

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Crs J Standen (in the chair), Dudding, Henderson, Johnston, Kallie, Pasquire Crowley, D Standen and Walker.

IN ATTENDANCE: The clerk.

1/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Crs Betts and Crowley and accepted by the Council. Also from District Councillor Ed Blagrove.

2/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

DISPENSATIONS: None requested.

3/16 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

4/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2015: The minutes were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the proceedings.

5/16 POLICE MATTERS:

Cr J Standen reported that she had passed on details of a credit card scam telephone call to the police.

6/16 PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** Cr Dudding reported that:

- (i) Much thinking had been going on, including if the Village Hall had to move, where would it go and possible locations for the shop.
- (ii) The Steering committee would meet on 16th February when it would have to consider what to put forward to consultation.

Cr J Standen reported that the Infrastructure topic group planned to meet First Group to discuss the future of the station.

(b) **LOCAL PLAN Examination in Public.**

- (i) Crs Dudding and Henderson would speak at the EIP on behalf of the Parish Council and Cr Johnston in his own stead.
- (ii) It was noted that the Vale had submitted a statement of common grounds and had updated the Infrastructure Delivery Plan saying that it would make greater healthcare provision.

(b) **COUNTY APPLICATIONS:** None

(c) **PLANNING COMMITTEE RESPONSES** were noted:

- i) P16/V0008/HH: Glenrowan Little Howe Close Single storey rear extension - No objection
- ii) P16/V0070/HH: Extension to existing property within permitted additional floor space limit 30%: Park Farm Byre Kennington Road – No objection
- iii) P15/V2987/HH: Single storey extension to the kitchen. 2 Shaws Copse Lower Radley – no objection with observations.

(d) **COUNTY APPLICATIONS** - None

(e) **OTHER DISTRICT APPLICATIONS** were noted:

i) **PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT:**

P16/V0149/P18: Extensions and alteration to platforms 1 & 2 of the Town and country planning (general permitted development) (England) order 2015.

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- ii) **DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS:**
P15/V3009/DIS: Discharge of condition 18 - scheme to eradicate Japanese Knotweed on application P10/V2344 (Change of use from C3 residential to recreational use. Demolition of existing residential structure and erection of new wetlands visitor centre building, associated external works including provision of a 25 no space car park, new path networks and external decking adjacent to the visitors centre.) Sandles, Thrupp Lane
- (f) **DISTRICT DECISIONS:**
 - (i) P15/V0115/HH
Proposed two storey extension with loft conversion and external workshop.(amended Plans received on 11 November 2015).Norfolk Lodge Hill
APPROVED
 - (ii) P15/V2769/HH, Proposed conservatory : 7 Foxborough Road Radley
APPROVED
 - (iii) P15/V2505/FUL Removal of condition 3 application P10/V1252 Demolition of existing garage and walkway and erection of two storey side extension: 40 Sugworth Lane **APPROVED**
 - (iv) Re: P15/V2771/SCO: Request for an Environmental Impact Scoping Opinion, Land north of Abingdon:
The local planning authority had formally adopted the Scoping Opinion summarised in the developer's report.
- (g) **APPEALS:** None
- (h) **COUNTY APPLICATION MW.0001/12 – Thrupp Lane**
OCC had replied to concerns on the conditions on the approval:

"The answer to the Parish's questions are:

1. If the development is not begun within five years of the date of the planning permission, there will no longer be planning permission for the proposed development.
2. (a) The developers supporting statement is listed in condition 1. The restoration requirements set out in the statement are therefore enforceable along with those set out in the other approved documents listed in condition 1as modified by other conditions of the permission.

(b) Section 73 of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act is the part of the Act under which changes to conditions are made. However Section 73 (5) states that planning permission must not be granted under this section to extend the time within which the development must be started. In other words the 5 year time limit cannot be extended by a variation of the permission. A new full planning application would have to be submitted if the development is not commenced by the expiration of the five years i.e. on or by 9th July 2017.
3. If the application is not implemented it will fall and the permission to process the ROMP gravel would cease. The review of conditions for the site granted by default in 2000 applies and the site would need to be restored in accordance with the requirements of those conditions permission or any subsequent set of reviewed conditions which may by then have been approved, but the end date for the permission and so final restoration is the year 2022 under the currently approved conditions.

