

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER
2011**

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

Also present: Three members of the Thrupp Lane Residents Association

108/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Crs Cook and Johnston.

109/11 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, Davies and D Standen declared personal interests in matters relating to Friends of Radley Station and Radley Village Shop.

Cr Tomlinson declared a personal interest in matters relating to Radley Village Shop and the Parish Plan.

**110/11 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
THRUPP LANE RESIDENTS:**

A Thrupp Lane resident made a statement on the issues arising from the J Curtis & Sons application to continue the use of the buildings on his site for B1 industrial purposes for a further 15 years.

She asked the Parish Council to consider:

- Inappropriate use of Thrupp Lane
- The danger of CLEUDs being established
- That the officer dealing with the ROMP, John Duncalfe, is on record as saying that the green belt is the most important consideration.
- That the present application should be completely separate to the ROMP application.

111/11 ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH JULY 2011:

Notes on the minutes:

The clerk was asked to confirm that Cr Fatemian had sent a report for the meeting.

It should be noted that Cr D Standen had kindly spent some time repairing the damaged Pebble Hill bench and he and Cr Howard had re-fixed it in place.

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Item 103/11(e): Was to be reconsidered and e-mailed to councillors for approval.

The minutes were **AGREED** for signing by the Chairman.

112/11 CLERK'S UPDATE:

- (a) BIN, FOXBOROUGH ROAD: The cheque was to be raised at the meeting.
- (b) CROSSING, KENNINGTON ROAD: The requested information had not yet been supplied.
- (c) FOOTPATH 8: It was proposed by Cr Pasquire, seconded by Cr Tomlinson and **AGREED** that the Council will write to Paul Mansbridge notifying him that the Council intends to have the work carried out by others, then seek to recover the cost.
- (d) THRUPP LANE: The Council's insurers had advised that volunteers would be required to wear safety clothing and be trained in the use of powered tools. There would also be a cost in increasing Public Liability to the required level. The Council would cost two options: for the residents to take on the work completely or for the Council's contractors to take on the heavy work and the residents planting and maintenance.
- (e) Tree, Church Lane: The clerk will chase Highways for a report.

113/11 POLICE MATTERS:

- a) SPEEDING IN FOXBOROUGH ROAD & CHURCH ROAD: The Council will ask the police to do extra speed checks in these areas. It had been reported to the NAG that the police had recently had a good speed check session in Church Road
- b) REPORTED TO THE POLICE: It was noted that a vehicle had been seen towing a caravan along the concrete road in Lower Radley. The police investigated, but found that it was parked on private land.
- c) COUNTRYWATCH: The clerk will ask for correspondence to be sent to Cr Pasquire.
- d) NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP MEETING: Cr Davies reported that personnel changes are expected within the police, but the meeting was told that neighbourhood team will not change.

- e) There have been a number of burglaries in the area and criminals have been apprehended. Many were entries through unsecured back doors and distraction burglaries. The clerk was asked to highlight this in her Radley News report.
- f) It had been noted that turning off street lights is not worthwhile now because of cheaper night time energy tariffs.
- g) The next NAG meeting will be on Tuesday 13th December.
- h) FLYTIPPING: Cr Howard had reported flytipping on Sugworth Lane to “Fix My Street” and was pleased to note that it was removed very quickly.

114/11 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

- (a) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:
Cr Johnston had no decisions to report. He had attended a number of planning training sessions.
- (b) COUNTY COUNCILLOR:
Cr Fatemian reported:
 - (i) *Snow and Salt*: All bins would be filled once at the start of the year, then each parish would be provided with a one tonne bag of salt, with additional bags available for £100. It is thought that this is the best way to grit non-priority routes in more rural areas. The County Council will continue to grit priority one and two roads like last year.

The Parish Council commented that OCC has assumed that each parish has storage and access to vehicles for decanting and moving the salt. Councillors were asked to consider locations suitable for dry storage of salt.

- (ii) *Area Stewardship fund*: An Area Stewardship fund of £1 million has been set up across the county. The Abingdon locality has been allocated £50,000 for the remainder of the financial year and £100,000 for the next financial year. Split equally across the locality, this would mean about £7,142 for the Kennington and Radley division. Cr Fatemian welcomed suggestions from the Parish Council and would also be taking suggestions from individual constituents.

Suggestions included speed awareness signs. County had suggested using it for potholes that fall outside the 28 day window.

- (iii) *Friends of Great Western*: FGW may receive funding from Network Rail to develop another 46 parking spaces at Radley Station, if they were able to charge for parking. Councillor Fatemian and the Council both objected to this and he would await further

information before responding. The proposal would include money for parking enforcement.

The Council would rely on Cr Fatemian to put forward its views. It was noted that the landlady at the Bowyer Arms feels that cars using her car park are a detriment to her business and intends to levy a charge.

