

# Radwinter Parish Council

## Minutes of 14th April 2008

### **Present:**

Cllrs K Moore (Ch); H Brown (late); E Duck; J Harling (late); S Graves; M Halls; A Jarvis (late) with the Clerk R A Jones In attendance: the Meeting was held in the Village Hall at 7pm, prior to the Parish Meeting.

### **1. Apologies for absence:**

none

### **2. Co-optation of new Councillor:**

The co-optation of Mrs Eileen Duck was confirmed.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting on 25th February:**

having been previously circulated their adoption was proposed and seconded and signed by the chairman.

### **4. Finance:**

#### **(a) Statement 31/3/08:**

Current Account £5450; Reserve Account £56736; total funds £62186

#### **(b) Draft Annual Accounts:**

circulated but subject to audit by Finance and Audit Committee scheduled to meet on Monday 21st April.

#### **(c) Current Expenditure & signing of cheques:**

Payment for R A Jones (clerk's expenses £68.96. Retrospective consent is requested for payment of:- Hewitsons £1668.50 (VH legal costs); G Schneider £75 (web-site); Ridgeons £3497.59 (Hall Cottage central heating); Volunteer Bureau £5 (mem'ship); Allianz Insurance £374.39 (premium adjustment) Radwinter Mother & Toddler Group £88 (♦ hall hire); M Halls £247.37 (Hall Cottage Oil tank base); EALC £146.75 (mem'ship). The payment of all items was approved and the cheque signed. Village Hall Water Rate of £259.15 Standing Order payment is due.

#### **(d) Other financial items:**

It has been confirmed that we will be getting a 15% discount on insurance from arrangements for members of EALC. David Low has quoted £31 per mile for verge cutting; this was accepted.

### **5. Planning:**

#### **Approved:**

none

#### **Refused:**

UTT/0232/08/FUL – The Old Cartlodge Jenkinhog Farm: change of use - N Williams

**Circulated:**

No objections to:

UTT/0474/08/FUL – 2 South View: 2 storey rear extn – R Baynes

UTT/0283.08/FUL – Springfield, Wimbish Green Lane: convert gge, add extn and cart-lodge – D Brown

UTT/0373/08/FUL – Radwinter Park, Radwinter End: change roof-pitch – G Kiddy

UTT/0396/08/FUL – Homestead Cottage Water Lane; rear conservatory & dwarf wall – M Hollidge

## **6. Reports:**

### **(a) Traffic:**

No information has been received from ECC Hways.

Mr Cuplin has written stating that his gate has been attended to; he also mentioned the flooding in Maple Lane – Clerk contacted Hways and drains were pressure jetted by May-Gurney.

The Meeting was interrupted for the Annual Parish Meeting and resumed at 9.15

### **(b) Affordable Housing:**

Cllr Brown reported on a meeting held by her, Rob Hopwood (Bidwells) and the Clerk with Roger Harborough and Mike Ovenden of UDC Planning regarding their view on housing in Radwinter. It was felt that it was a very negative meeting, although they expressed guarded support for inclusion in the next LDS which is some time distant. It is at present contrary to their Core scheme of the present Local Plan, although this is subject to revision. Clerk has written requesting confirmation of their position.

### **(c) Recreation Ground:**

The Clerk confirmed receipt of title to the Ground. Cllr Jarvis read a report. He stated that the grant of £6000 had been used to cover running costs which came to £5559. The donation confirmed at the January meeting of £3350 will again be used for maintenance. Funds now are £10559 in general fund and £12696 in pavilion fund. 2 seats have been purchased and will be sited near the play area. Mole drainage of the area near the Bowls Club is in hand. Fencing is being installed around the car-park, although it is felt that this needs extending. Details were requested of the proposal and its cost. The Clerk requested details of the annual closure of the gates. It was agreed that Cllr Halls would undertake this, on Tuesday at the next half-term. Clerk to inform School and Bowls Club. Bollard lights still giving trouble.

### **(d) Village Hall Complex:**

Chris Knight of Hewitsons has been in touch with the Charity Commission and is hoping for a decision by end of this month. Clerk to inform him of non-residence of VHMC committee members.

Oil-fired central heating has been installed in Hall Cottage following failure of the back boiler; still requires lagging. A consignment of heating oil has been purchased

for the system. Approval has been given for installation of a digital aerial at resident's expense.

It was noted that there is no sign indicating what/where is the Village Hall; Clerk to process.

**(e) Bus shelter:**

Cllr Halls met Andrew Robinson of Littlethorpe (suppliers) regarding site requirements. Clerk has been in discussion with ECC Hways regarding funding; a grant of £5450 has been given outline consent.

**(f) Street lighting:**

A contract has been discussed with Just Lamps and is waiting confirmation.

**(g) Post Office:**

The Clerk has had discussions with Keith Hermenstein of Post Office Counters, but he has now left and a follow-up made with Steve Rolfe. No decision has been made regarding their intentions.

## **7. Correspondence**

**(a) Meetings:**

5 May, Mon – WMAB: close consultation waste strategy (in circ bag)

8 May, Thu – Thaxted: PC mtg re tourism 8pm

14 May, Wed – ETP: risk management course, Dunmow 9.30 (fee refundable)

15 May, Thurs – ECC bus reps mtg SW 14.30. Cllr Duck agreed to fill this role and planned to attend.

16 May, Fri – EofERA: close of consultation on gypsy accommodation (in Circ Bag)

3 Jun, Mon – EALC: Chairman's Trg Day, Dunmow, 10am - £52

**(b) Other papers;**

An email has been received from PCSO Mike O'Donnell-Smith of Thaxted NPT requesting a meeting; Clerk to write suggesting attendance at public session at June Meeting.

## **8. Other matters:**

The presentation by Peter Riding of SSE was discussed, and the Clerk was instructed to write to NATS expressed our deep concern at the change in the stacking area, and that it would be less objectionable to more people if the stacking area continued to be sited south of Saffron Walden rather than to the north.

It was also agreed that we should seek membership of SSE.

## **9. Next Meeting:**

Annual General Meeting already arranged for Monday 19th May at 7.30pm. Cllr Brown offered apologies for absence.

It was agreed that the date of the June Meeting should be brought forward to 9th in place of 16th.

The Meeting closed at 9.50pm.