

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2006
AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cr B Mott (in the Chair)
Crs Crowley, Henderson, Johnston (for part), D Nutt, D Standen, J
Standen, Wilson

81/06 DEATH OF MR BARRY CARPENTER

Cr D Standen reported the death of Mr Barry Carpenter, who had been a Parish Councillor from May 1991 for four years. The Parish Councillors expressed sympathy. The current address of relations was not known.

82/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Crs Rogers and Wyatt.

83/06 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 Radley Lakes.

There were no other Declarations of Interest.

**84/06 MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 25 MAY
2006**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 25 May 2006 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments:

Minute 69/06 should read: "...in which Radley came out 7th for the Vale,"

Minute 71/06 (a) (iii): The Clerk was asked to check the invoice with Mr Herring as there was a discrepancy between the two bills and the total paid.

Minute 72/06 (i)(a) 3 should read: "The Clerk was asked to write to the Secretary of State ..."

85/06 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- (a) **VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** It was not yet known whether it would be possible for the Parish Council to have two representatives.

- (b) SPORTS PAVILION/GOOSEACRE: The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda of the next meeting if the work had not been undertaken by then.
- (c) VILLAGE SEAT – PEBBLE HILL: It was reported that the litter bin would be moved shortly. It was noted that there were concerns about the height of the seat, and the possibility of a paving stone should be investigated.
- (d) PROVISION OF DOG BINS: The Chairman reported that he had spoken to a representative at the DC and indicated that the dog bin was not in the best position. No further information had been received, and the Clerk was asked to write indicating that, as the Parish Council has not been consulted about the specific position in writing, the DC should move the bin with no charge to the Parish Council.
- (e) DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT – GREATER WESTERN FRANCHISE - DRAFT TIMETABLE: No reply had been received from the OCC on the concerns which had been expressed about the Sunday services.
- (f) OXFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – GARDEN BOUNDARY HIGH HEDGES: No further information had been received from the OALC. It was noted that the Department to approach was the Department of Communities and Local Government.
- (g) VILLAGE POND: A date for the meeting with Mr Rod D’Ayala had yet to be arranged.
- (h) CCTV SECURITY SYSTEM: This was being followed up.
- (i) GOOSEACRE RECREATIONAL FIELD: No further information had been received from the Bursar.
- (j) LAND REGISTRY – VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION: The Clerk was obtaining the necessary forms.
- (k) RESURFACING OF CAR PARK, CHURCH ROAD: The Clerk had confirmed that the work on the car park would commence on 26 June 2006.
- (l) PLAY AREA: The broken slab and the cracks in the safety surface were being followed up.
- (m) ALLOTMENTS: Cr Henderson reported that one of the allotment holders was concerned about the letter received from the Parish Council. Crs Mott and Standen **AGREED** to visit the allotments and report back at the next meeting.
- (n) KENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – VILLAGE/PARISH ACTION PLAN: A reply had not been received from Kennington Parish Council regarding the Parish Council’s involvement.

86/06 POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that there had been a complaint about the noise from the Village Hall at 9 pm one evening. Sgt Price had attended, but did not think the noise was out of order.

The Clerk was following up the meeting date for the special meeting on the Neighbourhood Policing Programme.

87/06 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) New Applications

- (a) RAD/237/101 and RAD/237/102-LB – Erection of two boarding accommodation blocks incorporating alterations including extensions to Listed Buildings 6 and 7 Chestnut Avenue being Socials 9 and 10, Radley College: The Parish Council objected to this on the grounds that it was overdevelopment of the site and an unacceptable intrusion into the Green Belt.
- (b) RAD/2403/3 – Addition of a conservatory to rear of property, 4 Catharine Close: No objections, subject to neighbours' comments.

(ii) Permission Given:

- (a) RAD/281/4-LB – Restoration of inglenook fireplace to original state, The Thatched Cottage, 46-48 Lower Radley.
- (b) RAD/14959/6 and RAD/14959/7-LB – Amendments to previous application RAD/14959/4 including removal of staircase, new conservation roof light above the kitchen and one window to extended kitchen, Bakers Close, 104 Lower Radley.

(iii) Permission Refused:

- (a) RAD/11540/4/4 – Raising the roof by 1.2 metres to form new first floor, The Old Forge, Lower Radley.

