

Radwinter Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 10th April 2006 from 7pm.

Present:

Cllrs J Hardisty (Ch); Dr H Brown; A Jarvis; K Moore; D Smith, with the Clerk, R A Jones in attendance.

1 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr G Simmonds; Cllr Halls was not present.

2. Minutes of previous Meeting:

held on 27th February, together with reports of meetings on 4th April, having been previously circulated were taken as read, adopted and signed by the Chairman

3. Continued items:

A) Traffic, Transport & related matters:

The Clerk reported that he had sent maintenance requests to ECC Highways for:- replacement of missing 'walkers in road' sign in Sampford Road; repair damaged verge in Ashdon Road at Mill End; to repair pot-hole in Princes Well (done); to resurface Walden Road near New House Farm (done, but it is felt that repair needs extending); attend to smooth non-grip surface in Wimbish Green Lane; extend yellow hatching in road surface in Water Lane outside school to cover entrance to rec. car-park (this is being investigated). A request was also made for a flashing speed monitor sign when these are available. Permission has been given for an extra street light close by Bridgefoot.

The Clerk read a letter he had received from Mr B Clarke of 45 East View Close regarding the overgrown hedge from Mrs Rayment's property; he was instructed to contact Mr Jeffery to cut and inform the respective parties.

Cllr Smith raised the matter of Mrs Brignall and her children walking along Sampford Road for them to catch the school bus; Clerk to raise this again. Cllr Smith also raised the abolition of the Saffron Walden Road Safety Committee; Clerk to write to Mr Bovaird of UDC.

Cllr Moore enquired if there was any progress regarding traffic survey for Water Lane; he also raised the matter of a traffic speed survey in Maple Lane at end of housing; Clerk to raise with ECC Highways.

A letter has been received from SSE regarding consultation on the second runway; Clerk to write informing them our reply is through UALC.

B) Village improvement:

We have been informed that the bulk waste skips will be available on the Rec on Sat 10th June 8am to 11.30; Sat 29th July 12.30 to 4pm; Sat 14th Oct 8am to 11.30; cost will be £80.80 per visit.

A letter has been received requesting converting the grass area outside 23 – 31 East View Close to a parking area; this was not agreed. A request has also been made for grit bins. A complaint has been received about copper in the water in the new properties in East View Close; it was stated that this is a Water Board problem and that samples should be sent for analysis.

The Clerk stated that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 came into effect wef 6th April. This increased authority powers in regard to dog fouling and control, litter, fly-posting and fly-tipping. A guide has been requested. A query was raised about the presence of dogs at boot sales; the Chairman confirmed that this was illegal and that it was up to the organisers to discourage this practice.

The Chairman reported on correspondence from Michael Southgate regarding the village sign; this will be circulated.

ECC have written regarding the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme; it is hoped to start work on producing a parish footpath pamphlet shortly.

The meeting adjourned for the Annual Parish Meeting until 9pm.

C) Low Cost Housing:

A meeting was held in the village hall with Anne Bishop of RHT regarding the future; at a subsequent meeting in Ashdon she was able to confirm that the government had retracted their proposals for abolishing 'stair-casing' thereby enabling the low cost purchase scheme to continue. Contact is still being maintained with Mrs Rayment and Henry Turtill of Bidwells on behalf of Sir Jonathan Parker.

D) Parish Plan:

Cllr Smith had circulated the finalised Village Appraisal produced by the Plan Committee for adoption prior to printing. The authorisation of this document was queried. He pointed out that it was a purely factual document based on the data obtained from the survey; it did not proffer any views or recommendations, and there was no Parish Council participation. The Parish Council would be fully involved in producing the Parish Plan and Design Statement and there would need to be some joint meetings. It is hoped to produce these at the end of 2006. It was stated that funds were available to produce the Village Appraisal in black/white, but it was hoped for support to produce it in colour. This was agreed (subject to usual terms).

E) Recreation Ground:

The Clerk reported that repairs to the car-park and entrance including a bollard had been completed. A report has been received of an attempted break-in at the Bowls Club.

F) Village Hall Complex:

The Clerk reported that Mr James Cox has moved into Hall Cottage following refurbishment. A new bathroom has been installed and various ancillary work undertaken. Mr Cox has redecorated the whole of the interior and re-carpeted; for this we have forgone the first month's rent. Approval has been given for a replacement bathroom in Walden road Cottage.

4. Finance:

A) Statement:

The RFO reported funds of £12886 current account, £44079 reserve giving a total funding of £56965. An unaudited annual account had been read to the Parish Meeting. There is a change in the audit requirements necessitating final accounts being approved at the May meeting. This will require the internal audit to be carried out prior to this, and it was arranged for the Council to do this on Wednesday 26th April at 8pm.

B) Current Expenditure:

The following accounts were awaiting payment: EALC £138.73 (membership); J Hardisty £51.05 (expenses); R A Jones £152.48 (expenses). Retrospective consent was sought for payment of NALC £37.80 (3yr subn. Local Council Review); TIAMCO £3005 (plumbing Hall Cottage); Viking Direct £38.37 (stationery); FDPM £125.10 (new tenant fee); TIAMCO £1350 Walden Rd Cottage plumbing– awaiting completion); RVHMC £16 (hall hire); ECC £176 (Hall hire for youth club); Land Registry £30 registration Rec. & Stocking Green); P Knight Construction £1081 (repair to Rec car-park). The payment of all these accounts was approved and cheques signed.

C) Projects:

Cllr Moore mentioned that the Youth Club are having trouble attracting leaders and may have to close. It was agreed to provide an additional £50 to help recruitment if required.

5. Planning:

applications, decisions and related matters:

A) Approved:

UTT/0058/06/FUL -Bank House Sampford Rd: rear extn – O'Brien & Robertson

UTT/0064/06/FUL – 8 East View Close: rear extn – S Hassell

UTT/0160/06/FUL &

UTT/0161/06/LB – Hockhams Sampford Rd: 1 storey extn – M Brignal

B) Refused:

UTT/0081/06/FUL – The Cliff Radwinter End: rear & side 2 storey extn. – G Pitt

C) Circulated:

UTT/0319/06/FUL – Wheelwrights Princes Well: demolition existing extns and conversion to 2 storey dwelling – M Fanthorpe - comments but no objection.

UTT/0397/06/FUL – Millstone Hempstead Rd: 1storey rear extn. T Montgomery – no objection.

D) Other:

The Clerk replied to a questionnaire regarding replacement dwellings and possible reasons for refusal.

6. Correspondence:

A) Meetings:

Wens 12 Apr – UDC sustainable homes network UDC?SW 7.30

Wens 19 Apr - UVoIB: AGM Thaxted 2.30

Sat 22 Apr – Local development framework workshop – UDC/SW 10.30

Wens 10 May – Flood management workshop – Kelvedon

Fri 19 May – Saffron Screen launch SWCH School 7.30

Wens 24 May - FoE Climate Change – SW Town Hall 7.30

Fri 26 May – closing date for NALC national awards (in circ. pack)

Sat 14 July – closing date for Community Empowerment Awards (in circulation pack)

The Chairman guillotined the Meeting as passed 10pm.

7. Next meeting:

Annual General Meeting – It was confirmed to be already arranged date of Monday 15th May.

The Meeting closed at 10.10pm