

# Radwinter Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 12 April 2010

### Present:

Cllrs K Moore (Ch); V Boyden; E Duck; S Graves; M Halls; A Jarvis; K Shoolheifer, with the Clerk R A Jones in attendance and C/Cllr Simon Walsh, 7 parishioners and Mrs B Bennett; held in the Village Hall on Monday 12 April 201 at 7.30pm

Papers were circulated for most reports and are available. Questions were taken after each paper.

### Apologies for absence:

D/Cllr S Schneider. Lady Walker queried how often Cllr Schneider attended, and was told once. She also queried that Cllr Schneider had commented on the management of the Recreation Ground; she was told that she must take this up directly with Cllr Schneider

### 2. Chairman's Report:

Kevin Moore reported on the 8 Council meetings held in the year, all with a public session. The attendance by Councillors was V Boyden 6/6; E Duck 8/8; S Graves 8/8; M Halls 6/8; A Jarvis 8/8; K Moore 7/8 (2 not in chair); K Shoolheifer 6/6. Cllrs Boyden and Shoolheifer were not appointed until July, but have taken on key roles. A major concern has been road conditions and work has been undertaken to alleviate flooding at Hall Farm, Golden Lane, Water Lane and Wimbish Green Lane. Speed warning signs are being introduced, and we have obtained 5 grit bins to help with winter road conditions. A considerable amount of time has been spent in working with Sir Jonathan Parker in producing a new management scheme for the village hall, which we hope will be finalised shortly. The hall has suffered from some vandalism and the police informed; the Post Office is now working well, and Kate Rudder keeps the tubs planted. The painting of the village sign has been completed, and Mrs Bennett stepped forward to present it to the meeting. Mr Hughes has kindly agreed to collect litter along Bridgefoot, and he has been given a set of equipment.

### 3. Financial Report:

The RFO Ray Jones presented the report which showed a favourable variance of £2698 compared with a loss of £2363 in the previous year. This is due to our not having undertaken several of the anticipated projects for which funds were allocated. We did however support the Recreation Ground (£3083), the Radwinter Society (£804), The Over 60's (£405), the PCC (£469) and the Plough 2 activity (£48).

### 4. County Councillors Report:

Simon Walsh read his report. He mentioned the work of the Council under the new chairman Cllr Peter Martin. Special attention has been paid to children's services. He now chairs a scrutiny committee for safer & stronger communities, and is on the police authority. ECC have received £2 million extra govt. money to repair pot-holes, and he is making sure that our roads are resurfaced.

## **5. District Councillor's Report:**

The Clerk read the report from Mrs Schneider, which was on the activities of the Council in general. There was no mention of any matter concerning Radwinter specifically.

## **6. Recreation Ground Report:**

Andrew Jarvis reported that the ground is now used by 2 football clubs, rounders, cricket, and bowls club. Some repairs have been carried out on the pavilion, but it is in very poor condition; and a replacement is urgently needed. To this end the PC have commissioned a topographical survey of the whole ground to aid with schemes for a funding a new building. Fund raising continues with the Easter duck race which raised £250, car-boot sales on 30 May and 29 August and the Fete on 30 August, which last year raised £2600. The AGM is on 10 May in the pavilion.

He was congratulated from the floor on the condition of the pitches.

## **7. Highways Report:**

Eileen Duck reported on 2 meetings with ECC highways, the first involving a tour of the Parish noting modifications or improvements needed, the second with other Councillors discussing local requirements particularly at the Water Lane junction. Several possible solutions have been proposed and the matter is still under review as other parties are involved. Attention has been paid to flooding and improvements have been made to drainage. We are also trying to get a 20mph speed limit outside the school and possible improvements to the car-park entrance.

## **8. Public Transport Report;**

Katharine Shoolheifer reported that 2 complaints regarding service 18 were dealt with and the service is now operated by a different company. Details have been circulated regarding changes in services and concessionary bus passes. The bus shelter does its job and the notice boards are well used to publicise local events.

## **9. Environment:**

Stephen Graves reported on the work he has done, principally concerned with flood prevention. A major project was undertaken with Jossaumes to clear and improve ditches in Water Lane. This has had a good effect but will only work if Highways keep the drains and grips clear. A similar problem is at Hall Farm, where flooding is due to blocked drains and overgrown ditch.

## **10. Footpaths Report;**

Mark Halls verbally reported that all footpaths have been walked and many small improvements made by ECC highways. The funding for continued work has recently been stopped and another source is being sought.

A complaint was made about path 85 alongside the river which was considered dangerous.

## **11. Village Improvement:**

Mark Halls reported verbally that he is working on the village sign which should be ready shortly.

## **12. Publicity:**

Katharine Shoolheifer reported that she and Stephen have been working on redesigning the web site. This was an extensive job and is now complete and first comments are very favourable. It is hoped that it will become an important source of local information, provided that village organisations use it. In addition to its entry on the web-page, the Council regularly gives reports in Ambo of its activities and items of general interest like the closing of the recreation ground gates.

## **13. General Questions:**

There were no further questions and the meeting closed at 9pm.