

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2006
AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cr B Mott (in the Chair)
Crs Crowley, Johnston, Nutt, D Standen, J Standen, Wilson, Wyatt
Mrs Jo Cartmell and Mr Roger Thomas attended for Items 167/06 (b) and
169/06 (iii) (a)

164/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Crs Henderson, Rogers and Wren
Nutt.

165/06 DECLARATIONS 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 in relation to matters relating to the Radley
Lakes.

There were no other Declarations of Interest.

**166/06 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 23
NOVEMBER 2006**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 23
November 2006 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman, with the
following amendments:

Minute 153/06 (iii) (a) should read:

Line 11: “Following general discussion with Mr Harbour, the
Chairman indicated that five minutes had elapsed ...”

Line 16/17: “... and Cr Henderson proposed a vote of no confidence
in the Chairman. This was seconded by Cr Wilson and
AGREED.”

Last paragraph: Cr Mott took back the Chairmanship of the meeting for
the remainder of the meeting.

Minute 156/06(a) (j) should read: “...that the following sites should be
considered for bus shelters.”

Minute 158/06 (j) should read: “Correspondence which Cr Wren had been
having ...”

Minute 162/06 (b) 3 should read: “... nearly £3 million pound hole in the
budgets ...”

167/06 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- (a) **INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR RADLEY HOUSEHOLDS: IT WAS AGREED** that this should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- (b) **THRUPP AND BULLFIELD LAKES, RADLEY – APPLICATION TO REGISTER AS A TOWN GREEN:** Mrs Jo Cartmell and Mr Roger Thomas attended for this item. The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the OCC reporting that a notice of the application had been put in the Oxford Times and the Herald Series from the 21 December 2006, and that the documents would be on public deposit until 16 February 2007. It was noted that the land owners would be asked for their views and if any objections were received there would have to be a Public Enquiry.
- (c) **CAR PARK:** It was reported that recycling lorries had been parking in the Church Road car park, and this had been reported to the DC.
- (d) **SECOND NOTICE BOARD:** The letter had been sent to the Village Shop Management Committee asking if the notice board could be put in the vicinity of the shop.

168/06 POLICE MATTERS

Cr Nutt reported that he had attended the first meeting of the Abingdon Rural Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) on the 6 December 2006. The meeting ascertained that the top three priorities related to speeding, anti-social behaviour and parking, and attention would be given to these matters to see what improvements could be made. Other subjects listed related to lack of police, litter/fly tipping, criminal damage, under age drinking, lack of amenities, child facilities, theft/burglary, and volume of traffic. The Parish Council also thought that parking on pavement should be on the list.

The Clerk reported that PC Sean Delaney would be starting work on the 15 January 2007.

A letter from Thames Valley Police on the Parish Council PCSO briefings was circulated to the Councillors, which gave feedback and evaluation on the information received following briefing of Parish Councils.

169/06 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) **New Applications**
 - (a) RAD/12712/5 – Erection of a wind turbine in garden, Thrupp Cottage, Barton Lane: No objections
 - (b) KEN/RAD/206/23 – Erection of three classrooms, Chandlings Manor School, Oxford Road, Kennington: No objections

(ii) **Permission Given**

- (a) RAD/6332/1 – Erection of a rear conservatory, 16 Selwyn Crescent

(iii) **Misc:**

- (a) RWEnPOWER – filling of gravel pits: Mrs Jo Cartmell and Mr Roger Thomas attended for this item.

Cr J Standen was congratulated on the letter she had sent to The Ecologist.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mr John Rainford, Station Manager at Didcot Power Station, inviting members of the Parish Council to re-convene the Radley Local Liaison Committee. The Parish Council **AGREED** that it was not appropriate to commence the meetings at this stage.

170/06 FUTURE OF VILLAGE SHOP

Cr Wyatt reported that the Village Shop Management Committee anticipated that the completion of the sale of the shop would be going ahead in the next few days so that it could take possession in early January and make progress with fitting it out. The application to formalise the organisation was going ahead and requests for membership would be sent out shortly. The aim was to open the shop in March.

171/06 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) **PATH FROM CAR PARK TO SCHOOL:** The Clerk reported that she had received two estimates for this work, and was chasing a third. This would be discussed at the next meeting.
- (b) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS:**

It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Nutt and **AGREED** that the following accounts should be paid:

(i)	Southern Electric – Sports Pavilion:	£51.30
(ii)	Copycat Services – Photocopying:	£78.11
(iii)	C B Ford – Trees, Copse, Church Road:	£150.00
(iv)	Berinsfield Community Business – Tree Planting, Copse, Church Road:	£330.95
(v)	Miss S E Raven: Salary, December 2006:	£1,291.45 £379.28

Village Cleaner, January 2007:	£96.25
Allowance for Use of Computer:	£250.00
Expenses, 1 July to 30 September 2006:	£278.90
1. Expenses:	£25.00
2. Telephone:	£22.74
3. Mileage:	£124.03
4. Postage:	£13.67
5. Stationery:	£84.83
6. Photocopying:	£8.63