(iv) Misc:

- (a) RWEnPOWER – filling of gravel pits: The Clerk was asked to obtain confirmation that Cr J Standen would be speaking at the meeting on the 10 July 2006. Cr Johnston had asked to speak as the local councillor.

It was noted that the officers were recommending that the application should be given permission. There were three options – to approve the application; to reject the application; to ask the Secretary of State to call it in and determine it.

If the Secretary of State called it in, the Secretary of State had much wider powers than the OCC.

88/06 FUTURE OF VILLAGE SHOP

It was noted that the Steering Group had met officially for the first time on Tuesday 21 June 2006. Various options were discussed, and it was agreed to visit the shop site and to visit a community shop at Finstock which was of a similar size to the Radley shop. The visit to the Radley shop took place yesterday, and members of the Steering Group were pleasantly surprised. It was completely unfinished, so it was very much a blank canvas, ready for painting and fitting-out. It was larger than expected – about one-third larger than the old shop, light and bright, and it had four windows which would be good for lightness. There were some good areas which could be utilised for storage.

The Steering Group were also considering the cost and viability of other options for the village such as a temporary building or a mobile shop.

The visit to the shop in Finstock would take place on Sunday, 25 June, and the next meeting of the Steering Group was in July, to allow time for research.

The Steering Group indicated that it would be grateful if any avenues which were currently being followed regarding approaching private shop owners/supermarkets wanting a small outlet, etc could still be actively pursued, while the Steering Group considers the viability and funding of setting up a community shop.

The letter from the Parish Council to Mr Graham Steinsberg confirming the action agreed at the Public Meeting held on the 15 June 2006 was noted.

89/06 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) RADLEY GUIDEES – REQUEST FOR GRANT

It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Crowley and **AGREED** that the Parish Council should give a grant of £100 to assist Nicola North on her trip to Finland to represent Oxfordshire Guides, and as a thank you for all the help the guiders give in delivering notices for the Parish Council.

(b) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

(i)	Miss S E Raven:	£781.89
	1. Salary, May 2006:	£379.28
	2. Payment to Village Cleaner, July 2006:	£96.25

3.	Paint for inside of Sports Pavilion:	£105.42	
4.	Replacement Lighting Tube:	£4.95	
5.	Village Cleaner – Plastic Bags:	£4.80	
6.	Expenses:		
	Expenses:	£25.00	
	Telephone:	£21.74	
	Mileage:	£102.15	
	Postage:	£42.30	
(ii)	Mrs K Sharp, Cleaner/Caretaker:		£139.33
(iii)	Southern Electric – Sports Pavilion:		£51.30
(iv)	Copycat Services – Photocopying:		£35.88
(v)	Radley PCC – Hire of Hall:		£56.00
(vi)	Protax – PAYE Services:		£94.00
(vii)	Radley Youth Football Club – Reimbursement for plumber’s time:		£75.00
(viii)	Radley Guides – Grant:		£100.00

90/06 RECOGNITION OF YOUTH LEADERS IN THE PARISH

Deferred until the next meeting

91/06 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) ACTION REQUIRED:

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council – Meetings with Towns and Parish Councils – 27 July 2006, 7.30 – 9.00 pm, Guildhall, Abingdon: This was the date of the July meeting of the Parish Council.
- (b) Oxfordshire Association of Local Council: latest edition of Local Council Administration: The Parish Council **AGREED** that this book should be purchased, at a cost of £30 less 20%
- (c) NALC – New Mileage Rates: noted
- (d) Radley PCC – Request for grant: To be considered by the Finance and Administration Committee in October/November with other grants received.
- (e) Request for seat by bus stop at Woodland Park: The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the bus stop was in Radley Parish.
- (f) History of Pebble Hill: **IT WAS AGREED** that the request should be passed to John Homewood.

(ii) FOR INFORMATION:

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council:
 - (i) News, June 2006
 - (ii) No Time to Waste – Waste Strategy Public Engagement
 - (iii) Oxfordshire Fire Authority’s Integrated Risk management Action Plan 2006-2007: Securing a Safer Community
 - (iv) May Drought Report

 - (v) Support for projects to improve access to the countryside.

