

Radwinter Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Monday 15th May 2006 in the Village Hall.

Present:

Cllrs H Brown; M Halls; J Hardisty; A Jarvis; D Smith; with the Clerk R A Jones in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr K Moore

2. Election of Chairman:

Cllr G Simmonds proposed that Cllr Hardisty should be appointed, seconded Cllr Halls and carried nem con. Cllr Hardisty then signed the acceptance of office.

3/4 election of Vice-Chairman and appointment of Officers and committees:

The following appointments were proposed and accepted:

Vice-Chair:

Grace Simmonds

Highways & Road safety:

David Smith

Environmental Matters:

Helen Brown

Youth officer:

Kevin Moore

Footpaths & tree officer:

Mark Halls

Village Hall Committee representative:

John Hardisty

Recreation Ground Committee representative:

Mark Halls

Passenger transport representative:

Vacant.

Web-site Committee –

H Brown & D Smith

Parish Plan Coordinators:

D Smith & H Brown

Neighbourhood Watch & Police Coordinator:

G Simmonds

EALC representatives:

J Hardisty & G Simmonds

Finance & Audit Committee:

J Hardisty, M Halls & A Jarvis and RFO in attendance. Mr L Simmonds agreed to attend as advisor.

Planning Committee:

Membership comprising all members, who will be circulated, and attend meetings as required under chairman J Hardisty.

5A Minutes of previous meeting held 10th April:

having been previously circulated their adoption was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Jarvis and signed by the Chairman.

5B Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 10th April:

having been previously circulated their adoption was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Jarvis and signed by the Chairman.

6 Reports from County & District Councillors:

None

7 Continued items:

A) Traffic, transport & related items:

The Clerk reported that he has been in touch with ECC Highways regarding the matter raised previously. A 'walkers in road' sign has been installed in Maple Lane (but high) and Sampford Road; the one in Ashdon Road has not been replaced. Resurfacing of Walden Road has been extended, and further work done at the 'Plough' crossroads. Speed monitoring has been carried out in Water Lane and Maple Lane; Chris Stonham has written to Mrs Rivers regarding the latter. The clerk has also contacted Hways regarding 'community speed watch' but it is unlikely that we will meet the criteria. Permission has been given for an extra street light on Hempstead Road.

It was noted that other bodies are also objecting to the abolition of the Local Road Safety Committee.

The bollard at the entrance to the Rec car-park is to be painted with a yellow band.

Cllr Smith has arranged for the road traffic accident report to be published in 'Ambo', together with an accident report card.

Plans for the proposed increase of activities at Stansted have been circulated. Our comments were made through the UALC.

The Chairman is to contact the UDC regarding litter bins and their emptying.

B) Village improvement:

The Clerk has asked Mr Jeffries to deal with the growth overhanging 45 East View Close.

The feasibility of parking on part of the green in East View Close has been examined; it was thought that improved car parking could be achieved without recourse to damaging the grassed area.

Notice has been received from the UDC Licensing Officer that Mr Redcliffe is not proceeding with his proposed Rock Concert. A notice will be displayed.

It has been reported that the Youth Club has closed due to lack of helpers. Concern was expressed and what could be done to help considered. It was agreed to offer £200 to help with funding extra staff. UDC Youth Service to be contacted.

C) Low Cost Housing:

A comprehensive scheme for development of part of the Parker estate has been received from Bidwells and circulated; copies of ground plan to be obtained for each Councillor. It does not give any details of the type of houses envisaged, and the Clerk has written for more information. He was also instructed to write to Mrs Rayment.

D) Parish Plan:

Cllr Smith produced several copies of the recently printed Village Appraisal. The Plan Committee was congratulated on its production. It was agreed that the Council would pay the bill from the printer and recover the excess from the Committee afterwards. It was decided that before any further work is undertaken there should be a joint meeting between the Committee and the Council to decide priorities and procedure. It was thought that closer co-operation was likely to be needed. A report is to be given in 'Ambo' together with notice of a public meeting on Saturday 1st July to acquaint residents of what is happening.

Recreation Ground: The Clerk has received some communications from Mark Fanthorpe. He was instructed to inform him that £600 would be given towards the cost of the repair to the cricket pavilion roof; in addition A Jarvis was given consent for the purchase of plastic doors for the toilet block following his quote of £740. The Rec Committee was also to be informed that the question of a new pavilion could be considered if negotiations with an outside body were successful.

Village Hall Complex: Records are being studied to clarify the relationship with the Village Hall Management Committee and the Trustees. Since they have taken the matter to a solicitor nothing can be said at this stage which might jeopardize our position.

The Clerk raised the matter of ramps purchased by Victor Rae the postmaster for use by people with disabilities using the Post Office. He had checked with the insurers who raised no objection to their use provided that there was someone present assisting. It was agreed to pay Mr Rae the purchase price of £149.95.

Neighbourhood watch: Cllr Simmonds reported that there has been an outbreak of petty stealing from doorsteps, but no complaints have been received. The ringmaster and web-site have been notified of such incidents.

8 Finance:

A) Statement:

The RFO reported funds of £15665 current, £44228 reserve, giving £59893 in total.

B) Report of Finance & Audit Committee Meeting 26th April:

The minutes having been circulated their adoption was proposed by Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Halls and signed by the chairman.

C) Approval of Financial Statement for y/e 31st March 2006:

The accounts have been already approved by the Finance & Audit Committee and confirmed by Andrew Cohen the Internal Auditor. They were accepted and signed by the Chairman for submission to the External Auditor.

D) Approval of current expenditure:

the following accounts were awaiting settlement:

Allianz-Cornhill £1496.19 (liability & property insurance);

Viking Direct £56.33 (stationery);

Ambo magazine £20 (subn);

CVSU £10 (subn);

R A Jones £99.71 (Clerk's expenses, including meeting with B Munro);

J Hardisty £36.51 (Ch expenses);

Rec Committee £600 (part cost of re-roofing pavilion);

Andrew Cohen £25 (internal audit fee);

Paul Clark Printing £545 (printing Village Appraisal);

V Rae £149.95 (cost of ramps for Post Office).

The payment of all these accounts was approved and the cheques signed. The Clerk reported that we had received 2 complementary tickets for the first night of the Saffron Screen Cinema; since the chairman was unable to attend Cllr Brown would go in his stead. They will be sending 16 tickets for us to distribute to residents in the near future.

9 Planning: applications, decisions and related matters:

Approved:

UTT/0397/06/FUL – Millstone Hempstead Road: 1 storey rear extension – T Montgomery

Refused:

UTT/0319/06/FUL – Wheelwrights Princes Well: demolition existing extns and conversion – M Fanthorpe

Circulated:

UTT/0638/06/FUL – The Cliff Radwinter End: 2 storey rear extension – G Pitt (no objection)

10 Correspondence

(A) Meetings:

Weds 17 May – UDC Dev Control mtg - 2pm

Weds 24 May – UDC planning – special mtg to review appln Stansted Airport – 2pm

Weds 24 May – FoE – climate change – S w Town Hall 7.30pm

Thurs 25 May – ECC community money market – Ashcroft IBS 1pm

Tues 30 May – UDC North Area panel – 7.30pm

Weds 31 May – NHS board mtg - Waterfront Hall Chelmsford 9.30 am

Thurs 05 Oct – CPRE workshop on community framework – Huntingdon 9.30 am

(B) Other Matters:

ODPM – discussion paper on local bye-laws

NHS – appointments to area HA.

11 Other business and reports:

none

12 Next Meeting:

Already arranged for Monday 3rd July at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.40pm