

MINUTES OF AN MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER 2014 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Crs J Standen (in the chair), Betts, Crowley, Henderson, Howard, Johnston, Platts, Pasquire, D Standen, Yorston

In attendance: 2 members of the public and the clerk

167/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Crs Betts, Kallie and Yorston.

168/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

DISPENSATIONS: None requested.

169/14 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

A resident of New Road expressed concern at safety of other road users caused by cars parking between the Lower Radley junction and the station.

Standing orders were suspended so that agenda item 9a) could be brought forward.
Cr Johnston explained that the County was experiencing difficulties of a confidential nature. In addition, parking in the Vale is in the process of being decriminalised, as it is in the City and West Oxfordshire, and there is a dispute over who will pay for parking enforcement.

Standing Orders were restored.

170/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 27th NOVEMBER 2014:

The minutes were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the proceedings and were signed as such by the Chairman.

171/14 POLICE MATTERS: Cr Pasquire reported that there had been a burglary in Radley in November.

172/14 PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) **NEW APPLICATIONS:** There were none.

(b) **OTHER APPLICATIONS:**

P14/V2660/LDP: Rear Ground Floor Extension: 15 Selwyn Crescent – Certificate of Lawful Development. The application was noted.

(c) **VALE DECISIONS:**

Application No: **P14/V2313/HH:** Erection of single storey front and rear extensions. 25 Selwyn Crescent Radley Abingdon OX14 3AL - **APPROVED**

(d) **LOCAL PLAN:**

The Council's response had been submitted.

It was noted that the paper forms state that they must be returned to Crowmarsh. Councillors thought that this would have deterred people wishing to make a last minute response.

It was agreed that the online forms were very difficult to complete. The Council would write a letter of complaint to the Vale recording both matters.

(e) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:**

It was proposed by Cr J Standen, seconded by Cr Pasquire and the Council **RESOLVED** that it should produce begin the process of investigating a neighbourhood plan for the parish. The clerk had already submitted the area

designation application.

It was explained that the Neighbourhood Plan is a parallel process to the Parish Plan and some parts of the latter would be relevant.

The Council would revisit the budget, but it had been established that grants of £16,000 were available from public sources.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cr Howard should contact respondents to the November consultation who had expressed an interest in helping with the campaign to solicit members for a steering committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that Crs Platts, Yorston and Howard should represent the Council on the steering committee.

It was noted that the Vale's parish boundary review would be put into operation as soon as the Local Plan is endorsed by the Inspector.

173/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a) BALANCES were noted:

Barclays Bank current account:	32,983.99
Business Saver Account	0.63
Business Premium Account	149,113.24
	182,097.86
Cashbook balance	181,316.23

(b) RECONCILIATION: The Council received the reconciliation for December.

(c) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The following were **AGREED** for payment:

Expenditure				
	Supplier	Item		Power to Act
18th December				
Chq 908	Mrs J E Dymock	Net Salary (December)	As sheet	LGA 1972 s112
		Village cleaner (January)	As sheet	Litter Act 1983
		Telephone	15.19	LG Act 1972 s 111
		Mileage	78.21	LG Act 1972 s 111
909	HMRC	PAYE, NIC	As sheet	LGA 1972 s112
910	OCC	Pension contributions	As sheet	LGA 1972 s112
911	Oxfordshire PAT Testing	PAT testing pavilion	65.00	LG(Misc Provisions)1976
912	Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau	Grant	1000.00	LG Act 1972 s 142
913	South and Vale Carers Centre	Grant	250.00	LG Act 1972 s 142
914	Oxfordshire Association for the Blind	Grant	100.00	LG Act 1972 s137
915	Mrs J E Dymock	Refund for SRV printing	19.20	LG Act 1972 s 111

(d) PLAYING FIELD: The village hall management committee had decided that the car park will not be available to playing field users.

The clerk had investigated the cost of providing protective matting on the field to provide some parking, but at £1650 to £3750 plus installation, this was thought to be

prohibitive.

It was agreed that a small amount of parking might be made available on the field in summer months if ground conditions permit.

17414 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS: Cr Johnston reported:

(a) DISTRICT:

- The two main groups were putting in a great deal of work on the budget, but there was no real problem because of the new homes bonus and no cuts were anticipated.
- The interim settlement was due to be published on 18 December but the final version would not be fixed until February.
- At the last full council meeting, the administration refused to answer any questions, even those already on the agenda. This was unprecedented and members of the public who had attended to hear the answers were less than pleased.

(b) COUNTY:

- Cr Johnston told the Council that the County remuneration committee had been activated to establish what could be done to address the rising age of councillors, the average age at present being 65 and rising. All parties were finding it difficult to attract people to stand. The committee's recommendations of that committee that member allowances should be increased generated headlines. He had voted in favour of the recommendations of the panel but did not know yet whether he would claim the extra allowances. Most councillors are unlikely to take the payment which will be available from May.
- There had been a significant overspend on the budget, largely as a result of Bullfinch and increased spending on child protection. County won't be able to set the budget until February.

175/14 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- (a) STATION PARKING: This was discussed earlier
- (b) FOOTPATH 8: This item was deferred to January when the resident who had raised the issue can be present.
- (c) FOOTPATHS REPORT: The Council received the report and asked the clerk to thank Mr Orchard for his informative and comprehensive report.

176/14 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE:

- (a) DEFIBRILLATOR: The grant application was in progress.
- (b) COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN: For the next agenda.

177/14 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:

- (a) HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC: It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would commission a traffic survey in Thrupp Lane through Oxfordshire County Council at an estimated cost of around £180.
- (b) PLANNING: Nothing to report
- (c) ROMP: Nothing to report

178/14 CONSERVATION:

RADLEY LARGE WOOD: It was **AGREED** that the Conservation working group should meet the wood managers in the new year to hear details of the management plan. The plan had been made available to the Council.

- 179/14 CORRESPONDENCE:** The Council noted items of correspondence.
Consultation: The Big Plan: Oxfordshire’s Learning Disability Strategy 2015 – 2018
- 180/14 MATTERS FOR REPORT or discussion without decision:**
Cr Johnston reported that rail electrification was on time but taking longer than anticipated because of variable ground conditions. Many piles can be vibrated, but some will have to be driven.
- 181/14 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**
Ordinary meeting: Thursday 22nd January at 7.30pm in the Church Room

Signed.....Date.....
(Chairman)