 - (vi) Admission to school in September 2007
 - (vii) Scrutiny Annual Report 2005/2006
 - (viii) Home2School Newsletter: Summer 2006
 - (ix) Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 – Information Strategy
 - (x) CAG Oxfordshire, June 2006

 - (xi) Changes to bus services in the Oxford and Abingdon areas
- (b) Vale of White Horse DC:
 - (i) Design Award Scheme 2006
 - (ii) Annual Meeting of Council, 17 May 2006 Press Release.
- (c) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – Annual General Meeting, 27 June 2006
- (d) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – Road Shows 2006
- (e) Abingdon & District CAB – Annual General Meeting, 29 June 2006
- (f) Oxford Inspires – Planning of festivals and special events in 2007 to celebrate the 1000th birthday of the County. Special Events Forum Abingdon, Tuesday, 4 July 2006
- (g) South East and South West Oxfordshire PCT, Public Board Meeting, 22 June 2006, 9 am
- (h) South East and South West Oxfordshire Primary Care Trusts: May Board has been postponed until 22 June 2006
- (i) PJT Pumping Service – Details
- (j) SLCC – Regional Conference at Bradfield College, Reading, 1 June 2006
- (k) Motocross, 16 July 2006. It was noted that the organisers were continually monitoring noise from events, and hoped that Radley residents had noticed a reduction in the noise level.

92/06 CONSERVATION MATTERS

- (a) **FOOTPATH 9:** The comments of the field officer were noted. The Parish Council did not agree that there was no justification for a TRO and with the statement that the footpath was not in the same category as the Ridgeway. Motorcyclists raced up the track, and people were very unlikely to make complaints about near misses. The Clerk was asked to go back to the field officer and ask for him to reconsider the position.

More tipping had taken place, and the Clerk was asked to draw this to the attention of the DC.

- (b) **GARDEN COMPETITION:** It was reported that the Clerk had ten judges and was hopeful of finding two more people, and the paperwork had been seen by members of the Garden Competition Advisory Group and was satisfactory – the date of the event was the only change. Cr J Standen circulated the menu, which was regarded as very satisfactory. Tea would be provided at Church Room, and if Councillors wished to provide cakes this would be very helpful.
- (c) **LIME TREES – WHITES LANE:** Cr Wilson had spoken to Mr Paddy Dockar-Drysdale and would be following up.
- (d) **PLANTING OF TREES, GOOSEACRE:** The trees had been planted by Radley College, and Cr Wilson had undertaken to water them. He asked if arrangements could be made for him to have access to water from the Village Hall.

93/06 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) **ROAD/FOOTWAY REPAIRS:** It was noted that some of the repair work had been undertaken, and more areas had been marked for repair.
- (b) **CONDITION OF THRUPP LANE:** It was reported that there was now a notice indicating that this was a single track road, and repeater signs had been installed.
- (c) **JUNCTION AT WHITES LANE/FOXBOROUGH ROAD:** The possibility of a meeting with the Oxfordshire Highways and the Bursar and farmer to discuss the hedge at this junction was being pursued.
- (d) **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, SANDFORD LANE:** No reply had been received.
- (e) **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, CHURCH ROAD:** The Clerk had been in touch with the school, but had not yet had a reply.
- (h) **TRAFFIC PROBLEMS – LOWER RADLEY:** A meeting with a representative of Oxfordshire Highways to discuss possible safety measures was being pursued.

- (i) SUGWORTH LANE: There had been a complaint from one of the residents about the speed of traffic along Sugworth Lane. It was agreed that the OCC should be asked to put up the Safety signs, and that it would be helpful if the speed machine could be put there occasionally.
- (j) FLY TIPPING, LODGE HILL: Cr Nutt reported that there had been two lots of fly tipping by the garage at Lodge Hill. This had been reported to the DC and action had been taken immediately to remove it.

94/06 NOTICE BOARD

To be discussed at the next meeting.

95/06 PARISH WEBSITE

The Working Party did not feel that the village was really using the Website, but the stand at the Village Fete might help. The Radley Forum was overwhelmed by nuisance material.

96/06 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cr Johnston reported:

- (a) Vale of White Horse: He was now responsible for Licensing. The shared services agenda was making great progress, and the new contract would start on the 1 July 2006.
- (b) Oxfordshire County Council: Sugworth Lane had been of great concern over many years as it was being used as a rat run by heavy vehicles. It was being closely monitored by the Trading Standards in conjunction with the police.

97/06 NOTIFIED BUSINESS

NIL

Date:
Chairman