- (iv) *Thrupp Lane*: Cr Fatemian continues to raise his concerns about the traffic issue and the planning application and was planning to meet Highways and OCC Planning to try to agree a way forward.
- (v) *Tuckwells*: The latest information received was confidential and Cr Fatemian was discussing it directly with the head of legal and democratic services.
- (vi) *Park and Rides*: As part of its budget saving proposals, the County Council planned to reintroduce charging for parking in the two car parks for which it has responsibility.
- (vii) Under research carried out by the charity Scope by Demos, OCC has been ranked 3rd best in the country for protecting the most vulnerable people from the effect of financial savings.

115/11 PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

11/01921/FUL - Amendment to approved landscaping scheme of planning approval 09/02073/FUL to provide 4 additional parking spaces 72 Foxborough Road.

The Council had objected to the initial planning application and the extra cars which would be exiting the site. The Council had objections to the loss of green space and a screen between the houses and the road but agreed to return NO OBJECTION, provide the applicant submitted an effective landscaping scheme.

It was noted that the development was being marketed as College Row, despite the Council's objections. The clerk was asked to write to the Vale to restate the Council's objection.

11/01859/RMC: Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 03/01126/FUL, to allow the permitted uses of buildings A, C, D, F & G for a further period of 15 years: J Curtis And Sons Ltd, Thrupp Lane, Radley:

Cr Crowley had prepared notes on the application. It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Pasquire and agreed that the Council should OBJECT to the application.

- (b) APPLICATIONS RETURNED DURING THE MONTH:
 11/01655/LBC: 104 Bakers Close, Radley – returned with no objection
 11/01768/FUL: 4 Drysdale Close: returned with no objection but with comments
- (c) VALE DECISIONS: None
 11/01400/FUL: Conchiglia, Thrupp Lane: withdrawn
- (d) WETLAND CENTRE: Nothing further
- (e) TUCKWELL CLEUDS: Nothing further
- (f) MEETING AT THRUPP LANE on September 25th:
 Crs Crowley, Pasquire, J Standen and D Standen attended a meeting attended by Tuckwells, Tarmac, Thrupp Lane residents and Kevin Broughton of OCC. Mr Curtis had not been invited.

They walked the site and possibilities for alternative access were discussed. Councillors felt that Mr Broughton took note of the problems and possibilities and was keen to help.

The Council was concerned that the Minerals and Waste consultation still includes Radley on the list of all possible sites and asked Cr Fatemian to investigate whether this means that the Cabinet decision can be reversed.

116/11 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- (a) Kennington Road: Cr Howard reiterated the problem of the recurring puddle in Kennington Road. The Council will ask Highways to clear the weeds which narrow the pavement and overhanging branches which obscure the street light and signs.
- (b) Area Stewardship Fund: The Council was mindful that there was a very small sum to be shared with Kennington but would put forward for consideration:
 Installing a mini roundabout at the end of Thrupp Lane, (The Council would ask whether the white lines should be reviewed.), an extra gully in Kennington Road, speed awareness signs (it was suggested that these could be shared with Kennington.
- (c) It was noted that the temporary traffic lights in Whites Lane had stuck on overnight. It was noted that the Utility companies' repairs are often of poor quality and the Crs Davies and Tomlinson undertook to monitor this one so that any problems can be remedied quickly.
- (d) The Council would ask to be alerted to major road works so that it can be sure that any works observed are legitimate.
- (e) Oxfordshire County Council winter arrangements: It was agreed that the Council would ask Mr Frearson and Kevin Coster if they could offer storage for salt.

- (f) Bus shelter, Radley College: It was agreed not to proceed with bus shelter in this location. Councillors were asked to consider locations where a shelter is needed.

117/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (a) PAYROLL SOFTWARE: The clerk would investigate free alternatives.
- (b) SALT BINS: It was AGREED that the Council would to purchase a salt bin to be located at the Lower Radley junction.
- (c) AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS:

It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Davies and **AGREED** that the following payments should be made:

| Accounts paid in August: | | | | |
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| 439 | Mrs J E Dymock | Salary August 2011 | £ 690.98 | £ 777.56 |
| | | Village Cleaner September 2011 | £ 86.58 | |
| 440 | Mrs Karen Sharp | Salary August 2011 | | £ 148.15 |
| 441 | Mrs S Hemsworth | Parish Plan salary August 2011 | | £ 80.00 |
| 442 | Berinsfield Community Business | Gardening | | £ 294.54 |
| 443 | HMRC | PAYE and National Insurance | | £ 130.38 |
| 444 | OALC | Councillor training | | £ 144.00 |
| New Payments | | | | |
| 445 | Mrs J E Dymock | Salary August 2011 | £ 890.98 | |
| | | Village Cleaner October 2011 | £ 86.58 | |
| | | Mileage | £ 140.01 | |
| | | Telephone | £ 39.05 | |
| | | Postage | £ 22.80 | |
| | | Stationery | £ - | |
| | | Printer cartridge | £ 21.56 | |
| | | Paint for the pavilion | £ 19.96 | |
| | | Spare pavilion plant room key | £ 6.00 | |
| | | Allowance for using home as office 2010-11 | £ 100.00 | £ 1,326.94 |
| 446 | Mrs Karen Sharp | Salary September 2011 | | £ 148.15 |
| 447 | Mrs S Hemsworth | Parish Plan salary September 2011 | £ 80.00 | |
| | | Expenses | £ 46.72 | £ 126.72 |
| 448 | Berinsfield Community Business | Village Hall clearance | £ 342.00 | |
| | | Gardening | £ 294.54 | £ 636.54 |

