

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE RADLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 25
JANUARY 2007 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cr B Mott (in the Chair)
Crs Crowley, Henderson, Johnston (for part), Rogers, D Standen, J
Standen, Wilson, Wyatt
PC Sean Delaney and Sgt Darren Price, Thames Valley Police, for Item
5/07

1/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cr Nutt.

2/07 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.

**3/07 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 21
DECEMBER 2006**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 21 December 2006 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman, with the following amendment:

Minute 171/06 - heading should read: PATH FROM CAR PARK TO SCHOOL

4/07 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:** It was noted that no action would be taken by the OCC until after the period of public deposit, which was 16 February 2007.
- (c) **CAR PARK:** It was noted that the DC was following up the reports of the recycling lorries parking in the Church Road car park.

- (d) **SECOND NOTICE BOARD:** The Village Hall Management Committee had agreed that the notice board should be put in the vicinity of the shop.
- (e) **COMPLAINTS ABOUT 35 BUS SERVICE:** Cr Standen reported that he had not heard anything from Kennington Parish Council about the meeting.
- (f) **OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY - JET SITE END STATE PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOCUS GROUP:** Cr Henderson reported that he had attended this meeting. A public exhibition would be held at the European School starting 17 February 2007.
- (g) **BERINSFIELD COMMUNITY BUSINESS – PARISH GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2007:** A meeting would be arranged to review the work being undertaken.

5/07 POLICE MATTERS

PC Sean Delaney, the new Area Beat Officer, attended with Sgt Darren Price to introduce himself to the Parish Council. The roles of the Beat Officers and the PCSOs were discussed. It was hoped that a second PCSO would be allocated to the area. The best way to approach the police was discussed, and the team's email address was given to the Clerk. It was noted that Crs Nutt and Wren had Sgt Price's mobile telephone number.

The following problems were drawn to the attention of the police:

- (a) Motorcycles using the field behind Stonhouse Crescent
- (b) Motorcycles using the Sustran cycle way from Footpath 9. Cr Crowley **AGREED** to send some photographs to PC Delaney.
- (c) Street Parking in Gooseacre when the Radley Youth FC was meeting. This would be raised again with the Club.

The priorities determined by the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) were discussed. It was noted that NAG were asking Parish Councils to take it in turn to fund the meeting room, and the Clerk was asked to request a formal approach to the Parish Council so that this could be considered.

6/07 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) New Applications

- (a) **RAD/2788/8 – Proposed extension to main house for staff accommodation, The Old Boathouse, 97 Lower Radley:** The Clerk reported that the DC had raised with the applicant the size of the development. The Parish Council objected to this on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site, especially as the development on the site had been doubled in the last decade.

- (b) RAD/19245/1 – Erection of a conservatory, Conchiglia, Thrupp Lane: No objections
- (c) RAD/19898 – Demolition of existing attached garage, workshop and boiler room and conservatory. Erection of a two storey extension, conservatory and detached double garage, Park Farm: No objections
- (ii) Permission Given**
 - (a) RAD/12712/5 – Erection of a wind turbine in garden, Thrupp Cottage, Barton Lane
- (iii) Misc:**
 - (a) RWEnPOWER – filling of gravel pits: The following matters were raised during the update on this planning application:
 1. Planning permission had been given, although there were thirty-six conditions attached to the approval. RWEnPower had been advised that they should consider the implications of the village green application as it was possible that if the development had started and subsequently the land gained village green status the land would have to be reinstated.
 2. Sandles House had been occupied unlawfully, and RWEnPower had obtained an eviction order to remove the people. The Clerk asked that Councillors considered their actions carefully in view of the unlawful nature of this occupation.
 3. There was to be a meeting on the 9 February 2007 to discuss the application to register the land as a Village/Town Green.
 4. Otters had been reported by the occupiers of Sandles and this had been drawn to the attention of the OCC.
 5. Cr Crowley tabled a paper which set out the position in relation to the Aberthaw PFA tip.

7/07 FUTURE OF VILLAGE SHOP

Cr Wyatt reported that things continued to move forward, and the Village Shop Management Committee was looking at the plans for fitting out the shop.

The Parish Council thanked the Village Shop Management Committee for their hard work.

8/07 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS:

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

- (i) HM Revenue & Customs PAYE (Post Office Ltd): £346.17
This had been paid in between meetings, and this action was endorsed.
- (ii) Copycat Services – Photocopying: £269.75
£246.56 (Duplicate Cheque)
The Clerk reported that a duplicate cheque was required for £246.56 as she had mislaid the original one. Cr Mott proposed that a duplicate cheque be paid. This was seconded by Cr Johnston and **AGREED**.
£23.19
- (iii) British Gas – Sports Pavilion: £282.20
- (iv) Miss S E Raven: £456.06
Salary, January 2007: £379.06
Village Cleaner, February 2007: £77.00
- (v) Mrs K Sharp, Cleaner/Caretaker, Sports Pavilion –: £139.33
Salary January 2007
- (vi) MRH Services – Inspection of Play Area: £30.00

(b) PATH FROM CAR PARK TO SCHOOL: The following quotations were considered:

- 1. Peter L Mansbridge & Son Ltd: £2,495.70 plus VAT
- 2. G Hill & Sons Ltd: £3,996.00 plus VAT
- 3. Hazell & Jefferies Ltd: £4,400.00 plus VAT

It was noted that the quotation from Peter L Mansbridge was lower because they had quoted for a narrower path, and the Clerk was asked to obtain an amended quotation. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should agree the final contractor after the amended quotation had been received.

(c) CCTV Provision – Sports Pavilion: It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee were not in a position to contribute towards the cost of the CCTV system, but were happy for the monitoring system to be based in the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to obtain updated quotations so that these could be considered by the Parish Council.

