

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE on
THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2021 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Crs Crowley (Chairman), Blagrove, Cook, Dudding, Johnston, Fraser,
Henderson, Smith, Standen

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public, District Councillor Lugova and the clerk

1/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None.

2/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3/21 DISPENSATIONS: None were requested.

4/21 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

- (i) Mr John Huddleston explained that he had been using the field behind Stonhouse Crescent for exercise for some while and had been dismayed to discover recently that a gate had been installed to prevent access. This gate was now locked and he was unable to access the field. His experience was that people stayed on the path and didn't stray into the field.
- (ii) Ms Alex Moore raised the same issue. She reported that a nasty anti-dog owner message had been posted on the nearby garages. She agreed that dog owners should pick up their dog's mess but that it would be a shame if, as implied by the notice, the actions of a small number of dog owners were spoiling things for other people. She suggested that the field might be leased or purchased as a community asset for the use of the village.
- (iii) Mr John Cully raised the same issue. He explained that he was in the habit of walking round the field for exercise and while he was sympathetic to the landowner's concerns but thought it was a shame that residents had been excluded. He observed that crops were respected and people didn't stray from the path.
- (iv) Mrs Carolyn Jessop noted that her representations on the condition of Kennington Road had been passed on to Oxfordshire Highways who had carried out some patching using their dragon patching machine within a few days but this had resulted in a patchwork of repairs and loose chippings and the junction of Sugworth Lane had not been addressed. In her view the whole road from Sugworth Lane to Sandford Lane should be resurfaced.
 - **AGREED to endorse Mrs Jessop's complaint.**
- (v) Mr John Sparks introduced himself as a potential co-optee to the Council.

**5/21 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th
DECEMBER 2020**

- **RESOLVED that the minutes of the December Parish Council meeting were an accurate account of the meeting and should be signed as such by the chairman when practical.**

6/21 POLICE MATTERS:
None for report.

7/21 PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP:

- i) Radley Lakes masterplan: It was noted that the Memorandum of Understanding had been agreed by Radley Lakes Trust
- ii) Tuckwells application:
 - **RESOLVED** that updated comments should be sent to OCC on the Tuckwell's processing plant application and the possible Prohibition Order with drafting delegated to clerk advised by Cr Henderson and R Dudding.

Jo's path - proposed permissive path from Lower Radley to the 'sounding bridge' on the edge of the Radley Lakes area. It was noted that broad terms for a permissive path agreement from Lower Radley to the sounding bridge under the railway had been agreed between the landowner's agents and the Radley Lakes Trust.

- **AGREED** in principle that the Council should be a party to this agreement to ensure continuity should the Trust ever be wound up.

Gooseacre consultation:

- **RESOLVED**
 - i) That a leaflet and questionnaire about the future of the Gooseacre community facilities should be distributed to all residents at the end of February.
 - ii) That decisions on the content of the leaflet and questionnaire should be delegated to the Clerk and P Dudding to be taken in the light of views expressed by the Development Steering Group.
 - iii) To delegate to the clerk to commission and pay for printing and distribution of the leaflets/ questionnaire to a budget agreed with the Chairman and Chair of the Finance Committee, expected to be in the order of £850.
- **RESOLVED** that the Council should seek to resolve the position on use of the playing field by Radley Youth football club outside their licence.

School extension and hall: No update.

Car park: A quote for this work would come to the next meeting.

(b) STRATEGIC SITES:

NW Radley site: Cr Dudding reported that Pye hoped to have approval of planning application [P20/V0390/RM](#) (Reserved Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 240 dwellings, internal access arrangements, formation of public open space and ancillary infrastructure pursuant to outline planning permission ref. P17/V1894/O) by the end of February.

There had been welcome interest in looking at landscaping and tree planting and Cr Dudding was pressing for a contact to progress this. Cyclist comments on the arrangement of the new roundabout at the Whites Lane/Foxborough Road junction were noted. The parish council's suggestions for street names would be discussed with Pye representatives at councillors' next meeting with them. The history club had also made suggestions.

