

MINUTES OF AN MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT: J Standen (in the chair), Cr Crowley, Davies, Henderson, Howard, Johnston (except item 27/14(a)), Pasquire, Platts, D Standen, Tomlinson.

In attendance: 3 members of the public and the clerk

21/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

22/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.
DISPENSATIONS: None requested.

23/14 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
Mr Lambert presented the proposed materials for his new house.

24/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 23rd JANUARY AND 13th FEBRUARY 2014:
The minutes were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of both meetings and were signed as such by the Chairman.

25/14 CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT:

(a) **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT:**

Foxborough Road: The officer advised that his manager stated that enforcement action was not expedient. A report would go forward to the planning committee.
Longmead Lake - Container: Action was still ongoing.

(b) **HIGHWAYS:**

(i) Bayworth Road: The matter of the ditch had passed to the Vale.

(ii) Report by a resident: A resident had written to Highways regarding the condition of Sugworth Lane.

(iii) **PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS:**

The Council's comments were passed on to OCC the officer had explained the reasoning for the proposals

(c) **FINANCE:**

Football Club: The Club had not been able to use the Gooseacre field at all in January so matches were likely to carry on into May.

(d) **THRUPP LANE ISSUES:** The Vale and Environment Agency were investigating.

(e) **CONSERVATION:**

(i) **GARDENING:** The clerk planned to arrange a review of Berinsfield's schedule.

(ii) **GARDEN COMPETITION:** The clerk asked the working party to convene for a brief meeting.

(iii) **SANDFORD LANE:** Biffa would clear the litter along the side of the road.

(f) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

(i) **FLOODING SURVEY:** Responded to both OCC and the Vale.

(ii) **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW:** The Vale working group had met to consider its final recommendations to council and had decided that the only change it would recommend is that Chandlings Manor school moves into Radley parish.

(g) **LOWER RADLEY – POWER LINES:** The clerk had explained the Council's concerns to the caravan park owner and he planned to meet his tree surgeon imminently.

- (h) LOWER CHURCHYARD: The Justice Ministry states that the application to close the Lower Churchyard was not in their system. They advised that an application can take up to a year to be processed and the churchyard could not be passed over to the Parish Council until it was closed.
- The clerk was asked to write to the PCC explaining that the Council could not take responsibility for the Churchyard at present.

Proposed by Cr Johnston and seconded by Cr Tomlinson, it was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders should be suspended so that Mr Raj could speak at this point. Mr Raj explained his objection to the siting of a bus shelter outside his property and suggested that it should be moved to the verge outside number 21 where there is a verge in front of the hedge.

26/14 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Claire Smallbone was welcomed to the meeting. She reported:

- The theft of gas bottles from Woodlands, which had been recovered and returned.
- She was considering initiating Neighbourhood watch on the mobile home parks. The Council thought that this would be welcome in all areas of the village.
- She asked the Council to be aware of courier fraud and bike thefts in Abingdon and Kennington.
- Dog fouling had been reported to be a problem in Stonhouse Crescent.

27/14 PLANNING MATTERS:

Cr Johnston left the meeting for the duration of item 27/14 (a).

(a) NEW APPLICATIONS:

- (i) **P14/V0302/HH:** Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 14 Little Howe Close: **NO OBJECTION.**(Vale ref: 46226)
- (ii) **P14/V0053/FUL:** Demolition of the existing dwelling. Erection of a replacement dwelling with access to be taken directly from main road. (as amended by additional information on materials received 17 February 2014)Wardens Bungalow Pebble Hill – **NO OBJECTION** (Vale ref: 46227)
- (iii) **P14/V0330/P11:** Installation of 25kV switching station: Radley operational land – for information.

(b) OTHER APPLICATIONS: None

(c) VALE DECISIONS:

P13/V2628/FUL: Construction of a rowing centre: Radley College: Approved

(d) FUTURE HOUSING SITES: The Council was asked as controller of land occupied by the car park and pond if it wished the land to be put forward as a future site for housing. The Council **AGREED** that it was not suitable because of its present use.

(e) FUTURE HOUSING SITES IN RADLEY:

The Council received the Vale's proposals for sites for inclusion in the Local Plan. It was proposed by Cr Pasquire, seconded by Cr Davies and **RESOLVED** that the Council would **OBJECT** in the strongest possible terms. Crs Johnston and J Standen abstained from voting. The Council did not believe that the sites proposed were suitable for housing and furthermore that the process was flawed. It understood that if the green belt was to be reviewed any review of the Oxford Green Belt, then all districts should be reviewed together and that the review was premature.

The Council would suggest that green belt sites should be removed from the plan and that the allocation should be made from the reserve list.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would:

- (i) Call a public meeting.
- (ii) Write an article for the Radley News.
- (iii) Make a Freedom of Information request for information on the reserve list.
- (iv) Put forward the coal yard as a possible housing site.

It was noted that the Parish Plan had said how much residents appreciated the Green Belt and that they would like to see a small amount of new housing in the parish.

- (f) INVITATION: Larger Villages Meeting on Planning Issues, Monday 3 March, East Challow. Crs J Standen and Howard would attend.
- (g) VALE BRIEFING 4 MARCH: Cr J Standen was delegated to attend.

