

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 25  
SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr J Standen (in the Chair)  
Crs Crowley, Dutton, Henderson, Johnston, Nutt, Pasquire, D Standen,  
Yorston

Councillor Joan Dutton was welcomed to her first meeting as Parish Councillor. The Clerk confirmed that the necessary Declaration of Office had been signed.

**158/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Crs Davies and Rogers.

**159/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Crs Crowley and Pasquire declared a personal and prejudicial interest in activities, finances and the legal position of Save Radley Lakes. Cr Nutt declared an interest in the Accounts for Payment item as one of the payments was to him.

**160/08 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 28  
AUGUST 2008**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 28 August 2008 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment:

Page 212, last sentence should read: "... left the meeting ..."

**161/08 CLERK'S REPORT ON BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

- (a) **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL PERSON:** A School Crossing Patrol Person had not been found. The school were continuing to advertise the position, which could be a job share.
- (b) **LAND REGISTRY:** No further information was available to date.
- (c) **COPSE – CHURCH ROAD:** No further information was available to date.
- (d) **AWARDS TO LOCAL PEOPLE:** This would be held in the spring.
- (e) **LEADBITTER HOARDINGS – RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN STONHOUSE**

CRESCENT: This was being pursued.

- (g) PLAY AREA: The repair of the deterioration was being followed up.
- (h) NETWORK RAIL: Nothing further had been heard from Network Rail regarding the condition of the “sounding” bridge.

#### **162/08 POLICE MATTERS**

- (a) MOTORCYCLISTS – STONHOUSE CRESCENT: Crs Crowley and Nutt had spoken to the police about the problem.
- (b) VILLAGE HALL – VANDALISM: No further information was available.
- (c) POLICE PRESENCE: The Inspector covering the area was Ian Money, and a letter would be sent to him inviting him to attend a Parish Council meeting. The neighbourhood team which covers Radley Parish was A/Sgt Sean Delaney and PCSO Adi Wright. PC Jimmy May was the Neighbourhood Specialist Officer and A/Sgt Charlie Pollard was the team Sergeant. The neighbourhood team posters were on order.
- (d) MOTORCYCLISTS – USE OF AREA BY THRUPP LANE: The position was not known.
- (e) NAG MEETING: There was no report from the meeting held on the 11 September 2008.

#### **163/08 PLANNING MATTERS:**

##### **(i) New Applications:**

- (a) RAD/20660 – Erection of a two storey side extension, incorporating existing garage, 26 Sugworth Lane: No objections, subject to neighbours’ comments, although the Parish Council thought that the dimensions of the extension should be checked.

##### **(ii) Permission Given:**

- (a) RAD/20587 – Erection of single storey rear extension with dormer window to front and rear, 13 Badgers Copse
- (b) RAD/237/106-LB – Internal and External alterations to Social A and B Buildings, Radley College.
- (c) RAD/237/107-LB – Proposed internal demolitions and alterations to C, E and G Socials, Radley College.

- (d) Details Pursuant to Condition 2 of Planning Permission P/369/71, Barton Lane Quarry, Barton Lane.
- (iii) Misc:**
- (a) RAD/46654/1 – 115 Lower Radley: Nothing further had been heard from the Monitoring Officer.
- (b) Aftercare Scheme Submission to Satisfy Requirements of Condition 7 of the Permission for a new Bunded Ash Lagoon in Existing Lake E Gravel Pit: The Chairman did not speak at the OCC meeting as the Clerk missed the deadline for requesting a place.
- (c) APPLICATION FROM H TUCKWELL & SONS LTD: It was noted that there was a deadline for responses, but it was not certain what the timetable was.
- (d) MOTOCROSS, CULHAM: The Clerk was asked to ascertain from South Oxfordshire DC if the events taking place were in accordance with the planning conditions.

**164/08 APPLICATION FOR TOWN GREEN STATUS – THRUPP AND BUILFIELD LAKES, RADLEY**

The letter from Richard Llewellyn, Station Manager at Didcot B Power Station was received.

It was noted that Save Radley Lakes had a number of events arranged to raise money, and Parish Councillors were asked to support these events.

