

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 25th OCTOBER 2012

PRESENT: Cr J Standen (in the chair)
Crs Cook, Crowley, Davies, Henderson, Howard, Johnston, Pasquire, Platts, D Standen and Tomlinson
In attendance: County Councillor Fatemian, the clerk

148/12 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

149/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

150/12 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
No members of the public were present.

151/12 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 27th SEPTEMBER:
Minute 134/12: "*Should be reported*" was omitted
Minute 144/12b(iii): Amplified to read "*On the north shore of Thrupp Lake.*"

With those corrections, the minutes were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

152/12 PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

(a) **HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

(i) **CLOSURE RADLEY ROAD & THRUPP LANE 21st October:** It was reported that the litter pick was very successful and the Chairman thanked those councillors who helped.

It was suggested that the Council might obtain its own high-visibility jackets for such occasions. The clerk was asked to cost and add to the next agenda.

(ii) **SUGWORTH LANE: Verges and speeding traffic:** All points had been raised with Highways and the Area Highways engineer was due to inspect Sugworth Lane that week. It was noted that the lane is often used as a rat run and some parts can be treacherous.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should press for an extension to the 30mph limit.

(b) **PLAY AREA REPORT:** The clerk had contacted surrounding councils for recommendations for a new contractor. The Council **RESOLVED** to delegate considering quotes for repairs to the clerk, playing field co-ordinator and deputy co-ordinator.

(c) **LAND FOR A CEMETERY:** A reply was expected from the Diocese and an enquiry would be made of Radley College at the next regular meeting.

- (d) **VERGE CUTTING:** It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should complain about the quality of verge cutting by Oxfordshire County Council, particularly of verges in the middle of the village.
- (e) **CULHAM MOTOCROSS:** It was noted that the event had continued the following weekend.

The organisers had sent a copy of the noise report and Crs J Standen and Crowley undertook to read it.

It was agreed that the main concern in the village is that the event appears to be getting bigger. It was acknowledged that it is providing entertainment for a large number of people.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should ask for a schedule of events and look again at whether the number of events exceeds that for which permission has been granted.

- (f) **ALLOTMENTS:** The Chairman reported that some small notices have appeared on the Lower Radley site stating that people should be aware of Great Crested Newts.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would write to the owner saying that the Council had not done this.

153/12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

- (a) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:**

Cr Johnston reported that:

- (i) The Vale had employed three extra members of staff to progress the Local Plan and say that they are confident that it will be in place by the end of 2014. However, for at least the last 4 months of that, Section 106 agreements will no longer be legal, having been replaced in the legislation by the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- (ii) A councillor was ejected from the Council chamber on 24th October and the police were called. The opposition had put in an alternative proposal for the Vale to find funding for the 2014 Abingdon Arts Festival which was withdrawn.
- (iii) Two by-elections had been declared for Sunningwell and Wootton. The posts were advertised but new councillors might not be in place until February 2013.

In answer to questions: The Local Plan would be out for consultation shortly and there was no deadline for feeding into it.

- (b) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR:**

Cr Fatemian reported that:

- (i) He was pleased that the works on the Church Road pavement were finally completed and that feedback was positive.
- (ii) Speed signs: Officers had found that mobile signs were not generally successful and he was obtaining quotes for fixed signs in the locations that the parishes had nominated.
- (iii) Thrupp Lane liaison meeting: Officers were very unhappy with the

ROMP EIA as submitted and would be serving a prohibition notice. This decision had knock-on effects for other planning applications in the area.

Cr Johnston reported that he was to be briefed on the outstanding Vale applications.

- (iv) Oxfordshire lift share: This County scheme has been very successful and Cr Fatemian commended it to the parish. It was estimated that it had saved Oxfordshire residents £7million in the last year.

Insurance implications of lift sharing were queried.

Cr Pasquire commented that she had contacted Cr Fatemian regarding the ROMP and was disappointed not to receive a reply.

154/12 PLANNING:

(a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Cr Johnston withdrew for the duration of this item as he is a member of the Vale Planning committee.

- (i) P12/V2029/LB: Retention of 2 makeup air grilles to front elevation: Long Straw House 82 - 84 Lower Radley Radley OX14 3BA(also known as Peacock Cottage) **NO OBJECTION**
- (ii) P12/V1994/FUL: Change of use and alterations to the existing annexe to dwelling: Long Straw House 82 - 84 Lower Radley Radley OX14 3BA: (also known as Peacock Cottage) **NO OBJECTION**
- (iii) P12/V2080/HH: Erection of double garage with storage space above Thrupp Cottages Barton Lane Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 3NE: Erection of double garage with storage space above.**NO OBJECTION**
- (iv) P12/V2064/A: Two directional signs reading 'Lodge Hill': Lodge Hill Garage Lodge Hill Abingdon (In the parish of Radley) OX14 2JD: Provided the Highways officer has no objection and they remain as directional signs, the Council had **NO OBJECTION**.

- (b) CONSULTATIONS: The clerk noted that applications were often received late. Cr Johnston reported that the Vale is struggling with a new computer system and was slow to catch up.

- (c) TREE APPLICATIONS: It was **RESOLVED** that tree applications would in future be delegated to a committee whose membership was **AGREED** to be Crs Howard, Platts and Tomlinson.

155/12 NYETT'S FIELD ROMP EIA:

- (i) OCC'S RESPONSE: It was reported that the submission was not considered

complete and the applicant had run out of time to re-submit. Officers considered it so deficient that they would be issuing a prohibition order.

County would now issue a notice which would be sent to the Secretary of State for ratification. The applicant had 40 days to appeal.

