

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST
2005 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cr B Mott (in the Chair)
Crs Crowley, Henderson, Johnston, Nutt, D Standen, J Standen, Wilson,
Wren, Wyatt
Mr S King (for 116/05)

119/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr King from Sugworth Lane attended and outlined the problems caused by the use of Sugworth Lane by “non residential” traffic. The Parish Council **AGREED** that this should be put on the agenda of its next meeting, and Mr King was invited to attend.

120/05 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Crowley declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest as set out in the Standards Board for England lobby group, dual-hatted members and the Code of Conduct, top paragraph, page 7.

Cr Johnston left the meeting during the discussion on a donation to Save Radley Lakes group.

There were no other declarations of interest.

121/05 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillors met Mrs Christine Dossett and Mr Guy Rogers separately, when the candidates outlined the reasons why they wished to become a Parish Councillor. A secret ballot was held, and Mr Guy Rogers obtained the majority of the votes. **IT WAS AGREED** that Mr Rogers should be appointed as a Parish Councillor.

**122/05 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, 28
JULY 2005**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 July 2005 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments:

Minute 106/05 (i) (a) – second line should read: ...”same” not “name”. The name of the Save Radley Lakes group was corrected throughout the paragraph.

Minute 113/05 should read: People were using the website more, and there had been 4,000 hits in June.

123/05 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- (a) **VANDALISM TO SPORTS PAVILION – COST OF REPAIRS:** Part of the repayment had been received, and the Clerk was chasing the remainder of the claim.
- (b) **CAR PARK, CHURCH ROAD:** The Parish Council noted the letter from the OCC Interim Head of Transport which indicated that the highway funds could not contribute to the cost of resurfacing the car park. It was suggested that the Parish Council contacted the Trustees for Oxfordshire’s Environment and the Oxford Rural Community Council as alternative sources of funding. The Clerk indicated that she had done this. The original request from the Parish Council was based on safety for the school children attending the local primary school, and the Clerk was asked to ascertain whether any education funds would be available for this work.
- (c) **CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA, PEBBLE HILL MOBILE HOME PARK:** There was no further information on the site for a play area. The question of a pelican crossing had been raised with Kennington Parish Council, and it was noted that it had asked for this in the past and for an extension of the footpath in The Avenue which would mean children did not need to cross the road to go to the school. They had been assessed but were way down the County’s priority list. There was a scheme to upgrade the 35 bus route initially in Kennington, which would mean extending the traffic calming to Sandford Lane. This would make it easier for people to cross the road.
- (d) **GREAT WESTERN RAIL FRANCHISE – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION DOCUMENT:** It was noted that the OCC was concerned at the proposals to cut the rail services and has opposed the proposals. In addition, the Leader of the Council had written to the Secretary of State and the Deputy Prime Minister objecting to the cutback of services in Oxfordshire. South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils also wrote in opposition. The OCC now awaits the outcome of the consultation but hopes that these combined efforts would have influenced a change of mind by the Department for Transport, who have taken over the process following the abolition of the Strategic Rail Authority.

Councillors indicated that Radley was the only village in the Vale which had a station. The proposals were against Government policy for improving public transport, and Dr Evan Harris should be asked if he was going to do anything in relation to this consultation document.

- (e) **FOOTPATH 8:** A further approach had been made to the farmer asking for regular clearance of the growth at the sides of the footpath.
- (f) **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS:** No reply had been received from the DC.
- (g) **DEVELOPMENT, CHURCH ROAD:** There were concerns about the development, and the Planning Officer had asked the Monitoring Officer to look at the work taking place and the conditions of the planning permission.

- (h) LITTER COLLECTION:
 - (i) STONHOUSE CRESCENT TO GOOSEACRE: This would be pursued.
 - (ii) PARISH COUNCIL CLEANING GRANT: A cheque for £286 had been received.
- (i) NOISE NUISANCE, CULHAM: It was noted that Mr Neil Irwin had agreed to attend the September meeting.
- (j) PLAYING FIELD MATTERS:
 - (i) GRASS CUTTING, GOOSEACRE: The Clerk reported that estimates were available for consideration, and she would consult the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee on these.
 - (ii) CLEANING OF SPORTS PAVILION: The Clerk had written to the two people who had expressed an interest in the posts of Caretaker and Cleaner.
- (k) PARISH PLAN: No work had been undertaken on the application for a grant.

