

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Crs J Standen (in the chair), Betts, Crowley, Henderson, Howard, Kallie, Platts, Pasquire, D Standen, Yorston

**In attendance:** The clerk

**17/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cr Johnston

**18/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**DISPENSATIONS:** None requested.

**19/15 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

**20/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2015:**

Item 12/15: It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged to include all members of the Conservation Working Party.

The minutes were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the proceedings to be signed as such by the Chairman.

**21/15 POLICE MATTERS:** None

**22/15 PLANNING MATTERS:**

(a) **NEW APPLICATIONS:** There were none.

(b) **OTHER APPLICATIONS:** The following was noted.

P15/V0137/DIS - Discharge of condition 16 (Great Crested Newt survey) of planning permission P10/V2344 - Sandles Thrupp Lane

(c) **VALE DECISIONS:** None

(d) **COUNTY DECISIONS:** The following were noted.

(i) Details Pursuant to Condition 17 (Construction Phase Traffic Management Plan) of Planning Permission P13/V0880/CM (MW.0056/13) at Radley Ash Disposal Site, Thrupp Lane, Radley – The submission for approval of Details Pursuant to Condition 17 (Construction Phase Traffic Management Plan) of Planning Permission P13/V0880/CM (MW.0056/13) **APPROVED**

(ii) Details Pursuant to Condition 9 (Aftercare/Habitat Management Scheme) of Planning Permission P13/V0880/CM (MW.0056/13) at Radley Ash Disposal Site **APPROVED**

(e) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Cr Platts had been elected chairman of the committee and he reported:

The working group had drafted terms of reference and operational guidelines which would be publicised widely. The group had looked at and analysed other plans.

It was proposed by Cr Henderson, seconded by Cr Pasquire and **AGREED** that the draft terms of reference should be adopted.

(f) **LOCAL PLAN:** It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would repeat its comments on the CIL consultation: that the CIL should be levied at £140 psm or £260 for 10 or fewer houses.

(g) **MEETING WITH RADLEY COLLEGE:** The Council received notes of the meeting and agreed that it should ask the College to keep the Council informed on its consultation with the Primary School

**23/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

(a) BALANCES at 18 February were noted:

Barclays Bank current account:	26,555.73
Business Saver Account	149,681.95
Business Premium Account	0.63
	<b>176,238.31</b>
Cashbook balance	176,045.16

(b) RECONCILIATION: The Council received the reconciliation for February.

(c) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The following were **AGREED** for payment:

Income:		None		
Expenditure				
	Supplier	Item		Power to Act
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>				
924	ST Grounds Maintenance	Empty Play Area Bin	50.00	Public Health Act 1874 s164
925	Thames Water	Water supply pavilion	557.51	LG (Misc Provisions ) Act 1976
926	Thames Water	Water supply allotments	26.86	Allotments Act 1908
27 <sup>th</sup> February				
927				
928	Mrs J E Dymock	Net Salary (February)	As sheet	LGA 1972 s112
		Village cleaner (March)	As sheet	Litter Act 1983
		Telephone	9.11	LG Act 1972 s 111
929	HMRC	PAYE, NIC	As sheet	LGA 1972 s112
931	OCC	Pension contributions	As sheet	LGA 1972 s112
932	Oxfordshire County Council	Traffic survey Thrupp Lane	204.00	Local Government and rating Act 1977 s29(1)
933	Bus Shelters Ltd	Church Road shelter	7,142.54	LG (Misc Provisions) Act 1953 s4

(d) PAYROLL: The Council **RESOLVED** that payroll should be outsourced to OxPay of Wantage from 1<sup>st</sup> April at the cost of £20 per employee per month to administer payroll and membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

(e) GRANT APPLICATION:

The Council received details of a grant application from Earth Trust including the application form.

It was **RESOLVED** that a grant should be made.

It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £2000 would be made on condition that

- i. The grant was made towards the demolition of Sandles.
- ii. The Trust completed the project.
- iii. The Trust would apply for funding to other appropriate bodies.
- iv. That the funds must be returned if not used for this purpose.

(f) PAVILION ENERGY SAVING MEASURES:

The Council noted the recent very high water consumption costing over £500 in the last quarter and **RESOLVED** that hot water taps should be removed and impact taps installed on all cold water supplies.

It was **RESOLVED** that the remainder of the measures should be deferred to the new Council.