**165/08 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Henderson and **AGREED** that the following accounts should be paid:
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| (i)   | Miss S E Raven:                           |         | £590.51 |
|       | Salary, September 2008:                   | £398.55 |         |
|       | Village Cleaner, October 2008:            | £74.14  |         |
|       | Back pay for Village Cleaner –            |         |         |
|       | Income Tax Reduction:                     | £57.75  |         |
|       | Paint for Sports Pavilion:                | £60.07  |         |
| (ii)  | Mrs K Sharp – Salary, August 2008:        |         | £142.76 |
| (iii) | Southern Electric – Sports Pavilion:      |         | £97.94  |
| (iv)  | SLCC – Clerk’s Conference:                |         | £376.00 |
| (v)   | MRH Services – Repair to Sports Pavilion: |         | £96.85  |

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| (vi)   | Berinsfield Community Business:   | £265.72 |
| (vii)  | Mr D Nutt – Reimbursement for Paint:                                    | £39.46  |
| (viii) | Play Safety Ltd – Play Area Inspection:                                 | £74.03  |
| (ix)   | Centurion Power Cleaning Ltd –<br>Removal of Graffiti, Sports Pavilion: | £346.63 |
| (x)    | ISS Waterers Landscape – Trees, Whites Lane:                            | £528.75 |
| (xi)   | Railfuture – Subscription:  | £21.00  |
| (xii)  | Radley Village Hall – Public Meeting, 31 October 2008:                  | £22.00  |
- (b) **VANDALISM AT PLAY AREA/SPORTS PAVILION:** Cr Nutt reported on the recent vandalism at the play area/sports pavilion and the steps taken to repair the damage which had involved employing a firm to remove graffiti and purchasing paint. The police had been informed and had been called in when a group of youths were gathering at the sports pavilion a few days after the problems. It was noted that there had also been graffiti on the Station Bridge.
- (c) **SPORTS PAVILION – GUTTERING:** Cr Nutt reported that some managers from the Radley Youth Football Club had offered to replace the damaged guttering and this would only involve the cost of the guttering. The guttering would cost £250 if it were replaced in grey, but only £130 if black or white were used. **IT WAS AGREED** that guttering could be installed by the FC provided they had the necessary insurance and that the replacement guttering should be black. Cr Nutt **AGREED** to make the necessary arrangements for the work to be undertaken.

## **166/08 CONSERVATION**

- (a) **CONSERVATION WORKING PARTY (NATURE) – REPORT OF WORKING PARTY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2008:** The report was deferred until the next meeting.
- (b) **PLACES FOR PEOPLE – FOOTPATH 8:** The Clerk reported that she had applied to the DC for a £2,000 grant, and this would be considered on the 20 October. The work had been booked to take place during the first week in November.
- (c) **PROVISION OF LITTER BINS IN THE PARISH:** The DC had been informed of the Parish Council’s decision, and the Clerk was preparing a list of bus stops without litter bins.
- (d) **ACTION ON “ENVIROCRIMES” – POWERS FOR PARISH COUNCILS:** **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk should invite the DC Officers to a late afternoon meeting on either the 23 October or 27 November 2008.

- (e) **VILLAGE POND:** A meeting of the Village Pond Management Committee would be held shortly. It was noted that the Head Teacher had asked to attend.

#### **167/08 NEW VILLAGE HALL**

Notes of the meetings of the Working Party held on the 7 February 2008, 29 April 2008 and 18 September 2008, together with the note on the Public Meeting held on the 11 July 2008 were received.

A press statement prepared by Cr Crowley was **AGREED**, and the Clerk was asked to pass it to the press as soon as possible.

#### **168/08 PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE SOUTH EAST**

Cr Yorston reported that the significant change was an increase of 15% in the number of dwellings, which would mean 33,000 additional dwellings. The Parish Council very much regretted this increase and was concerned about the provision of adequate infrastructure at a level to support such developments. **IT WAS AGREED** that this concern should be put in the response to this document.

#### **169/08 PARISH PLAN**

It was noted that Mr Anton Nath, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, would be attending a Public Meeting in the Village Hall on Friday, 31 October 2008, at 7.30 pm. **IT WAS AGREED** that:

- (a) A letter should be sent to all village organisations inviting representatives to attend the meeting.
- (b) A number of other suggestions were made, and the Clerk would write to these people.
- (c) Parish Councillors were asked to approach residents, who they thought should attend the meeting, inviting them to attend.
- (d) Catering would be provided through Mrs Sue Crabb.

#### **170/08 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

- (a) **THRUPP LANE:** No further information was available.
- (b) **RADLEY COLLEGE – COLLAPSE OF BANK:** It was noted that major work had taken place on the bank. The repair work had resulted in a hollow trench across the road which required further action.