Expenses, 1 October to 31 December 2006: £287.02

1. Expenses:	£25.00
2. Telephone:	£21.74
3. Mileage:	£126.21
4. Postage:	£34.90
5. Stationery:	£22.97
6. Cleaning Material:	£44.20
7. Keys, Village Pond:	£12.00

(vi) Mrs K Sharp, Cleaner/Caretaker, Sports Pavilion –
Salary November 2006: £139.33

172/06 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council - Invitation to Chairman and one other Parish representative at reception, 28 February 2007, 6.30 – 8.30 pm at County Hall, New Road: **IT WAS AGREED** that Cr B Crowley and Cr D Standen should attend.
- (b) Vale of White Horse DC - Parish Precept 2007/2008: The request for the precept had been submitted to the District Council.
- (c) Kennington Parish Council - Complaints about reliability of the 35 Bus Service: Cr Standen **AGREED** to attend the meeting being arranged by Kennington Parish Council.
- (d) Oxford Brookes University – JET Site End State Public Consultation Focus Group: **IT WAS AGREED** that the Parish Council should be represented at this meeting. The Clerk would circulate details to the Councillors.
- (e) Berinsfield Community Business – Parish grass cutting contract 2007: The Parish Council **AGREED** that the contract should continue for 2007, but that a site meeting to review the work should take place.

(ii) FOR INFORMATION:

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council:
 - (i) News, December 2006

- (ii) Fire Authority's Integrated Risk Management Consultation Action Plan 2007/2008
 - (iii) Adoption of Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement
- (b) Vale of White Horse DC – Vale Design Awards 2006
 - (c) ORCC:
 - (i) News, Winter 2006
 - (ii) ORCC/OALC – County Council review of Primary Schools
 - (d) Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust – Developments in Community Health Services
 - (e) SPISE News 48, Winter 2006
 - (f) Radley Population Statistics – Sources 1981, 1991 and 2001 Censuses: notes. The reduction in population related to the 1987 boundary change.
 - (g) Glasdon Newsletter

173/06 CONSERVATION MATTERS

- (a) FOOTPATH 10: This had been reported to the OCC, but it was not known if the path had been reinstated.
- (b) TREE PLANTING – COPSE BY THE CAR PARK, CHURCH ROAD: It was reported that the tree planting had taken place on the 29 November 2006.
- (c) BULB PLANTING, VILLAGE GREEN: The Parish Council **AGREED** to Mrs Jo McDougall planting bulbs on the village green.
- (d) DROVERS ROAD: Cr Wilson reported that he was asking the History Club if a small working party could be set up to look into footpaths which were in disuse.

174/06 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) JUNCTION AT WHITES LANE/FOXBOROUGH ROAD: It was reported that the trees had been trimmed back at this junction.
- (b) SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL PERSON: The Clerk reported that the Head Teacher was chasing the OCC for a reply.
- (c) TRAFFIC PROBLEMS – LOWER RADLEY: It was noted that the traffic survey material had not been installed, and the Clerk was asked to ascertain when this would be carried out.
- (d) SUGWORTH LANE: The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint about the notices. The Parish Council **AGREED** that these were making drivers aware of their speed, and should be retained.

- (e) CATHARINE CLOSE: The repair work to the road surface and manhole cover had not been undertaken, and the Clerk was asked to follow this up.
- (f) WOODLANDS – FOOTWAY: Cr Johnston reported that Kennington Parish Council was concerned about the state of the footway which needed the edging cleared to improve the width. The Parish Council **AGREED** to support the need for this work.

175/06 PARISH WEBSITE

It was reported that there was problems with the forum, and this was being followed up with Darren Sandbach.

176/06 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The following report had been received from Cr Johnston

- (a) District Council Report: There was likely to be a modest increase in Council Tax, probably £5 a year for Band D properties, which was the 8th or 9th lowest in the country. There was unlikely to be any cuts in services. The key problem related to free bus passes which, although they had been a great success, had proved much more expensive than anticipated. Discussions were taking place in relation to the cost and the possibility of obtaining return tickets. The DC has now put the disposal of the Old Gaol on the open market, and this was likely to be a commercial redevelopment with some caveats attached, such as access to the river front.
- (b) County Council Report: There were three areas of great importance to Radley where the OCC looked like having severe problems if its preferred level of Council Tax, 4.5%, were adopted:
 - 1. Children’s Services
 - 2. Discretionary school transport was going to be axed.
 - 3. Services for the elderly – home helps.

177/06 NOTIFIED BUSINESS

NIL

Date:
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Chairman

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE, 21 DECEMBER 2006

The Chairman formally moved that the Parish Council moved into confidential session and that the public and press be excluded for this item to avoid the release of exempt information.

178/06 RWE_nPOWER – FILLING OF GRAVEL PITS

Councillor Johnston updated the Parish Council on this planning application.

Date:
Chairman