

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 23rd JULY 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Crs J Standen (in the chair), Betts, Dudding, Henderson, Kallie, Pasquire Crowley, D Standen and Walker.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Ed Blagrove, the clerk

95/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Crs Crowley, Johnston and Yorston.
And from PCSO Claire Smallcombe.

96/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

DISPENSATIONS: None requested.

97/15 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Mrs Yvonne Milward requested an update on progress on her request for improvements to Footpath 8. She asked if lighting could be painted on the path for cyclists to follow in the dark or for lighting.

She thought it would be safer for cyclists emerging from the footpath if hedges were cut back.

It was suggested that the Council might apply for a grant from First Great Western to promote cycling and walking to the station.

98/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 25 JUNE 2015:

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

99/15 POLICE MATTERS:

(i) July Neighbourhood Update had been circulated by email.

(ii) PCSO Claire Smallcombe was not able to attend the meeting but had submitted a written report:

“I have been keeping an eye on the parking in Stonhouse Crescent, as I have noticed an increase of the number of commuters using this area recently.

Unfortunately I am very limited in what I can enforce in regards to cars parked over and opposite driveways; I am only able to issue a ticket or get it removed if I witness someone struggling to get by, or a resident is unable to get out of their driveway. I will pop up some notices in the area asking people to be more considerate etc. as people may not realise [residents] aren't able to get out if they are parked opposite. It is once again important that people call in on the 101 number if they are experiencing these issues, otherwise I will be even more limited in what I can do. I will remind people of this in my next neighbourhood update. “

(iii) It was noted that parking in Stonhouse Crescent was an ongoing issue and some residents had put out cones.

99/15 PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) NEW APPLICATIONS

(i) **P15/V1317/FUL:**

Change of use of agricultural land to all-weather astro pitch, with structural landscaping. Radley College.

(The application had been amended to omit the diversion of the public footpath

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crossing the site.)

NO OBJECTION

(ii) **P15/V1448/HH**

63 Foxborough Road - single storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

(b) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Cr Dudding reported that:

- The boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan area as amended by the Vale to remove the North Abingdon site was confirmed. Councillors were disappointed that the Vale had sought counsel's opinion on this rather than asking the Parish Council's agreement.
- Dates of the public meetings were confirmed to be Wednesday 21 October and Sunday 25 October. The working group would consider arrangements.
- Meetings had been held with Radley College and Redrow. It had been established that Radley College would protect the development and was considering granting the Parish Council a 99 year lease on all of the community areas.
- Redrow had the option to buy the South Kennington site and would not do much more until the plan was confirmed. It was reported that they seem set on having two accesses onto Kennington Road.
- The District Council consider that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required for the South Kennington site.
- Cr Dudding reported that she was trying to arrange meetings with the Church, Village Hall and school and was making some progress.
- The Council was asked to approve the co-option of Cr Pasquire as a full member of the working group and this was **AGREED** by the Council.
- The draft submission to the Examination in Public had been circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that subject to any comments received by 1 August, it should be submitted as the Council's submission.
- It was **AGREED** that Crs Henderson, Dudding and Crowley would try to cover every day of the inquiry.
- It was **AGREED** that the Council would ask to speak at the EIP.

(c) OTHER APPLICATIONS:

P15/V1427/LDE: Two storey extension.127 Lower Radley : Noted

(d) DISTRICT DECISIONS

- (i) **P15/V1128/LDP:** Proposed loft conversion with dormer and storm porch. 18 Church Road CERTIFIED LAWFUL (accepted to be permitted development).
- (ii) **P15/V0985/HH - 65 Foxborough Road**
Proposed two storey extension and re-roofing of roof to form loft conversion and internal alterations GRANTED
- (iii) **P15/V0807/HH - Braeside 148 Whites Lane**
Demolition of existing single storey attached garden room and erection of two storey side extension and associated internal alterations GRANTED.
- (iv) **P15/V1401/SCR - Land to the East of Kennington Road Kennington**
Request for a screening opinion
*Based on the information submitted and appropriate consultation with relevant specialist consultees, the Local Planning Authority is of the opinion that the submission of an Environmental Statement in connection with this development is **NOT REQUIRED**.*

