

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2004 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cr D Standen (in the Chair)
Crs Crowley, Henderson, Nutt, J Standen, Wren, Wyatt
PC Jeff Wheble attended for item 147/04

143/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Crs Gilbert, Johnston, Mott and Wilson.

144/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

145/04 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, 26 AUGUST 2004

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26 August 2004 were **APPROVED** with the following amendments:

- (a) Minute 128/04 should read: "Cr Crowley"
- (b) Minute 132/04 (ii) (a) should read: "New dormer ..."

146/04 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- (a) **TRIANGLE OF LAND – BY GARAGES IN STONHOUSE CRESCENT:** Dumping was still a problem, but Parish Council hoped that the DC would tidy up the area.
- (b) **SEWAGE – FOXBOROUGH ROAD:** The Clerk was asked to ascertain the latest position from Cr Johnston. The letter from Mr Dumas was noted.
- (c) **SITING OF LOWER RADLEY LAMP 11:** It was noted that Dr McDougall and the OCC Street Lighting Officer had agreed that the street light should be sited by the farm gate, which was almost opposite its present site.
- (d) **VANDALISM TO SPORTS PAVILION – COST OF REPAIRS:** The Clerk reported that the work should commence at the beginning of October. It was not known if the Insurance Company would meet the cost. A letter had been received from the Insurance Company asking what steps the Parish Council were taking to avoid further vandalism. The Councillors noted that the way the repairs were being undertaken would make the building less subject to damage, but the Clerk was asked to obtain costs for CCTV systems.
- (e) **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – MEETING ON FUTURE WASTE DISPOSAL IN OXFORDSHIRE, 22 SEPTEMBER 2004:** Cr Henderson reported that he had attended this meeting and it was useful to hear the options being put forward. The OCC would decide what to do although the consultant was pushing for energy from waste plants.
- (f) **TRANSPORT MITIGATION MEASURES FOR VILLAGES SURROUNDING ABINGDON:** The Clerk had obtained some dates from Halcrow so that a site meeting could be arranged with Crs Crowley and Mott.
- (g) **BUS SERVICE – REFUSAL TO TAKE CERTAIN CUSTOMERS:** Cr Nutt reported that he had discussed this with the bus company. The driver had been moved to another area, and no more problems had been experienced.

147/04 POLICE MATTERS

PC Wheble outlined the crimes which had taken place in the Parish from which it could be seen that there was an upsurge in reported crimes. There were three burglaries – two on the Curtis Site and one at Radley College but these were not private houses; criminal damage, Field House; and theft from motor vehicles at Sugworth Lane and Thrupp Lane. There had also been a street robbery on the Lower Farm site, and enquiries were ongoing. An incident had occurred at the Village Hall, when action had been taken by the police.

It was reported that a person known to the police was calling at houses indicating that he was collecting money for a charity. **IT WAS AGREED** that a notice should be put in Radley News advising people to be cautious and to dial 999 should the person call on them.

The security at the sports pavilion was discussed, and PC Wheble indicated that a CCTV system was recommended by the police. The Clerk was asked to contact Pat Leafe, the Crime Prevention Officer, for further advice, and to give PC Wheble contact details on a number of Parish Councillors who would be able to give details of various incidents.

There were concerns about the lack of police attendance when incidents were reported. It was noted that the call centre was in Windsor, and if the police were told that the offenders were leaving the site the incident would be down graded and not given the same degree of urgency.

It was reported that there was a continuing nuisance from motorcyclists on the field behind Stonhouse Crescent, although residents had not been in touch with the police. PC Wheble was asked to discuss this problem with Mr Nick Frearson to see what could be done to stop this nuisance.

PC Wheble indicated that he would be back as the dedicated Beat Officer in November.

PC Jeff Wheble was thanked for attending the meeting.

148/04 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) New Applications

(a) RAD/9616/2 – Erection of a rear extension, Lower Farm Cottage, 90 Lower Radley: no objections

(b) RAD/15714/5

RAD/15714/6–LB

Link house to rear annex via single storey extension with new lounge and fourth bedroom. Erection of new garage (amended application), Spinneys, 51 Lower Radley: Parish Council objected on the grounds that it was overdevelopment of site and out of character with the area.