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| 449 | Oxford Tree Surgeons | Cutting back play area willows | £ | 80.00 |
| 450 | Mrs H Rogerson | Reimbursement- hi-vis jacket for the village cleaner | £ | 30.00 |
| 451 | Swintex | Litter bin | £ | 64.70 |
| 452 | Vale of White Horse DC | Election costs | £ | 115.00 |
| 453 | Garry Cook | Parish Plan expenses | £ | 20.00 |
| 454 | Mr D Standen | Mileage - Liaison group meeting | £ | 14.30 |
| 455 | Ms L Pasquire | Mileage - Liaison group meeting | £ | 14.30 |
| 456 | MRH Services | Play Area Inspection | £ | 38.75 |
| | | Play Area repairs | | |
| | | Change platform and bridge sections | £ | 219.95 |
| | | Repair loose seesaw base | £ | 59.32 |
| | | | £ | 318.02 |

The Clerk was asked in future to ask whether tree surgeons are members of the Arborticultural Society.

- (d) **WATER HEATERS:** It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Davies and the Council **AGREED** to defer considering quotes until after the proposed meeting with the Football Club.
- (e) **MEETING WITH RADLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB:** It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee would be held on Thursday 13th October. The committee would propose that the football club should take on full responsibility for the pavilion.

118/11 CONSERVATION:

- (a) **TREE PLANTING COMMITTEE:** To arrange a meeting.
- (b) **THRUPP LANE:** Tuckwells and Tarmac were discussing installing a new sign. They would be submitting a planning application.

119/11 RADLEY LIAISON MEETING:

Notes would be circulated before the next meeting.

120/11 PARISH PLAN:

Cr Tominson reported that the steering committee was in the final stages of writing the report. Printed copies will be made with supplementary information available only on the website.

The launch was to be on Sunday 23rd October at 3pm in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council congratulated members of the steering committee on pulling everything together.

It was confirmed that the document should be accepted as planning guidance by the Vale.

121/11 BOUNDARY REVIEW:

The Council's response would point out the common ground with Abingdon and that the remainder of the proposed constituency would only be able to be accessed through at least one other constituency.

122/11 DIAMOND JUBILEE:

The Village Hall is initially taking the lead on co-ordinating village celebrations and had invited every village group to a meeting on 5th October. Cr D Standen agreed to represent the Parish Council.

123/11 TWINNING:

The clerk had twice asked in Radley News for expressions of interest in Radley News and had only two replies. The clerk was asked to inform the French village.

124/11 CORRESPONDENCE:

FOR ACTION:

- (a) Friends of Radley Station: bicycle removal. It was agreed that this is not a Parish Council matter.
- (b) MRH Services: Playground Inspection. Some items were being monitored.
- (c) Mr Heath Harvey: Speeding in Kennington Road. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.
- (d) ORCC: Invitation to a community networking event on 3rd October. Noted
- (e) Steve Shaw: Request for further support for Leiston-cum-Sizewell.

FOR INFORMATION:

- (a) VWH: Advance warning of changes to precept timetables 2012/13. The Vale was bringing dates forward and would now co-ordinate with SODC's. The dates already set by the Parish Council would comply with this.
- (b) Royal Horticultural Society: Britain in Bloom. Noted.
- (c) Information Commissioner: Confirmation of an entry in the register

125/11 NOTIFIED BUSINESS:

DCLG GREEN SPACES/TOWN GREENS CONSULTATION: The Council agreed to delegate to Cr Crowley to write the Council's objection for forwarding by the clerk.

GREEN BELT/PLANNING FRAMEWORK: The Council agreed to write to Nicola Blackwood MP expressing its deep concerns at the proposals and asking her to vote against it.

Signed.....Date.....
(Chairman)

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE 22nd September 2011:

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.

126/11 TARMAC CLEUD:

It was proposed by Cr Pasquire, seconded by Cr Tomlinson and AGREED that the Council would ask the Vale to investigate discrepancies.

Signed: Date.....
(Chairman)