- (c) SPEED LIMIT – RADLEY/SUNNINGWELL TURNS, OLD A34: Oxfordshire Highways had indicated that the position of the speed limits could not be altered to include the cottages in Sugworth Lane. A response was still awaited to see if the speed limit could be extended to include the second entrance to Bigwood Park. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr G Barrell, OCC, about these issues.
- (d) LOWER RADLEY – SPEED LIMIT: The Clerk reported that the 20 mph scheme was being put in Oxford in the first place, although the Parish Council's request would be looked at in the future.
- (e) UNEVEN KERB, 33 CHURCH ROAD: This had been repaired
- (f) PEDESTRIAN SIGNS, LOWER RADLEY: The sign had been repositioned and the wording amended accordingly.
- (g) POTHoles THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE: The Councillors expressed concern about the large number of potholes throughout the Parish all of which were of concern to them.
- (h) SUGWORTH LANE: Cr Nutt indicated that the inspection of Sugworth Lane only included the piece from Kennington Road to Bigwood Park. The Clerk was asked to repeat the concerns about the whole length of the road.
- (i) CORNER OF SUGWORTH LANE/OXFORD ROAD: The vegetation had not yet been cut back.
- (j) PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER: The Clerk was following up with the OCC the provision of the new bus shelters. The OCC had queried whether the Parish Council wished to take advantage of the maintenance contract at £36.50 per bus shelter for a basic rub down and clean. This would need to go on the agenda of the next meeting for formal approval, but the Clerk was asked to arrange for the three bus shelters to be cleaned.
- (k) FOOTPATH 9: No further information was available on the hazards along this footpath.

### **171/08 PARISH WEBSITE**

Cr Yorston confirmed that he was willing to be on the Parish Website Working Party. **IT WAS AGREED** that:

- (a) The new Councillors should provide a photograph to Cr Yorston so that this could be put on the web.
- (b) Monthly statistics should be sent to the Clerk so that these were available at each meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that she and Mr Wilson were updating the Parish Council information.

## **172/08 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cr Johnston reported:

- (a) Vale of White Horse DC: Most of the work related to the combined management system. David Buckle had been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer, and other appointments were now being made so that the new system could be in place by the end of March 2009. The new waste contract was at an advanced stage, starting in SODC in 2009 and the Vale in 2010.
- (b) Oxfordshire County Council: The budget process had started, and reports were being prepared. It had been suggested that 3.85% should be allowed for inflation and, as this was below the inflation level, it was thought this would affect services, particularly the highway budget, if it were adopted.

## **173/08 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **(i) FOR ACTION**

- (a) South East England Regional Assembly - Partial Review of the South East Plan: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs: Cr Yorston **AGREED** to review this report. As comments were required by the 21 November 2008, this would go on the agenda of the next meeting. Cr Johnston reported that Oxfordshire was well served by sites, and there was land at Redbridge which could be a further site.
- (b) RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report: It was noted that the faults raised by MRH Services had not been noticed by Play Safety Limited when they carried out their inspection, and the Clerk was asked to draw this to their attention. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether Mr Roger Davies could undertake the annual RoSPA inspection.

### **(ii) FOR INFORMATION**

- (a) Oxfordshire County Council:
  - (i) Home2School Newsletter: Autumn 2008
  - (ii) Your guide to road safety in Oxfordshire 2008/2009
- (b) Vale of White Horse DC:
  - (i) Open Space, Sport and Recreation Future Provision: Supplementary Planning Document

- (ii) Information Sheet – SEEDA Funding for Rural Communities/Working together to reduce the risk from flooding (flood fair is being held at Wantage 7 October)/Data Protection Good practice Note
- (c) ASHTAV – Annual General Meeting, Tewkesbury, 18 October 2008
- (d) Oxfordshire Rural Community Council:
  - (i) Invitation to 2008 ANNUAL General Meeting and Calor Oxfordshire Villages of the Year Competition, 8 October 2008 at Steeple Aston Village Hall
  - (ii) High Hedges
- (e) Local Council Review, September 2008
- (f) Shelter – Community Workshop on an Eco-Town for Weston Otmoor, Thursday, 25 September 2008, 5.30 – 8.30 pm, St Aldates, Oxford.

**174/08 NOTIFIED BUSINESS**

NIL

Date: .....  
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 Chairman



**CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE, 25 SEPTEMBER 2008**

The Chairman formally moved that the public and press be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that if they were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to legal and financial affairs.

**175/07 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL, 28 AUGUST 2008**

The Confidential Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 28 August 2008 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

**176/08 APPLICATION FOR TOWN GREEN STATUS – THRUPP AND BULLFIELD LAKES, RADLEY**

The Clerk reported that Alastair Wallace was trying to determine the date for the hearing. A bill would be received shortly, and the Councillors asked for clear information on likely costs.

**177/08 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR PRESS RELEASE**

**IT WAS AGREED** that the only press statement should be on the Village Hall.

Date: .....  
Chairman