thrupp Lane Residents, the Parish Council **AGREED** that this should be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council. It was important that the meeting with the landowners took place, and the Clerk was asked to arrange these.
- (ii) **Permission Given:**
- (a) RAD/15667 – Erection of a two storey front extension to create a new entrance and staircase, 1 St James Road.

184/08 APPLICATION FOR TOWN GREEN STATUS – THRUPP AND BUILFIELD LAKES, RADLEY

There was no further information to report.

185/08 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: It was proposed by Cr Pasquire, seconded by Cr Nutt and **AGREED** that the following accounts should be paid:
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| (i) | Miss S E Raven: | | £472.49 |
| | Salary, October 2008: | £398.35 | |
| | Village Cleaner, October 2008: | £74.14 | |
| (ii) | Mrs K Sharp – Salary, October 2008: | | £142.76 |
| (iii) | F Knight & Sons – Guttering, Sports Pavilion: | | £130.11 |
| (iv) | SLCC – Practitioners Guide: | | £20.00 |

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| (v) | Inland Revenue (Post Offices Ltd) – NI/Income Tax: | £300.94 |
| (vi) | Mr John Huddleston – WebSite Hosting Fee: | £58.74 |
| (vii) | Bus Shelters Ltd: | £128.66 |
- (b) **BUS SHELTER – MAINTENANCE:** It was proposed by Cr Nutt, seconded by Cr Crowley and **AGREED** that the Parish Council should meet the cost of cleaning the three new bus shelters in the Parish.

186/08 CONSERVATION

- (a) **CONSERVATION WORKING PARTY (NATURE) – REPORT OF WORKING PARTY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2008:** Cr Crowley spoke to the notes of the Working Party held on the 16 September 2008. The Clerk was asked to pursue copies of the presentations so that there was a clear idea of the wildlife areas within the Parish. The Clerk reported that she had obtained details of a firm who provided digital mapping systems, and **IT WAS AGREED** that further information should be obtained.
- (b) **PLACES FOR PEOPLE – FOOTPATH 8:** The Chairman reported that she had attended the North-East Area Committee earlier this week, and was pleased to report that the DC had agreed to give a £2,000 grant towards widening Footpath 8.
- (c) **PROVISION OF LITTER BINS IN THE PARISH/ ACTION ON “ENVIROCRIMES” – POWERS FOR PARISH COUNCILS:** The Clerk was inviting the DC Environment Wardens to meet Councillors at 4 pm on the 27 November 2008. This discussion would include the provision of litter bins by bus stops throughout the Parish.
- (d) **VILLAGE POND:** A meeting of the Village Pond Management Committee would be held shortly.

187/08 NEW VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk reported that she had received a number of letters from residents following the Public Meeting. A recent circular around the Parish appeared to indicate that firm plans were available for the site by the village school and the car parking arrangements, and the Clerk was asked to make it clear in the Radley News report that this was not the case and that the information presented by Richard Beauchamp at the public meeting was an outline of a possible plan and that he had made it clear that no detailed plans had been drawn up.

188/08 SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY – PLANNING FOR GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION NEEDS

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Cr Yorston to see if any comments should be

submitted on this consultation document.

189/08 PARISH PLAN

It was confirmed that Mr Anton Nath, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, would be attending a Public Meeting in the Village Hall on Friday, 31 October 2008, at 7.30 pm. A number of Parish organisations had agreed to be represented and the Clerk was pursuing those who had not responded. Councillors were asked to attend if they were available.

190/08 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- (a) THRUPP LANE: No further information was available.
- (b) RADLEY COLLEGE – COLLAPSE OF BANK: The Clerk was asked to pursue the repair of the trench which had been put across the road during the repair of the bank.
- (c) SPEED LIMIT – RADLEY/SUNNINGWELL TURNS, OLD A34: No further information was available on this.
- (d) POTHoles THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE: The position continued to worsen, and the Clerk was asked to continue to press for repair work.
- (e) SUGWORTH LANE: No further information was available on possible repair work.
- (f) CORNER OF SUGWORTH LANE/OXFORD ROAD: The vegetation had not yet been cut back.
- (g) PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER: The Clerk was pursuing this with the OCC.
- (h) FOOTPATH 9: No further information was available on the hazards along this footpath.
- (i) ROAD SWEEPERS: The Clerk was asked to ascertain why the road sweeper did not go to the Bigwood Park.

191/08 PARISH WEBSITE

The monthly statistics provided by Mr John Huddleston were received by the meeting.

192/08 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The following report from Cr Johnston was noted:

Oxfordshire County Council: It would appear that the County Council had an exposure of £5 million pounds to the Iceland Bank crash. It was in the form of a 3 month bond, due for maturity in November, and therefore could not be redeemed in time. At the time of writing the effects of this exposure on the County budget was not clear. However the Chief Finance Officer had assured everyone that it was business as usual. All political parties were drawing up their draft budgets for 2009/10 amid growing rumours of cuts in the highways budgets, in order to keep the Council Tax rise to 3.85%.

Vale of White Horse DC: The Vale had an exposure to the Iceland Bank crash of £1 million pounds. Again, it was business as usual. The new management structure was now being implemented. The new Chief Executive, Mr David Buckle, was now in post. It was hoped to have the three Strategic Directors in place by Christmas, and the Service Directors (the next tier down) by the end of the financial year. This would save each Council about £375,000 pa, and help hugely towards the efficiency (Gershon) savings of 3% which the Council had to find.

193/08 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) FOR ACTION

- (a) New BT Service to Radley School: It was noted that the BT had found a duct which could be used without any disturbance of the footpath from the car park to the school.
- (b) Vale of White Horse DC:
 - (i) Review of the Statement of Community Involvement: The Parish Council had no comments to make on this document.
 - (ii) Voluntary and Community Sector Forum, Wantage Civic Hall, Tuesday, 4 November 2008: The Parish Council decided not to be represented at this Forum.
 - (iii) Information Sheet: The Parish Council noted the contents of the Information Sheet.
- (c) Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust
 - (i) Strategy 2008-2013 – Talking to local communities, 4 November 2008: The Parish Council decided not to be represented at this meeting.
 - (ii) Oxfordshire wide survey on mental well-being - What makes you feel good?: The Parish Council noted the survey
- (d) Communities and Local Government – The making and enforcement of byelaws consultation: Cr Davies **AGREED** to review this document and let the Parish Council know if it needed to make any comments.

- (e) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – County Council Bus Strategy & Transport Issues: noted
- (f) Volunteer Centre, Oxfordshire – Awareness: Details would be put on the notice boards.

(ii) FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Vale of White Horse DC:
 - (i) Launch of Vale Youth Magazine (VYM)
 - (ii) Letter of thanks from Cr Alison Rooke, Chairman of DC
 - (iii) Vale Community Safety, Autumn 2008
- (b) The Standards Board for England – Town and Parish Standard, September 2008
- (c) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association AGM 23 November 2008
- (d) CPRE Oxfordshire Campaign Briefing, 30 September 2008
- (e) Richard Owen, Traditional Mole Catcher
- (f) Monster Play Systems

194/08 NOTIFIED BUSINESS

NIL

Date:

 Chairman

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE, 23 OCTOBER 2008

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.

195/07 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 25 SEPTEMBER 2008

The Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 25 September 2008 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

196/08 APPLICATION FOR TOWN GREEN STATUS – THRUPP AND BULLFIELD LAKES, RADLEY

It was noted that the Judicial Review had been set for 26 to 27 February 2009.

197/08 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR PRESS RELEASE

IT WAS AGREED that the dates for the Judicial Review should be released to the press.

Date:
Chairman