28/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Councillors received the list of payments, details of expenses and the monthly reconciliation.

It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Henderson and **RESOLVED** that the Council should make payments as itemised:

DD	British Gas Business	Gas supply pavilion	27.58	LG(Misc Provisions)1976
787	Thames Water Utilities	Water supply allotments	29.27	Allotments Act 1950
788			cancelled	
789	ST Grounds Maintenance	Empty playground litter bin	50.00	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
790	SH Lewis Ltd	Clean bus shelters - balance of last invoice	12.00	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s. 4
791	Mrs J E Dymock	Net Salary (February)	1,044.16	LGA 1972 s112
		Village cleaner (March)		Litter Act 1983/LGA 1972 s112
		Expenses (March)		LGA 1972 s111
792	HMRC	PAYE, NIC	156.49	LGA 1972 s112
793	OCC	Pension contributions	249.16	LGA 1972 s112
DD	British Gas Business	Gas supply pavilion		Public Health Act 1874 s164

- (b) PAVILION: PAVILION: It was **RESOLVED** that Ian Taylor should be asked to make proposals for a new heating and water installation.
- (c) GOOSEACRE: The Council received a report of the ditch overflowing on 6th February and it was agreed that a programme should be put in place for regular maintenance.
It was **RESOLVED** that ST Grounds Maintenance's quote of £450 for the first clean, then £200 twice yearly thereafter should be accepted. Mr Thatcher would check the grille for rubbish every two weeks whilst emptying the Play Area bin at no extra charge.
- (d) PLAY AREA QUARTERLY REPORT: The Council noted the report. The board which was noted to be rotten would be replaced at the time of the next inspection.
- (e) TREE PLANTING WHITES LANE AND ST JAMES ROAD: Only one quote had been received and it was delegated to the clerk, with the Chairman's advice, to accept the best quote.
- (f) REQUEST FOR FUNDING:
Councillors were asked to consider a request from residents of Lower Radley for

funding towards the reinstatement of a ditch and construction of a new ditch. It was **AGREED** that the Council would require evidence of the approval of appropriate bodies before it could make a decision.

29/14 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

(a) **DISTRICT:**

The Vale move was well under way. An unintended consequence was that there was less space available for meetings and two had recently had to be held at Wantage. The budget proposed by the majority group had been carried by a small margin. The story was similar on the County where the budget was carried by a majority of three.

(b) **COUNTY:**

Cr Johnston had attended a further meeting on electrification and all was on schedule. The new A338 bridge would now be built alongside the old one so the road would only have to be closed for two days. Its new position would not preclude the Wantage/Grove station. The bridge at Hinksey was still under discussion as the City maintained that it must be compatible with the Disability Discrimination Act, while Network Rail claimed grandfather rights. The City was threatening a judicial review.

30/14 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

PCSO Smallbone was asked to request more speed checks in the village.

(a) **PARKING:** The clerk would circulate the consultation by email and a meeting would be held if required.

(b) **BUS SHELTERS:** The Council acknowledged Mr Raj's concerns. The clerk was instructed to ask whether it was possible to move the shelter closer to Abingdon and with its back to the hedge and bring the answer to the next meeting. The remaining shelters were approved.

SPEED LIMIT ON BAGLEY WOOD ROAD: Discussed earlier.

31/14 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:

(a) **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC:** The clerk was asked to refer the new VOSA licence application to Highways.

(b) **ROMP:** It was proposed by Cr Davies, seconded by Cr Johnston and the Council **RESOLVED** that it would not engage its own representation for the Inquiry.

(c) **MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN:** The Plan had now been released and Cr Johnston explained that it was deliberately less proscriptive. All groups had been involved in putting it together and would remain so. Detail would come later.

32/14 CONSERVATION:

(a) **TREE WORKS:** It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Platts and **RESOLVED** that the schedule for tree works around the village hall should be accepted.

(b) **FEEDBACK ON FLOODING:** Cr Howard observed that the new road drains at Woodlands entrance had done their job and there had been no flooding even in the worst of the weather.

(c) **PROPOSAL BY A RESIDENT:** For the March meeting.

(d) **CONSULTATION:** Draft rights of way management plan.

33/14 CORRESPONDENCE: The Council noted items of correspondence.

(a) **FOR ACTION:**

- (i) LGPS 2014: Updates to HR and Payroll Guides.
- (ii) OALC: Draft regulations Openness of Local Government bodies draft regulations (filming and recording of meetings)
- (iii) Oxfordshire County Council Flooding Survey: Cr Johnston would attend the OCC flood summit. He was asked to raise the question of transport.
- (b) FOR INFORMATION: The following was noted.
 - (i) Your February Fields in Trust update
 - (ii) Community Information Network Partnership meetings Spring 2014
Abingdon: Thursday 13th March 12.00 – 2.00pm
 - (iii) World War I Remembrance Medal for Parish & Town Councils
 - (iv) ORCC Policy Bulletin
 - (v) Rural Services network: Weekly Email News Digest
 - (vi) OALC Bulletin on the repeal of s.150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 – which requires all cheques and other payable orders to be signed by two councillors

34/14 MATTERS FOR REPORT:

Cr Tomlinson was due to attend a meeting of the Public Transport users group.

35/14 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 27th March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

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