

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER  
2005 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr B Mott (in the Chair)  
Crs Crowley, Henderson, Johnston, Nutt, D Standen, J Standen, Wren,  
Wyatt

**153/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Crs Rogers and Wilson.

**154/05 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cr Crowley declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest as set out in the Standards Board for England lobby group, dual-hatted members and the Code of Conduct, top paragraph, page 7 in relation to the Planning Application from RWEnPower, and the cheque to the Save Radley Lakes Group.

Cr D Standen declared an interest in payment of expenses in relation to repair work at the Play Area.

Cr Mott declared an interest in the application for a grant from Radley News, as he was the Editor of the paper.

Cr Johnston declared an interest in the payment to the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association as he was Chairman of that Association, and discussion on Village Hall, as he was the Secretary to the Radley VHMC.

There were no other declarations of interest.

**155/05 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, 22  
SEPTEMBER 2005**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 September 2005 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments:

Minute 141/05 - Add to paragraph relating to parking on the pavement "This matter should be referred to the police.

Minute 145/05 – last paragraph should be amended to: "... to Cr D Standen for the Manhole Cover/Padlock ..."

Minute 147/05 (c) (i) and (ii), (d) and (e) should indicate: "The Parish Council noted these items, but no action was considered necessary"

## **156/05 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

- (a) **ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING, LOWER RADLEY:** This meeting would be held shortly.
- (b) **CAR PARK, CHURCH ROAD:** No reply had been received from the OCC regarding funding for the car park through the educational budget.
- (c) **GREAT WESTERN RAIL FRANCHISE – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION DOCUMENT:** It was noted that the Department for Transport were now responsible for the Stakeholder Consultation. They were considering responses, and where they considered that changes to the franchise specification were justified they would seek to implement these with the new franchisee.
- (d) **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS:** The Clerk was pressing for a reply from the DC regarding TPOs on the cherry trees at the allotment site.
- (e) **DEVELOPMENT, CHURCH ROAD:** It was reported that the roof line appeared higher than stipulated on the plans. The Clerk was asked to draw this to the attention of the DC Planning Department.
- (f) **NOISE NUISANCE, CULHAM:** It was reported that there was not much noise nuisance during the last event of the season.
- (g) **AbITS VILLAGE REPORT – HALCROW’S REPORT ON THE VILLAGES:** The Parish Council noted Marcham Parish Council’s concerns, and **AGREED** to discuss the report at its next meeting.
- (h) **RWE nPOWER – PLANNING APPLICATION:** Cr Crowley indicated that the Environment Agency had objected to the application on the grounds of potential flood risk and had asked that the applicant carried out flood risk and groundwater assessments to demonstrate that the infilling of the lakes would not have any adverse impact. If the application was able to do this to the EA’s satisfaction, the EA would withdraw this objection. In addition, the EA had objected on ecological grounds in that the mitigation in the planning application did not reflect the true value of the site. He also indicated that he had been in correspondence with Mr Bill Wiggin, Shadow Minister for the Environment.

Concern was expressed that the OCC Planning Committee had total delegated responsibility to deal with this planning application, and the decision made by the Committee did not have to go to full Council. Cr Crowley asked that a motion on this be considered by the Parish Council at its next meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Save Radley Lakes Group had sent to the OCC a supplementary ecology report on Otter, water vole, badger and bat activity and distribution in the Lakes E and F area, near Radley.

It was noted that there had been pollution to the large lake from the sewage system at Sandles.

- (i) **RWE NPOWER LIAISON COMMITTEE:** It was noted that Mr Noake had indicated that the Liaison Committee could be rearranged when the Parish Council wished this. The Parish Council **AGREED** that the Liaison Committee should be rearranged after the planning application had been considered unless there were unrelated problems which needed to be discussed.

### **157/05 POLICE MATTERS**

The following matters were reported:

- (a) **STOLEN BURNT OUT CARS:** Two stolen burnt out cars had been removed from the cycle way and Curtis' land. A further car was still in the lake. The Field Path Officer was planning to remove the concrete blocks which did reduce this problem, and the Parish Council **AGREED** that it should hold a joint meeting with representatives of the police, Environment Agency, OCC Field Path Officer, and Mr John Curtis to discuss the problem in relation to Footpath 9.
- (b) **DISTURBANCE FOLLOWING EVENT AT VILLAGE HALL:** Cr Wren reported that problems had been experienced by residents of Gooseacre and Foxborough Road. In addition, his garage had been broken into and two bicycles had been stolen. **IT WAS AGREED** that this should be drawn to the Licensing Officer at the DC.
- (c) **VISITING REPRESENTATIVES:** Cr J Standen reported that she had informed the police of people trying to sell merchandise for a windows firm as their appearance was suspicious.