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S Kennington site: It was agreed that the Council should seek to meet Redrow. The Council noted correspondence on tree works in the copse on the corner of Sandford Lane and Kennington Road (Woodland TPO 98V16)

8/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a) RECONCILIATION: The Council

- **ACKNOWLEDGED scrutiny and acceptance of the bank statement and reconciliation**

(b) ACCOUNTS

- **RESOLVED that the accounts as itemised on the monthly cashbook for January should be approved for payment.**

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Payment</u>
<u>Date</u>		<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Gross</u>
		DD Google	PC email addresses	55.20 LG Act 1972 s111
		DD Everflow	Water supply pavilion	54.09 LG (Misc Provisions)1976
		DD Everflow	Water supply pavilion	7.91 LG (Misc Provisions)1976
		DD Opus Energy	Pavilion electricity supply	54.75 LG (Misc Provisions)1976
		DD Opus Energy	Pavilion gas supply	0.00 LG (Misc Provisions)1976
		DD Paypal	Go Daddy website fee	86.26 LG Act 1972 s142
15/1/2021	104	Mr J Rogerson	Salary	65.00 Highways Act 1980 s96
28/1/2021	2020/			
		105 HMRC	PAYE and NI	318.74 LG Act 1972 s112
		106 OCC Pension Fund	Staff/employer contributions	530.42 LG Act 1972 s112
		107 Tom James	Devt Support Officer	100.00 LG Act 1972 s112
		108 ST Grounds Maintenance	Bin emptying, rubbish clearance	120.00 Public Health Act 1936 s2601875 s614
		109 Eden Trees	Tree reduction Gooseacre	870.00 LG (Misc Provisions)1976
		110 Citizens Advice	Grant	1500.00 LG Act 1972 s142
		111 Mrs J E Dymock	Gooseacre drawings (50%)	109.25 LG (Misc Provisions)1976
		112 CPRE	Annual subscription	36.00 LG Act 1972 s111
30/1/2021	SO	Mrs J E Dymock	Salary (net), telephone	1,315.43 LG Act 1972 s112
31/1/2021	113	Mr J Rogerson	Salary (net)	67.86 Highways Act 1980 s96
15/2/2021	114	Mr J Rogerson	Salary (net)	65.00 Highways Act 1980 s96
				5798.75

(e) PLAYING FIELD:

It was noted that the football club's fee for 20-21 had been settled.

The club had requested a rebate for the period when they were unable to play during the third Covid-19 national lockdown.

Cr Blagrove proposed that he should work with the football club to seek possible grants to mitigate any losses incurred by the football club.

- (f) PLAY AREA: The updated risk assessment was noted.
- (g) BUS SHELTER: Crs Dudding and Henderson and the clerk had attended a meeting with OCC. OCC had agreed that they would be able to provide a bus shelter at the Abingdon bound stop at Sugworth Crescent and real time information infrastructure on the other 3 bus shelters near the Redrow site through S106 agreement RA02.

9/21 REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS had been circulated to the Council in advance of the meeting.