124/05 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 4 AUGUST 2005

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 August 2005 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment:

Page 417 – fourth point should read: “The lakes were an important habitat for many forms of fauna and flora, and all efforts must be taken to protect these.”

125/05 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

It was noted that both the Vale of White Horse DC and Abingdon Town Council had objected to the planning application.

Letters from Mr Peter Cannon-Brookes, Branch Landscape Associates and Ms Lynda Pasquire were noted.

The notes from the RWE npower exhibition held at Radley Village Hall on 28 July 2005 were received.

126/05 POLICE MATTERS

PC Broomfield was unable to attend the meeting, but had reported that he had done a basic search of the police systems and in the period 1 April 2005 until 25 August 2005 there had been 130 calls to Thames Valley Police resulting in 46 recorded crimes of which three were still “active”. Most of the offences were for a variety of thefts; theft of/from motor vehicle, burglary, garage or shed burglary. In the same period last year there were 40 recorded crimes. PC Broomfield was willing to conduct some form of comparison between Parishes of similar sizes.

It was noted that a police surgery would be held on Saturday, 3 September 2005, from 12.30 to 1.30 pm.

PC Broomfield had received information regarding the proposals for Radley Lakes, and would investigate the impact this might have from a policing perspective.

There were reports of duck shooting and a dredger being taken from Lakes H and I.

127/05 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) New Applications:

- (a) RAD/9828/3 – Demolish existing garages and outhouse. Erection of new garage and outhouse, 3 Lower Radley: No objections, but comments from immediate neighbours should be taken into account.
- (b) RAD/19245 – Alterations to front elevations and extensions, Conchiglia, Thrupp Lane: no objections.

(ii) Permission Given:

- (a) RAD/15714/8-LB and RAD/15714/7 – Link house to rear annexe via single storey extension with new lounge and fourth bedroom. Erection of new garage. Spinneys, 51 Lower Radley.
- (b) RAD/19129 – Demolition of existing kitchen. Erection of new kitchen/dining extension. Norfolk Lodge, 31B Lodge Hill
- (c) RAD/15459/3 – Refurbishment and improvement of redundant barn “C” to office accommodation (part retrospective), Park End Farm, 17 Kennington Road.

(iii) Withdrawn:

- (a) RAD/9828/3 – Demolish existing garages and outhouse. Erection of new garage and outhouse, 3 Lower Radley.
- (b) RAD/7347/1 – Proposed single storey and first floor rear extensions, 55 Foxborough Road.

- (c) Vale of White Horse DC – Scheme of Delegation: It was noted that Parish Councils would no longer be able to get planning applications to the full Planning Committee unless the objections were of material consideration. The Clerk was asked to obtain a list of Material Considerations from the DC.

128/05 FUTURE OF VILLAGE SHOP

The Chairman was continuing to look into this matter.

129/05 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2004/2005 AND BUDGET 2005/2006: The report was accepted.
- (b) DONATION TO SAVE RADLEY LAKES GROUP: **IT WAS AGREED** that a donation of £120 should be made under Section 137 to meet the cost of hiring the Village Hall for the exhibition and the printing of information sheets. The group should be asked to submit the invoices for the Parish Council to settle if these had not been paid already. The Parish Council was willing to consider meeting the cost of further expenditure for specific items, but would prefer not to do this in retrospect.

(c) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Wyatt and **AGREED** that the following payments should be made:

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| (i) | Miss S E Raven | £423.32 |
| | (a) Salary, August 2005: | £368.32 |
| | (b) Payment to Village Cleaner, September 2005: | £55.00 |
| (ii) | Oxford Green Belt Network – Subscription: | £15.00 |
| (iii) | Playground Management Ltd – Annual Inspection of
Play Area: | £72.85 |
| (iv) | Copycat Services - Photocopying: | £97.89 |
| (v) | Flygt Pump – Servicing: | £677.74 |
- (d) Play Area – Urgent repairs to manhole covers: Cr D Standen was thanked for undertaking the repair work to the manhole covers. The cost incurred was in the region of £25.00 and Cr Johnston asked that a bill be sent to the Radley Village Hall Management Committee.