(c) RAD/18800 – Proposed two storey rear extension, 13 Selwyn Crescent: No objections

(d) RAD/18671/1 – Two storey rear extension. New dormer to front and demolition of garage, 30 Sugworth Lane: The Clerk indicated that the planning application had been seen by Cr Johnston and the comments, no objections subject to neighbours' comments, had been made.

(e) Radley Ash Disposal Scheme – Lakes J (East) and P, Details Pursuant to condition 17 (aftercare scheme) of Planning Permission RAD/5948/22-CM: Cr Johnston had confirmed that this was a good scheme, and the OCC had been informed that the Parish Council had no objections to the application.

(ii) Permission Given

(a) RAD/7512/1 – Rear extension to lounge with bedroom over, front porch extension. Demolition of outbuilding, 28 Sugworth Lane.

149/04 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

(i) Mr R Symes – Internal Audit:	£140.00
(ii) Copycat Services – Photocopying:	£18.45
(iii) Falcon Signs – Sign for Play Area:	£542.85
(iv) Southern Electric – Sports Pavilion:	£40.58
(v) Flygt Pump – Sports Pavilion:	£658.00
(vi) Miss S E Raven – Payment to Village Cleaner:	£55.00

(b) PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

It was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Henderson and **AGREED** that the accounts for the year 2003/2004 should be accepted and submitted to the External Auditor.

150/04 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) ACTION REQUIRED:

(a) Vale of White Horse DC:

(i) White Horse News, September 2004: noted

(ii) Crime and Disorder Reduction Audit Consultation, 4 November 2004, 10.30 am, Guildhall, Abingdon: Cr J Standen **AGREED** to attend.

(iii) Radley Conservation Area: The Clerk had followed this up again with the DC, but had been informed that there were no plans to undertake this work. The matter would be raised with Cr Johnston.

(b) Oxfordshire County Council:

(i) Bus Shelter Procurement in Oxfordshire – Parish Council's policy on provision of advertising shelters: The Parish Council **AGREED** that advertising on bus shelters was out of place in a village situation.

(c) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Consultation on:

(i) A Draft Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees, and

(ii) A Review of Restrictions on the Political Activities of Local Authority Employees and Pay of Political Assistants

Cr Wyatt **AGREED** to look through the documents, and report back at next meeting.

(d) South West Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust, Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, 28 September 2004, 6 – 8.00 pm, Wantage Civic Hall: Cr Wren **AGREED** to attend.

(e) Thames Valley NHS Primary Care Agency – Two applications for a Pharmacy Contract in Berinsfield: no comment as could not see relevance to Radley.

(f) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association, Annual General Meeting, Thursday, 4 November 2004, at 7.30 pm, Tackley Village Hall: It was noted that the Clerk had been asked to speak on replacing the children's play area in Radley

(g) Thames Waterway Plan Consultation, 21 September 2004: Crs Standen and J Standen reported that they had attended this meeting, and copies of the documents would be circulated to Councillors in case they wished to add any items for further discussion.

(h) Radley College Boys – Community Work: It was noted that eight boys from Radley College would be undertaking community work from 2.30 pm for two hours, and Mr Paul Gamble would welcome information on people who needed help with gardening, etc. This would be put in Radley News.

(i) South and Vale Carers Centre – Application for donation: To be considered by the Finance and Administration Committee.

(j) Compensation re Lease for Thrupp Lane Field: The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from Herbert Mallam Gower indicating that, as the Parish Council had decided not to pursue negotiations in relation to the extension of the lease on the basis that the Parish Council did not want to subsidise clubs which were not based in the village, not as a result of the mistake made by Herbert and Gowers from a legal point of view no compensation was due. The Clerk was asked to clarify when the decision was made by the Parish Council.

The letter also stated that there was no obligation to make any payment to the Parish Council as no one at the firm had been involved in the original discussions. Councillors disagreed with this statement and considered there was an obligation by the firm.