- (a) COUNTY: Cr Johnston reported:
 1. The Council Tax will now rise by 3.99% and not 4.99% as previously thought. The stated reason is to keep the effect on household budgets down. I think it might have been better to take the full 4.99% given how stretched the Social Service budgets are. It amounts to roughly £65 pounds a year for a Band D property.
 2. Lodge Hill is now moving forward at last. I believe the design is now finalised. County Councillors like myself are being briefed in the first week in February. Parish Councils, including Radley will be briefed around the middle of the month and there will be a virtual exhibition starting at the beginning of March. It is hoped to apply for planning permission in April which should be forthcoming. It is hoped to make a start this year with completion either at the end of 2022 or the start of 2023 assuming the same time frame as the Chilton slips. This is important because it unlocks the North Abingdon housing development which includes a new primary school. This makes it less likely that the Vale will be penalised by government for failing to reach its housing delivery targets.
- (b) DISTRICT: Crs Lugova and Johnston reported:
 1. With latest COVID situation development and lockdown the new Winter Support Grant Scheme for residents was launched. Vale has total amount is £73,430.
 2. Local Restrictions Support Grant is open for applications, which provides up to £1,800 for any business from the hospitality, accommodation or leisure sectors that remained open during our Tier 2 restrictions between 2 December to 25 December 2020 but closed or heavily affected now.
 3. COVID-19 response councillor grant scheme is still available.
 4. COVID cases Interactive dashboard is not new but we just recently got the link: COVID stats in Oxfordshire and in each districts <https://phdashboard.oxfordshire.gov.uk/?view=cases&location=Vale+of+White+Horse>
 5. Play areas can remain open however Vale recommends to keep Warning Sign at the entrance.
 6. Garden waste collections suspended due to many of Biffa staff are self-isolating and shielding. The garden waste suspension was supposed to continue until 25th January – and then to be reviewed weekly i.e. starting from this week. Will keep you updated.

10/21 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- (a) ITEMS FOR REPORT ON FIX MY STREET: None
- (b) FLOODING IN KENNINGTON ROAD/SUGWORTH CRESCENT:
The Vale drainage department had accepted the assertion of the owner of 1, Sugworth Crescent that the water pooling on Kennington Road/Sugworth Crescent was not leaking from their property.
- **RESOLVED that the Council should request sight of the supporting photographs sent by the owner.**
- The clerk had reported the Vale Enforcement's statement that this was a County responsibility back to Oxfordshire Highways and asked them to act. It was still the Council's view that the water was leaking from drains on the site which were damaged during demolition of the former building on the site.
- (c) KENNINGTON ROAD:
Patching had been carried out on Kennington Road between Sugworth Lane and Sandford Lane early in January.
- **RESOLVED to convey the resident's complaint on the quality and extent of patching to Highways and to state that the road had deteriorated further and should be reassessed.**
- (d) FLOODING IN STONHOUSE CRESCENT: It was understood that there had been no recurrence of flooding in recent rainy weather.
- (e) SID SIGNS: Cr Blagrove reported that he had been trying to keep on top of battery charging. He had installed brackets on the post in Kennington Road so that one of the signs could be moved there next.
- (f) Cr Johnston reported that OCC's policy on 20mph limits had been reversed as they had agreed that 20mph speed limits should be the norm in villages.

11/21 CONSERVATION:

- (a) RESIDENT ACCESS TO THE FIELD BEHIND STONHOUSE CRESCENT
Councillors appreciated the value of the field as a resource. It was noted that the Council and Radley Lakes Trust had been pressing for a conversation with the landowner regarding access.
- **RESOLVED that the Council should write to the landowner explaining that numerous residents had contacted the Council to say that they valued the path, especially at this time. and were very disappointed that access to the land had been blocked.**
- It was agreed that the landowner should be asked to respond directly to residents via Radley News and the website.
- (b) RADLEY RATTLER: The Council had been approached for thoughts on a permanent home for the pebble snake which had been created by residents in Church Road. It was noted that the Bowyer Arms had subsequently offered a home.
- The Council agreed that this would be an excellent central location and thanked the Bowyer Arms for their kind offer.

12/21 THRUPP LANE: None

13/21 MATTERS FOR REPORT or discussion without decision:

14/21 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

- SIDs data

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- Project specification for Radley College boys potential project to analyse SIDs data.
- 20mph limits

15/21 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Development Steering Group: 4th February at 7pm
 - Planning committee: Thursday 25th February 2021 at 7.15pm (if required)
 - Ordinary meeting: Thursday 25th February 2021 7.30pm
- All meetings to be held virtually on Zoom.

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