(e) COUNTY DECISIONS: None

(f) APPEALS: None

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- (g) RADLEY COLLEGE – FUTURE APPLICATIONS: The Council received a note of a meeting with the Estates Bursar

100/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Crs Dudding and Standen refrained from voting as two of the cheques were for them.
The following were **AGREED** for payment:

Income:				
D Heard		Playing field rent	30.00	
Expenditure				
	Supplier	Item		Power to Act
23 July				
985	Mrs J E Dymock	Refunds	82.14	
986	HMRC	Employee PAYE & NIC	As sheet	LGAct 1972 s112
		Employer NIC	As sheet	
987	OCC Pension fund	Employee pension contributions	As sheet	LGAct 1972 s112
988	ST Grounds Maintenance	Empty Play Area bin	50.00	Public Health Act 1874 s164
990	Jon Sherwood	Grass cutting expenses	60.00	Highways Act 1980 s96
991	Berinsfield Community Business	Gardening	330.72	LG (Misc Provisions) Act 1976
992	D E Electrical	Electrical works pavilion	295.44	LG (Misc Provisions) Act 1976
993	Mrs P Dudding	Garden competition prizes	99.75	LGAct 1972 s137
994	Mrs J Standen	Garden competition catering	84.25	LG Act 1972 s137
995	Radley PCC	Grant to Radley News	300.00	LG Act 1972 s137
996	Beauchamp & Butler	Balance of plumbing works pavilion	48.00	LG (Misc Provisions) Act 1976
997	SH Lewis	Clean bus shelters	96.00	
SO	Mrs J E Dymock	Clerk salary, village cleaner salary, telephone line rental	As sheet	

- (b) NOTICEBOARDS:
It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should seek quotes for a replacement noticeboard to be installed at the Lower Radley turn and for refurbishing the Village Hall noticeboard.
- (c) TREES ON ALLOTMENT BOUNDARY: It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should commission a survey of the cherry trees on the Church Road boundary.
- (d) RECONCILIATION: The Council received the current reconciliation.
- (e) BALANCES were noted:

Barclays Bank current account:	27,160.27
Business Saver Account	0.63
Business Premium Account	149,681.95
	176,842.85
Cashbook balance	162,874.01

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- (f) FINANCIAL STATEMENT:
The Council received the current financial statement and position against the budget.
- (g) First Great Western Customer and Communities Improvement Fund: The Council **RESOLVED** to register an interest in promoting walking and cycling to the station by providing lighting on Footpath 8.

101/15 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

- (a) COUNTY: Cr Johnston was not present but submitted a written report:
“At the most recent meeting of the County Cabinet, which I attended and at which I spoke. I emphasised the concerns of my residents about potential rat running and planning blight from the proposals for a Park and ride and Lorry Park at Lodge Hill. I hope they have taken that on board. I also spoke about the removal of the entire section about rail in LTP4 for the present. This is because HM Government and Network Rail have "paused" the entire electrification project pro tem. I urged the Cabinet to get the pause lifted because even a brief pause threatens chaos. This is because the first Siemens units are about to arrive, displacing electric units to be deployed for use to Oxford. The knock on effect is that the diesels presently used cannot be redeployed to Bristol and elsewhere. Furthermore much of the work has already been done and to stop now makes no sense at all.”

- (b) DISTRICT:
Cr Johnston was not present but submitted a written report:
“At the most recent meeting of Full Council there was a long and complicated last minute motion on the Vale Local Plan. The long and short of it was that the ruling Group is worried about having to take unmet housing allocation which Oxford City is unable to fulfil. It was all about something called a "duty to co-operate" which is now a legal requirement for Councils. I was unable to take the necessary advice, and I am not completely satisfied that the Vale has met fully the requirements of the duty to co-operate, and I and my fellow Group members abstained. We hope the ruling Group have got it right. Two years ago the County got itself into a complete pickle over this issue in respect of minerals and waste, and the Inspector threw out its draft plan. It took the County two years to recover from that. Potentially this could derail the Vale Plan in exactly the same way. We shall see.”