130/05 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) ACTION REQUIRED:

- (a) Vale of White Horse DC:
 - (i) Local Government (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1982
Public Entertainment Licensing – Consultation
Bowyer Arms: No objections
 - (ii) Part III Local Government Act 2000 – handbook on Local Investigations and Determinations: The Parish Council noted the procedures set out in the Handbook.
 - (iii) Chairman’s Charity Dinner Dance, Friday, 7 October 2005: noted
 - (iv) Local Government and Rating Act 1997 – Parish Review: The recommendations would be placed before the Council on 19 October 2005, and there would be a further opportunity for Town and Parish Councils to comment on draft recommendations before a final decision was taken by the Council in January 2006.
- (b) Vale Housing Association – Garage Site, Stonhouse Crescent: The Parish Council agreed that the name Bowyer Close should be put forward for this development.
- (c) Best Kept Village Competition – Display of Award and letter of congratulations from the Leader of the Oxfordshire County Council: **IT WAS AGREED** the Award should be displayed in the Village Hall.
- (d) Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill: Noted. Cr J Standen **AGREED** to report on the effect of this legislation on Parish Councils.
- (e) “A Tale to Tell – Clerk of Radley Parish Council”: It was noted that a CD was available at a cost of £5.00

(ii) FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council:
 - (i) Radley Footpath No 7 (Part) – Notice of Making an Order under Section 119 of The Highways Act 1980.
 - (ii) CAG Oxfordshire July 2005
 - (iii) Social & Health Care Business and Commissioning Plan 2005-2008
 - (iv) Oxfordshire Provisional Local Transport Plan (2006-2011) and Annual progress Report 2005
 - (v) Solarsavers – Discounted Solar Water Heating Scheme
 - (vi) News, August 2005
- (b) The Countryside Agency – Landscape Access Recreation
- (c) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association Newsletter, Summer 2005
- (d) Society of Local Council Clerks – Regional ‘One Day’ Conference, 30 September 2005, Binfield.
- (e) Sobell House Hospice Charity – Sobell Fair, 11 October 2005

- (f) Complete Weed Control (Home Counties)
- (g) Bigfoot Play Systems
- (h) SMP Playgrounds – Seminar, 22 September 2005
- (i) David Ogilvie Engineering – designers and manufacturers of decorative street furnishings

131/05 CONSERVATION MATTERS

- (a) FOOTPATH 9 – CHANGE OF DESIGNATION: **IT WAS AGREED** that the Parish Council should ask for a change of designation of the BOAT. There was no reason why the public should use motorised vehicles passed the concrete blocks, nor use the path as a race track. It was noted that the Field Path Officer had asked for the concrete blocks to be removed.

132/05 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) ROAD CONDITIONS: There had been no feedback on when work would be undertaken in relation to:
 - (i) FERNY CLOSE - POTHoles
 - (ii) AUDLETT DRIVE/TWELVE ACRE DRIVE ROUNDABOUT – ROAD SURFACE
- (b) BRANCH OF TREE – CHURCH ROAD: The branch had been removed.
- (c) CHURCH ROAD – TREE MANAGEMENT: The current position was not known.
- (d) ABINGDON INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY – VILLAGE TREATMENTS – PROPOSED VILLAGE GATEWAY MEASURES: **IT WAS AGREED** that the gateway at the Radley/Kennington end of the Parish should be put at the Parish boundary so that the mobile home parks came within the “village gateway” area.
- (e) PELICAN CROSSING BY SCHOOL: The request from the Radley Primary School Governors should be put to the OCC.
- (f) LITTER – FOOTPATH 9: This had been drawn to the attention of the DC.
- (g) ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING, LOWER RADLEY: It was noted that the OCC Street Lighting Officer would like a site meeting to discuss the site for additional lighting. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

133/05 PARISH WEBSITE

There was a need to encourage people to be more away of the website, and it was considered that a banner would be useful. This would cost £120, and the balance left from the grant was £117.66. It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Mott and **AGREED** that the banner should be purchased.

134/05 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cr Johnston reported that the DC was introducing a composting scheme and would be providing 4000 wheelie bins in the first place.

135/05 NOTIFIED BUSINESS

- (a) Electricity Cuts – Lower Radley: Cr Mott agreed to approach Southern Electric to ascertain what the problem was.

Date:
Chairman