If the development is not implemented it will not have an effect on the existing ROMP permissions. The ROMP permissions currently require restoration by 21st February 2022 for the area on which the permission for the processing plant stands, and by 21st February 2043 for the area from which the sand and gravel is proposed to be extracted.

4. If the applicant implements the permission within 5 years of the permission, the permission would

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be fixed. They have planning permission for the extraction of the material within the ROMP site until 2042. As the Parish will recall from the outcome of the Public Inquiry, the permissions were in place by default in 2000. One of those permissions has pre-recommendation conditions that would need to be complied with.

5. Regardless of how the applicants say they would process the material in the ROMP application, they would still have this extant permission to process material from the ROMP site. If they implement the permission they will have to comply with the conditions of the permission including clause 1 of condition 4.
6. Cessation of processing would be determined by monitoring visits and by the operator's record

It was reported that a planning application had been submitted in Drayton to develop a Green Belt site not included in Drayton's adopted Neighbourhood Plan. Officers had recommended approval and Drayton Parish Council had asked other parishes who were developing a Plan to enlist the support of their own District councillors to reject the application.

Cr Johnston reported that the application had been refused by 9 votes.

7/16 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** Councillors questioned cheque 1051 election costs. It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Walker and **AGREED** that the following accounts should be paid.

Income:		None		
Expenditure:				
	Supplier	Item		Power to Act
05/01/16				
1050	West Waddy ADP	Neighbourhood Plan – 2 drawings + 1 report	1,760.86	LG Act 1972 s111
1051	Vale of White Horse DC	Election expenses	1,926.74	LG Act 1972 s111
1052	Tony Stoyle	Website hosting - refund	59.88	LG Act 1972 s111
1053	HOBS Reprographics	Printing	29.70	LG Act 1972 s111
22/1/16				
1054	Eurooffice Ltd	Printer drum& cartridge & paper	123.00	LGAct 1972 s111
28/1/16				
1055	Cancelled		As sheet	
1056	HMRC	PAYE & NI	As sheet	LGAct 1972 s112
1057	OCC Pension Fund	Employer & Employee pension contributions	As sheet	LGAct 1972 s112
1058	ST Grounds Maintenance	Empty Play Area bin	50.00	Public Health Act 1874 s164
1059	Mr T Stoyle	VAT on website hosting Website authoring (Neighbourhood Plan pages)	111.98	LG (Misc Provisions) Act 1976
1060	Mrs J E Dymock	Refunds, Neighbourhood Plan admin & expenses	179.98	LG Act 1972 s142
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SO	Mrs J E Dymock	Clerk salary, village cleaner salary, telephone line rental	As sheet	LG Act 1972 s112
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- (b) The Council **APPROVED** Jenks Oxford’s quote for works to the cherry trees alongside the allotments and
- (c) The Council **APPROVED** works to the willows in the Gooseacre play area to raise the crown above pavement level.
- (d) **PLAY AREA REPAIRS:** The clerk suggested also seeking advice on the condition of the play surface including the green bloom which is probably the result of poor drainage.
- (e) **LAND OWNERSHIP:** The clerk noted that a Land Registry search showed that the whole of the garden in front of the bungalows which the Parish Council has historically maintained is owned by Sovereign Vale housing association. Cr Johnston noted that in the past, residents had been unhappy at the standard of maintenance carried out by their landlord and the Council had undertaken to mow the grass as a gesture of goodwill.
It was **AGREED** that the question of registering Parish Council land should be an agenda item for February.

(f) **BALANCES:**

Barclays Bank current account:	37,393.52
Business Saver Account	0.63
Business Premium Account	150,250.74
	187,644.89
Cashbook balance	186,555.01

- (g) **BUDGET UPDATE:** Noted
- (h) **RECONCILIATION:** Noted.
- (i) **POST OFFICE:** The Post Office “Field Change Advisor” had reported that he was looking into providing services using a mobile post office van.
- (j) **PAVILION SEWAGE PUMP:** An update from Thames Water on their programme for assuming responsibility for the pump was received.
- (k) It was noted that the Government had confirmed that the 'referendum principles' which can trigger a referendum if there is an 'excessive' rise in council tax or precept (in England) would not apply to local (town and parish) councils setting their precept for 2016/17.