Cr Fatemian undertook to seek clarification on the implications for the area.

(ii) **PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION:**

The Council's preliminary submission had been submitted to OCC.

The Council **RESOLVED** to delegate to the clerk with guidance from Cr Crowley to instruct Marrons solicitors to advise on the Council's submission. A budget of £2,000 was **AGREED**.

(iii) **VISION AND SCOPING STATEMENT:**

The Council was asked to support the Earth Trust in preparation of a Vision and Scoping Statement for the Thrupp Lane area. Jayne Manley envisaged that, facilitated by the Earth Trust, this would be prepared by collaboration with all of the stakeholders. She hoped to be able to submit an interim statement for submission to the Secretary of State.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would make an initial contribution of £1,000 towards the cost of preparing the statement.

156/12 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:

- (a) **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC:** OCC officers will bring to the next liaison meeting a menu of interim improvements, some of which would be funded by Tuckwells, some from Area Stewardship funding. They were likely to include signage, enhancing the passing bays and cutting back vegetation.
- (b) **PLANNING:** Nothing further reported.
- (c) **RADLEY WETLANDS CENTRE:** Nothing further reported.
- (d) **LIAISON MEETING** held on 16th October 2012: The meeting was very concerned with traffic safety issues in the interim before the proposed new road is in place. Safety will be the priority.

157/12 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) **STATION OVERFLOW PARKING:** The Council understood that the problem is growing, but Cr Standen had been advised that work on the car park extension is likely to begin before the end of the year.

The clerk was asked to report this to those residents who had complained about parking on the roads and ask them to be patient until the work was complete.

- (b) **CONDITION OF THE PAVEMENT SUGWORTH LANE:** It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would ask Highways if weeds could be cleared from pavements including this one under the Community Payback scheme.

158/12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

	<u>Authorised at the September meeting</u>				
604	Radley Good Neighbours	Printing costs	LGA 1972 s137		£ 53.00
	<u>Accounts paid during the month:</u>				
605	Steelway Fensecure	Spring & fittings for play area gate	Power to Act Public Health Act 1875		£ 34.80
606	Oxfordshire PAT Testing services	PAT testing pavilion	LGA (Misc Provisions) 1976		£ 65.00
	<u>New payments:</u>				
607	Mrs J E Dymock	Net salary (October) & expenses	LGA 1972 s112/s111	£ 937.22	£ 1,131.22
		Stationery		£ 40.98	
		Postage		£ 41.47	
		Photocopying		£ 17.47	
		Duplicate padlock keys		£ 7.50	
		Village Cleaner (November)	LG (Misc Provisions) Act 1976	£ 86.58	
608	Mrs K Sharp	Salary (October)	LGA (Misc Provisions) 1976		£ 148.15
609	HMRC	PAYE, NI (October)	LGA 1972 s112		£ 191.66
610	Berinsfield Community Business	Gardening	Allotments Act 1950, LGA 1972		£ 227.70
611	D&N Building Contractors	Installation of new kissing gate	Highways Act 1980		£ 325.00
612	Thames Water	Water charge - pavilion (19/7 to 04/10)	LGA (Misc Provisions) 1976		£ 140.83
613	Thames Water	Water charge - allotments	Allotments Act 1950		£ 22.69

614	ST Ground Maintenance	Litter bin emptying x 2. Install new bin	Litter Act 1983		£ 100.00
615	British Gas Business	Gas supply pavilion (12/06 to 17/09)	LGA (Misc Provisions) 1976		£ 287.98
	Direct Debit:				
	Peninsula Graphite	HR Advice	LGA 1972 s111		£ 79.20

159/12 PLAYING FIELD USE BY RADLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB:

It was noted that a men's team had been playing on the Parish Council field.

- (i) **QUESTIONS FROM A NEIGHBOUR:** The clerk was asked to answer.
- (ii) **CONDITION ON THE BOOKING:** The conditions outlined in the proposed letter were **APPROVED**.

160/12 CONSERVATION:

TREE, GOOSEACRE PLAYING FIELD: It was noted that the occupant was entitled to lop off any branches overhanging his property but **AGREED** that the tree could be removed and recommended that it was replaced.

161/12 POLICE MATTERS:

The Council noted that there had been a theft of a car from Whites Lane and also of a motorbike from Woodlands.

162/12 BYELAWS:

The clerk was asked to check the age group for the play equipment and with that minor amendment, it was **RESOLVED** that the draft bye-laws should be submitted to the Secretary of State.

163/12 CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) **FOR ACTION:**

- (i) **OALC MEMBERS' UPDATE:** The clerk highlighted the following items:
 - OxOnline Broadband Champion
 - Consultation: Use of rebated fuel (red diesel) for gritting roads in rural areas
 - Consultation on review of wildlife legislation.
 - BIFFA awards: It was agreed that information should be sent to the Earth Trust, as should details of The Prince's Countryside Fund.
- (ii) **VALE TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL FORUM:** It was **RESOLVED** that Crs J Standen and Howard would attend.
- (iii) **SOUTH AND VALE CARERS' CENTRE:** Invitation to their AGM. An application for funding would be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee.
- (iv) **OCC: ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT GRANT SCHEME:** For the Radley News.

(b) FOR INFORMATION:

(iii) RAILWATCH: Acknowledged receipt.

(iv) ORCC NEWS BULLETIN: Previously circulated by email.

164/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT: There were none.

165/12 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Ordinary Meeting: Thursday 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Church Room

Finance and Administration Committee meeting: Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm
in the Church Room.

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