It was noted that information was awaited on the following:

- (a) **POLICE SURGERY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2005:** Outcome of the two youths pushing a stolen motorcycle.
- (b) **CARS PARKED ON PAVEMENT, 17 CHURCH ROAD:** Police should be asked to follow up.
- (c) **VANDALISM TO SPORTS PAVILION:** To ascertain what action the police were going to take.

## 158/05 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) New Applications:
  - (a) RAD/1802/2 – Demolition of existing garage, entrance area and carport. Erection of two storey side extension and single storey extension to front, side and rear. Erection of a detached pool house, 38 Sugworth Lane: The Parish Council did not object to the application, but felt that the queries raised by the residents at 42 Sugworth Lane should be given consideration for validity and any appropriate judgement by planning authority.
  - (b) RAD/7347/2 – Proposed single storey and first floor rear extensions, 55 Foxborough Road: No objections, subject to neighbours' comments
  - (c) RAD/18594/1 – Erection of a conservatory and car port, 19 St James Road: No objections, subject to neighbours' comments.
  - (d) RAD/6156/1 – Erection of a single storey side extension, extend roof of existing house to form a gable end, conversion of existing garage and alterations, 2 Little Howe Close: No objections, subject to neighbours' comments
- (ii) Permission Given:
  - (a) RAD/19245 – Alterations to front elevations and extensions, Conchiglia, Thrupp Lane.

## 159/05 FUTURE OF VILLAGE SHOP

The Chairman reported that he was still following up this matter.

## 160/05 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### (a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed by Cr Nutt, seconded by Cr Henderson and **AGREED** that the following payments should be made. Crs Crowley and D Standen did not vote on this matter because of declared interests:

(i)	Mr D Standen – Manhole Cover/Padlock Play Area:	£21.99
(ii)	Miss S E Raven	£423.32
	(a) Salary, October 2005:	£368.32
	(b) Payment to Village Cleaner, November 2005:	£55.00
(iii)	Radley PCC – Hire of Hall:	£56.00
(iv)	Save Radley Lakes Group:	£100.00
(v)	Inland Revenue:	£86.15

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| (vi)  | Mr J Huddleston – Website hosting renewal:             | £58.74 |
| (vii) | Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – Subscription: | £35.00 |

**161/05 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – CONSULTATION  
QUESTIONNAIRE: NEW HOUSING TO 2026 IN OXFORDSHIRE  
UNDER THE SOUTH EAST PLAN**

It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Henderson, and **AGREED** by five votes to four to put forward Option 1. On question 3, the Parish Council considered that all matters listed were of equal importance.

**162/05 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) ACTION REQUIRED:**

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council:
- (i) Oxfordshire Transport Co-ordinator: **IT WAS AGREED** that the Parish Council should support the continuation of this valuable post.
  - (ii) Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Statement of Community Involvement – Consultation Draft: Cr Henderson spoke to this report. **IT WAS AGREED** that no reply was necessary
- (b) Vale of White Horse DC:
- (i) Local Government and Rating Act 1997 – Parish Review: The Parish Council was pleased to learn that the DC had recommended that the proposal put forward by Kennington Parish Council was not adopted.
- (c) Vale Housing Association – Support and Involvement: Community Initiatives Grant: noted. This should be borne in mind if the Parish Council decided to apply for a grant for a Parish Plan.
- (d) Thames Valley Police Authority:
- (a) Appeal for new volunteers to serve as independent custody visitors: To be put in Radley News and on the notice board.
  - (b) Safer Streets: to be put in Radley News
- (e) Oxfordshire Youth Mentoring Service – Volunteers required: to be put in Radley News
- (f) Requests for Grants:
- (i) Radley News
  - (ii) South and Vale Carers Centre

These grants would be considered by the Finance and Administration Committee.

- (g) Oxfordshire Rural Community Council – Mapping Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support Needs in Oxfordshire: The relevant details would be returned.