8/16 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

- (a) **COUNTY:** Cr Johnston reported that it was now clear that council tax would increase by 1.99% plus a 2% increase to pay for adult social care, almost all of which would be swallowed up by carers being paid the living wage.

More was known about the New Homes Bonus and it was clear that it would be top sliced to put more resources into adult social care. However, it was still not known what would happen to the Business Rate and the Financial Settlement and it was estimated that it wouldn’t be released until 12 February. The Cabinet would recommend to County councillors on 16 February that all suggested cuts are made, but it was suspected that they might not have sufficient support to carry the proposal.

(b) **DISTRICT:**

Cr Johnston reported that corporate outsourcing was going ahead. Cr Johnston expressed reservations regarding what would happen with audit and scrutiny of the new arrangements.

The Examination in Public would resume the following week and the Inspector was

expected to report in June. Further consultation would follow. He said that there appeared to be a collective view that the Inspector would find the plan essentially sound but it would require major modifications. The hope was that the new Local Plan will be approved at the Vale's December meeting.

Cr Blagrove had sent a written report:

“Procurement project – Update

The Vale of White Horse has been working with four other councils (South Oxfordshire, Hart, Havant and Mendip) on an ambitious procurement process that is set to save taxpayers significant sums here in the vale. This is one of the largest projects of its kind and if successful is set to bring new innovation to council services. The Council's Joint Scrutiny Committee last week considered the preferred bidders and made recommendations to the Cabinet which is due to consider the new contract at this week's meeting.

February – The long awaited final part of the local examination

Two big events coming up in early February, the final part of the Examination in Public (EiP) of the Vale's Local Plan and the Council's budget for 2016/17. The Local Plan of course remains the number one priority for the Council and certainly for many residents. The Inspector will begin this next part of the EiP on Tuesday 2nd February at the Beacon. More info is available at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/localplan.

Local authority budgets

The Vale is one of the most efficient authorities in the country and has weathered the financial storm better than some councils. Nevertheless there will be some challenges ahead with direct central government grant ending completely by 2019 and we are putting together robust plans to deal with this before it happens. It is our firm belief we will be able to continue to provide high quality services and hope to be able to unveil plans for even more investment for the future. The completion of the procurement project mentioned above can go some way to aid this.

Abingdon Area Committee

Cllr Johnson and I both attended this meeting and I am delighted to report we were able to help many very worthy causes in our area with grants. The name of this committee has caused some upset and confusion as it also includes outlying Parishes and areas even further afield from Abingdon and concern has been raised that people won't know this is the group to submit applications to. I have spoken to Councillor Judy Roberts and will be seconding her proposal to have the committee's name changed so that the many good causes in our area and further into the North east of the district don't miss out.

It was also mentioned by Officers that us District councillors should encourage anyone in our wards that do good works to come forward and apply. A new round of applications for consideration will be opening soon.”

9/16 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- (a) REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS: None
- (b) FOOTPATHS REPORT: The Footpaths Officer had reported that footpaths in the parish were generally in good condition. The clerk would send the full report to councillors.
- (c) STATION PARKING: The County Council had still not replied to correspondence

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and it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should make a formal complaint that i) action had been promised in April 2014 but was still not forthcoming and ii) the County had failed to respond to any approach.

(d) **BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic):** To be referred forward.

10/16 CONSERVATION:

- (a) **OFFER TO JOIN THE VILLAGE POND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**
Cr Standen would contact Mrs Saunders and the Council would approach Radley College and the Primary School.
- (b) **TREE PLANTING:** Cr Johnston proposed that it should be an item for the next agenda to replace the dead lime tree in Whites Lane with one of a semi-mature small leaved variety.
- (c) **OXFORD FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME:** The clerk had circulated notes of a recent meeting with Lower Radley residents and the Environment Agency.

11/16 THRUPP LANE ISSUES: None

12/16 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS: None

13/16 COMMUNICATIONS:

The clerk reported that the website complied with the provisions of the appropriate Transparency Code

14/16 CORRESPONDENCE:

- (i) The clerk reported that Cr Basil Crowley had been awarded a High Sheriff's Award in recognition of his services to the community and the university. Once official notification was received, this would be reported on the website.
- (ii) Cr Standen was one of three Parish Council chairmen from Oxfordshire who had been invited to a Buckingham Palace garden party in recognition of the work of parish councils.

15/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT: None

16/16 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 25th February at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

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