- (g) VERGE CUTTING: Areas for cutting were **AGREED**.
- (h) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXPENDITURE:  
The Council **AGREED** to agree to rent the Church Room at £18 per week.  
It was **RESOLVED** to allocate a budget of £500 to providing a broadband connection to the Church Room for use in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan

**24/15 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS:** Cr Johnston had sent reports:

- (a) DISTRICT:  
“The Ruling Party's budget was voted through (quite narrowly) on Wednesday the 18th of February. It is an unremarkable budget, anyone seeking detail can find it on the Vale website. Council Tax is frozen again.

It now looks as though the Council will take a lease on a building at Milton Park, probably for at least four years. They are looking to move in after the May elections.”

- (b) COUNTY:  
“Again the ruling Party's budget was voted through (by 3 votes). The combined opposition was one down after the Lib Dem Group Leader was granted leave of absence while she receives treatment for throat cancer. In the view of everyone else it is a bad and dangerous budget. It contains £84 million pounds worth of cuts and increases Council Tax by 1.99%. We wanted to vote it down and then negotiate on a different budget involving a radical review of property (including County Hall) and more prudential borrowing for road maintenance. This is because borrowing is very cheap at the moment and this was the only way we could see to halt the "managed decline" in the standard of our roads. The budget also contained all the predicted reductions in bus subsidies and so on.

Much the most dangerous part of it is the numerous unallocated savings ie unidentified cuts. The ruling Group have been rolling them over because the savings have not been identified, and continue to do so. This in our view is dangerous and at some point will have to stop. Go on the website and in the pages either side of page 165 etc you can find any number of them. We got the impression that the ruling Group were just trying to get past the General Election and hoping for better after that!

As you also know the transport plan (LTP4) is also out for consultation. Of most interest to Radley is the proposal for new slip roads at Lodge Hill. In order to both reduce and indeed even stop possible rat running it is proposed to have a new park and ride at Lodge Hill to intercept traffic coming off the A34 and A4283. This will be paid for by a work place car park levy in Oxford.”

**25/15 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

- (a) PARKING RESTRICTIONS: The Council received notice of an informal consultation and it was **AGREED** that Crs J Standen, D Standen, Howard, Kallie and Betts would meet Mr Tole to discuss the results of the consultation.
- (b) FOOTPATH 8: The Council received an email from Oxfordshire County Council in which they stated that they would not install lighting on the path or support lighting if installed by the Parish Council as they consider land under the control of Oxfordshire County Council to be adequately lit.
- (c) CLOSURE OF CHURCH ROAD: The Council noted that owing to the depth of the

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workings, the closure was likely to be prolonged.

- (d) SUGWORTH LANE: It was reported that Highways plan to carry out edge strengthening works along the lane in the next financial year.
- (e) JUNCTION OF NEW ROAD AND FOXBOROUGH ROAD: Highways had provided information at the extent of their responsibility and it was **RESOLVED** that the condition of the junction should be reported to Highways.

**26/15 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE:**

- (a) DEFIBRILLATOR: The clerk reported that British Heart Foundation had approved the donation of a defibrillator to be installed at the village shop. It was **AGREED** that the Council would apply to the shop for a retrospective grant towards installation.  
It was proposed by Cr Yorston seconded by Cr Platts and the Council **AGREED** to purchase a second defibrillator to be installed at Pebble Hill **and** two external boxes.
- (b) COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN: Ongoing

**27/15 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:**

- (a) HIGHWAYS: The traffic survey had been received. It was agreed that it should be repeated in June 2017.
- (b) ROMP: The Secretary of State had made his decision on Oxfordshire County Council (Thrupp Farm, Radley) Prohibition Order 2012 Decision: "*the Secretary of State agrees with the Inspector's recommendations not to confirm the Thrupp Lane prohibition order*".

**28/15 CONSERVATION:**

- (a) GARDEN COMPETITION: The date of the flower show and fete was confirmed as 4<sup>th</sup> July so the date for judging was **AGREED** to be **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**.

**29/15 CORRESPONDENCE:** The Council noted items of correspondence.

- (a) ELECTIONS TIMETABLE: All councillors had received information from the Vale *Important: your parish council's elections*, including key dates and actions if you are standing for election.
- (b) FURTHER PROTECTION FOR COMMUNITY PUBS was announced by the Government
- (c) INVITATION TO OXFORDSHIRE PATIENT FORUM MEETING: at the South Central Ambulance Service HQ in Bicester on Tuesday 17 March from 17.30 to 18.30.

**30/15 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

Ordinary meeting: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Church Room

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