Cr Blagrove:

On a question from Cr Dudding on the business of the recent Vale cabinet meeting regarding fulfilling Oxford's unmet housing need, Cr Blagrove explained that the District Council agrees that it has a legal obligation and “duty to co-operate” to meet unmet need and wishes to start negotiating as soon as possible with the City so the item of business was tabled later than planned.

- Councillor Blagrove thanked the Council for the opportunity to participate in the garden competition and fete.
- He reported that the Environment Agency has been asked to commission an independent report on flooding measures. He reminded the Council that £2.5 million is put aside and still unclaimed for flood prevention measures.
- A question had been asked about a cabinet decision to change the area committees and this responded to a change in wards following the reduction in councillors.
- He had been in contact with the officer dealing with 1A Foxborough Road and neighbours and would speak on it at the planning committee. Cr Blagrove explained that he is not a member of the planning committee so that one of the ward members can speak on planning matters.

Comments by councillors:

Cr Dudding has asked the District Council for their assumptions for Radley for Phase 2 of the Local Plan. The Kirkham Review has come up with the site south of Gooseacre to be removed from the Green belt and it is noted as a possible phase 2 site.

Western conveyance: Cr Henderson observed that the impression from the Environment Agency presentation was that if there was an impact further downstream, it would be reconsidered.

102/15 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

(a) REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS: None

(b) REQUEST FROM RESIDENT:

Mr Gore of Lower Radley had approached Oxfordshire Highways asking them to install posts on the verge opposite his house. The Area Steward's advice is that Highways do not think that the bollards are necessary and have no budget for this sort of installation. The cost is likely to be about £1,500 for seven posts.

She told him that all such requests are made to them through the Parish Council and expects that if it agrees to make the recommendation, the Parish Council will fund the work. Accompanying information established that the land in question was in private ownership and the clerk advised that the Council had no power to install posts on a road verge.

The clerk was asked to write to Mr Gore advising that he had been misled by Highways on this matter.

(c) STATION PARKING: There was no progress. In view of the time that had elapsed since the traffic survey was completed, the clerk was asked to pursue officers for a date when temporary lines will be installed.

(d) NEWS ITEM on the County Transport Plan was noted.

(e) Verges cut 2x in July

(f) REPORTS MADE:

(i) Blocked road gullies from Whites Lane to Catharine Close (PEM 702834)

(ii) Flooding in Stonhouse Crescent (PEM 701153). Followed by a report form completed with help from a resident.

(iii) Tree overhanging the pavement 15A Church Road.

(iv) Bushes overhanging the pavement corner of Sugworth Lane

(v) Enquired on likely start for edge strengthening Sugworth Lane – await reply

(vi) Paths & cycle paths: Report that trees and bushes overgrow the path/cycle path from Sugworth Lane towards the village. Being dealt with by Radley College.

(vii) Thames Water covers on Lower Radley at the junction with Shaws Copse

(g) FOOTPATH 8: Noted above.

(h) OCC WINTER PREPAREDNESS: The Council noted information from Oxfordshire Highways.

103/15 CONSERVATION:

BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic):

The Council **RESOLVED** to consider applying to Highway Authority for a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit vehicular traffic on the BOAT at the September meeting.

104/15 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:

(a) HIGHWAYS: None

(b) PLANNING: None

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- (c) ROMP: The Council had seen the officer's report and noted that it would go to the Planning and Regulation committee on 27th July.

105/15 COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report at present.

106/15 CORRESPONDENCE: None.

107/15 MATTERS FOR REPORT: None

108/15 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:
Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

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