(d) DONATIONS 2006/2007: It was proposed by Cr Rogers, seconded by Cr J Standen and **AGREED** that the following donations should be made:

(i)	Radley News:	£40.00
(ii)	Abingdon and District CAB:	£200.00
(iii)	Oxfordshire Association for the Blind:	£60.00
(iv)	South and Vale Carers Centre:	£200.00
(v)	Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust:	£100.00
(vi)	Oxfordshire Carers' Forum:	£40.00

The application from Gone Sailing, the Farmoor Reservoir Pontoon Project, would be considered at a future meeting as it was noted that the organiser had asked to speak to the Parish Council about the project.

No grant would be given to Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire, but they should be encouraged to apply for a grant next year.

The payment of £200.00 for the report on the Village Pond would be funded from the Village Pond budget.

- (e) **SPORTS PAVILION/PLAY AREA:** The Parish Council considered the following:
1. **DRAINAGE COVERS AT SPORTS PAVILION:** It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr D Standen and **AGREED** that the estimate from MRH Services should be accepted.
 2. **FENCING – ALONG ROAD SIDE AT GOOSEACRE/PLAY AREA:** Quotations were discussed for repair work and for replacing the fencing with bow top fencing. The Parish Council accepted that the fencing was in a very poor state and **AGREED** that the fencing should be replaced not repaired. The Clerk was asked to get a further two quotations for consideration by the Parish Council.

9/07 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) FOR ACTION

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council:
- (i) Consultation on the Future of Primary School Provision in Oxfordshire: The Parish Council considered that full support should be given to maintaining the high standards of the local primary school.
 - (ii) Radley Village Website: It was noted that the OCC Solicitor was unhappy about some of the wording in relation to the OCC's links with RWEnPower. It was noted that the wording of the entry had been amended.

- (iii) Invitation to attend OCC's Community Safety Scrutiny Committee, 5 February 2007: The Parish Council would not be represented.
- (b) Oxford Green Belt Network – request for written support in relation to maintaining the Green Belt: The Parish Council **AGREED** to write in support of maintaining the Green Belt.
- (c) Isle of Wight Council – Power to the Parishes: The Parish Council did not wish the Isle of White Council to attend to discuss this matter.
- (d) Play Area – report from MRH Services: It was noted that some urgent work was required, and the Clerk was in touch with Playdale about this.
- (e) Request to start Radley Men's Football Club: The Parish Council repeated its previous decision that there was insufficient capacity to allow use by another club.
- (f) Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group: The Parish Council did not feel it was necessary to join this group.
- (g) Working with your Council – Updates: To be purchased.
- (ii) **FOR INFORMATION:**
 - (a) Oxfordshire County Council:
 - (i) Possible bid to reorganise Oxfordshire's Councils
 - (ii) Home2School Newsletter: Spring 2007
 - (iii) Our choice, Their Future – the big Oxfordshire School Travel Survey 2006
 - (iv) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Annual 'Legal Event' Modification Order: FP7 (Part) – Radley College
 - (b) Clerks and Councils Direct, January 2007
 - (c) Local Council Review, January 2007
 - (d) The Playing Field – Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association Newsletter, Winter 2006/2007
 - (e) ASHTAV News, No 3 2006
 - (f) White Horse Harriers Athletics Club Half-Marathon, 1 April 2007, Grove
 - (g) Open Spaces Society - Literature

10/07 CONSERVATION MATTERS

- (a) FOOTPATH 10: The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether there was any feedback from the OCC on the reinstatement of this path. It was appreciated that it was very difficult to reinstate when ploughing was undertaken in the autumn.
- (b) DROVERS ROAD: Cr Wilson reported that he was researching this.

11/07 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) JUNCTION AT WHITES LANE/FOXBOROUGH ROAD: It was reported that the OCC would be willing to contribute to the cost of trimming back the vegetation, and Mr Bill Homewood had been advised to liaise with the OCC about reimbursement for undertaking the work.
- (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 date for the speed survey had not yet been agreed. The repainting of the road markings at Lower Radley Circle junction had been ordered and should be carried out during February.
- (d) CATHARINE CLOSE: The Clerk reported that she continued to raise concerns about the sunken manhole cover. Councillors were extremely concerned that no work had been taken to remedy this hazard.
- (f) WOODLANDS – FOOTWAY: Cr Johnston reported that work to clear the footway up to the bottom of Sugworth Lane/Bigwood Park would be undertaken after the winter work had been completed.
- (g) THRUPP LANE – LEAF LITTER: To be drawn to the attention of Oxfordshire Highways.
- (h) POTHoles – FOXBOROUGH ROAD: To be drawn to the attention of Oxfordshire Highways.

12/07 PARISH WEBSITE

There was delay in dealing with the problems of the forum due to ill health of the technician.

13/07 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cr Johnston reported that the OCC Council Tax would be 4%, although there were concerns about a number of aspects of the budget.

In relation to the DC, it has been agreed that the Old Gaol should be disposed of; the DC Council Tax would be increased by £5.00 on a Band D property, which was the eighth lowest in England and Wales; and the bus pass system continued to be very successful.

14/07 MEETING DATES 2007/2008

Councillors noted the dates for 2007/2008. The Clerk indicated that she would also be booking the fourth Thursday in May, but an earlier meeting would be necessary to allow Councillors to sign their Declarations of Appointment and to appoint the Chairman.

15/07 NOTIFIED BUSINESS

- (a) MR TIM O'CONNOR: It was reported that Mr O'Connor had died recently, and Social Services had asked if someone from Radley could speak about him at his funeral on Monday, 29 January 2007. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Cr Derek Nutt and Mr David Buckle.

Date:
Chairman