- (h) Mobile Home Parks related ODPM Road show – 25 November 2005 from 10.30 am  
Kennington Village Centre: Cr Henderson **AGREED** to attend.
- (i) Mr Stuart Sharp, Secretary of Radley Youth FC – Matters of concern, Sports Pavilion and Gooseacre playing field: Letter complaining about above and other items: Mr Sharp had been invited to the Finance and Administration Committee to discuss the matters he had raised.
- (ii) FOR INFORMATION**
- (a) Oxfordshire County Council:
  - (i) News, October 2005
  - (ii) Review of Supported Bus Services, Abingdon & Oxford Area: It was noted that Radley was not affected by this review.
  - (iii) Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2016 – Notice of intention to adopt
  - (iv) Road Accidents in Oxfordshire
- (b) Vale of White Horse DC:
  - (i) Council News
  - (ii) Planning for the Future of the Vale – Statement of Community Involvement. It was noted that the Green Belt was safe until 2016.
  - (iii) Premises Licence Applications
- (c) Oxford Green Belt Network:
  - (a) Newsletter, October 2005
  - (b) Annual General Meeting, 12 October 2005
- (d) Oxford's Green Belt – archive compiled by Andrew Malcolm.
- (e) Thames Valley Police Charity Concert, 19 November 2005, 7.30 pm, Wantage Civic Hall
- (f) Ordnance Survey – Make your ideal map
- (g) South Oxfordshire DC – Local Development Framework: Statement of Community Involvement
- (h) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association:
  - (a) Newsletter, Autumn 2005
  - (b) Annual General Meeting, 1 November 2005, 7.30 pm, Sandford-on-Thames.
- (i) Abingdon and District Twin Towns Society Newsletters – September and October 2005
- (j) WEA Courses in Abingdon

- (k) Local Council Review, November 2005
- (l) Tree Cutting via Gooseacre Playing Field: The Clerk reported that she had allowed access for this work which had been arranged by Mr and Mrs Cook, 40 Foxborough Road.
- (m) Barlow Tyrie – Outdoor contract furniture
- (n) Timberline – Children’s Outdoor Play Equipment

**163/05 LEASE WITH RADLEY COLLEGE – CAR PARK/VILLAGE POND**

It was noted that the Bursar was suggesting that in order to allow the footpath through the copse, the copse should be added to the lease dated 31 December 1993. This would permit the Council to put a footpath across the copse and also ensure that the copse was managed in the way it wished.

**IT WAS AGREED** that this would allow the Parish Council to make this an attractive area with tree planting. The Parish Council should enter into discussions with the College to see what the details of the change would be. The Chairman and Clerk would arrange to meet the Bursar to discuss this.

**164/05 CONSERVATION MATTERS**

- (a) “NEIGHBOURLY” HEDGES: No reply had been received from the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils.
- (b) TREE PRUNING – VILLAGE POND: The Clerk indicated that she had obtained an estimate of £700 from Mr Simon Ringrose for urgent tree pruning to a large willow tree overhanging the road, and an ash tree which was growing through the SEB wires. It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Johnston and **AGREED** that this estimate should be accepted. For future tree pruning, the Clerk was asked to obtain estimates from other tree surgeons in addition to Ringrose Tree Surgery.
- (c) TREE COUNCIL: It was noted that the Parish Council had been successful in its request for a grant to plant trees in the copse by the car park. The grant to plant additional trees on the Gooseacre playing field had not been successful. This should be drawn to the attention of the Bursar at Radley College.

**165/05 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) ROAD CONDITIONS – POTHOLES, FERNY CLOSE: The Parish Council should press for repair work to this stretch of road.

(b) ROAD/FOOTWAY REPAIRS: Cr Johnston reported that the following work was imminent:

- (i) Audlett Drive/Twelve Acre Drive Roundabout - repair of road surface.
- (ii) Lodge Hill/Top end of Sugworth Lane – repair to footway
- (iii) Church Road – repair to footway

Cr Johnston reported that the footway in Stonhouse Crescent was almost at the top of the list for repair work.

(c) CHURCH ROAD – TREE MANAGEMENT: The Clerk was trying to find out when work would be undertaken on the trees in Church Road.

(d) HEDGE/TREE, 15A CHURCH ROAD: It was hoped that pruning would take place, but this was the responsibility of the landlord not the tenant.

(e) TREE – BEAGLES KENNELS: This had been reported to the Area Engineer.

(f) CONDITION OF THRUPP LANE: Mr P Dockar-Drysdale’s letter to the Area Engineer was noted. The Parish Council **AGREED** to endorse the need for repairs.

(g) WILLOW TREES, GOOSEACRE: It was noted that the branches by the footway needed to be cleared.

#### **166/05 PARISH WEBSITE**

Following further information received from the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils and the UK Copyright Service, **IT WAS AGREED** that the Parish Council should write to Thomas Merrifield and invite them to pay a commercial rate for the material used in the brochure.

#### **167/05 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cr Johnston reported on highway matters, the details were reported under Item 165/05.

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Chairman