(k) Thames Path National Trail Companion 2005: The Clerk would complete the information requested.

(ii) CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE:

Vale of White Horse DC:

Council News

Provision of Electoral Register

(b) Oxfordshire County Council:

(i) News September 2004

(ii) Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan 2001-2006

(iii) Home 2 School Newsletter – Autumn 2004

(iv) The News Magazine, Autumn 2004

(v) CAG Project Oxfordshire, August 2004

(vi) Your guide to road safety in Oxfordshire 2004

(c) Clerks and Councils Direct, September 2004

(d) Local Council Review, September 2004

(e) South-East Oxfordshire NHS and South West Oxfordshire NHS PCTs – Public Board Meeting, 23 September 2004, 9.30 – 1 pm, Wantage Civic Hall

(f) Abingdon Marathon, 17 October 2004: noted

(g) Village Fete, 24 June 2005: It was noted that the Gooseacre Recreational Field had been booked for the Village Fete.

(h) Planning Aid South – Leaflet on work

(i) SLCC – South East Regional Conference for Clerks and Councillors, Winchester, Tuesday, 9 November 2004.

(j) Berinsfield Community Business – Grass Cutting

151/04 CONSERVATION MATTERS

(a) FOOTPATH 9 - THRUPP LANE: No reply had been received regarding the change of definition for this Byway.

152/04 HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) FOOTPATH BY CEMETERY: It was noted that the Bursar had asked for clarification, and the Clerk was pursuing this.

VILLAGE SEATS – SITES: A third site had not been earmarked for Radley Village, but the Parish Council **AGREED** that a seat could be sited by the bus stop at Pebble Hill, opposite the bus shelter. The Clerk would clear this with the OCC.

PAVEMENT – SUGWORTH LANE: A resident of Bigwood Park had fallen and hurt herself along the section of pavement between 137 and 151 Sugworth Lane, and the pavement needed to be re-laid as soon as possible. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with the OCC Highways Department. A letter from Mr Charlett was noted, and the Clerk was asked to reply indicating that the Parish Council was pressing for repairs and that the situation would be helped if vehicles did not park on the pavement.

(d) POWER LINE POST – LOWER RADLEY: It was reported that one of the power line posts was leaning, and that the Clerk had followed this up.

(e) HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS: Cr Johnston had indicated that the Parish Council should make written representations on any highway matters which needed attention in the near and medium future, i.e. up to the end of the next financial year. He would be drawing attention to Sugworth lane, the pavements in Stonhouse Crescent, Foxborough Road, with a view to slightly widening them), and the bottom of Church Road. The Clerk was also asked to write about these areas.

154/04 OXFORDSHIRE STRUCTURE PLAN

Councillors had hoped to discuss this with Cr Johnston to understand the procedures being undertaken. The matter was therefore deferred.

153/04 UPDATE ON PROJECTS

(a) PLAY AREA: The Clerk was asked to fit a date for the opening with TOE and WREN, and invite the school to send a class of children to the occasion.

154/04 PARISH WEBSITE

It was noted that Mrs Huddleston would be promoting the website at the Christmas Bazaar. Councillors noted that photographs were still required.

155/04 PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES – VACANCIES

Matter deferred to the next meeting

156/04 RWEnpower LIAISON COMMITTEE, 19 OCTOBER 2004

There were no particular matters for discussion.

157/04 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cr Johnston had indicated to the Clerk that the most significant item in relation to the District would be the new Licensing Act. As of the 1 February 2005 the DC would in effect be the sole licensing authority for the area. This would have implications for the pub and the village hall. Specialist staff were being recruited to carry out this duty, but there was still no information from HM Government on the recommended scales of charges. In theory, the costs were intended to be cost neutral, i.e. the charges would pay for the costs of operating the legislation, so there should be no burden on the council tax.

158/04 NOTIFIED BUSINESS

NIL

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE, 26 AUGUST 2004

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.

141/04 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE, 26 AUGUST 2004