

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD AT THE RADLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, ON TUESDAY, 29  
JANUARY 2008 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr J Standen (in the Chair)  
Crs Crowley, Davies, Henderson, Johnston, Nutt, Rogers, D Standen, M  
Wilson, Yorston  
6 members of the public

Mrs Jo Cartmell and Mr Peter Harbour spoke regarding Radley Lakes, asking the Parish Council to consider fully the need to go for Judicial Review and stressing that Save Radley Lakes would support the Parish Council throughout this.

**17/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence

**18/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Crowley declared a personal and prejudicial interest in activities, finances and the recent position of Save Radley Lakes. Cr Crowley did not participate in the voting on resolutions made under Minute 19/08 paragraphs 1 to 6.

**19/08 APPLICATION FOR TOWN GREEN STATUS – THRUPP AND  
BULLFIELD LAKES, RADLEY**

**1. CIRCULATION OF MR WALLACE’S REPORT:**

**IT WAS AGREED** that the following members of Save Radley Lakes should have access to Mr Wallace’s Report. This would be given to them as a Strictly Confidential document on a need to know basis, and they would be asked to sign a document to this effect:

Mrs Jo Cartmell  
Ms Lynda Pasquire  
Mr Roger Thomas

**2. RISK ASSESSMENT/MILESTONES**

It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Henderson and **AGREED** that Mr Alastair Wallace should be asked to issue a Letter Before Claim as soon as possible in view of the advice that prompt action was required. There was no risk to this action, and the only cost incurred would be that of paying the solicitor.

**IT WAS AGREED** that the details set out in Section 9 of Mr Wallace’s report should be put in table form, and that the solicitor should be asked to complete this list of milestones and risks.

**3. ENGAGING A LEGAL TEAM**

It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Rogers and **AGREED** that the Clerk should ascertain whether the legal team advising Save Radley Lakes was available if one was required after public consultation.

It was noted that barristers did not charge unless they did anything, but it was important to agree fees in advance so not to waste time when their help was needed.

**4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

There was discussion on whether there should be a public meeting or a referendum and Councillors **AGREED** that a leaflet to each household was the better approach. Cr D Standen abstained from voting.

Cr Rogers tabled a draft leaflet and, following a lot of discussion, it was **AGREED** that Crs J Standen, Crowley and Rogers should meet, with the Clerk, to finalise the document for circulation.

**5. PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

The letter to Abingdon Town Council was read out. It was hoped that Abingdon Town Council would take the lead, but partnership working would be agreeable to the Parish Council.

**6. FINANCE**

Possible funding was discussed, and it was noted that the Open Spaces Society had expressed an interest in supporting the JR, subject to Counsel's opinion. CPRE had been supporting the campaign to save the lakes and had been holding any funds raised by Save Radley Lakes. The Vale of White Horse DC had expressed an interest in giving support, and Save Radley Lakes would continue to fund raise. For VAT purposes, it would be ideal for the matter to be handled by a public body such as Abingdon Town Council or Radley Parish Council as the VAT could be claimed back on any expenditure incurred by them.

**7. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

It was considered that there needed to be a more pro-active approach to the media and for a press release to coincide with the public consultation exercise. Cr Davies expressed an interest in being responsible for drafting press releases for agreement by all Councillors.

It was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Wilson and **AGREED** that there should be an item on all future agenda "Items for Consideration for Press Release".

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Chairman