

Radwinter Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting 17th January 2011
Held in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Present:

Cllrs S Graves (Ch); V Boyden; E Duck; M Halls; A Jarvis; K Moore; K Shoolheifer, with the Clerk, R A Jones in attendance and C/Cllr S Walsh

Prior to the Meeting all stood for 1 minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Mrs Grace Simmonds.

Public Session:

None

1. Apologies and reasons for absence:

D/Cllr Schneider

2. (out of order) Report from C/Cllr:

C/Cllr Simon Walsh reported on the continued cost saving activities of the Council. The Careers Advisory Service is closing. This was received with concern since there is no Job Centre in Saffron Walden; Cllr Duck suggested that an Outreach Programme from Braintree to the schools is required. The school transport programme is also being reviewed in conjunction with the Local Transport Plan, on which comments are requested. Highways have also been restructured with the loss of 100 staff but are maintaining their services. There is road salt available, and pot holes will receive attention. The Fire Service is not losing any facilities, in fact Dunmow is being upgraded. The Police Service are reducing their Community Speed Watch facility and some reduction in Neighbourhood Watch back-up.

3. Minutes of previous meeting of 29 November:

Having been previously circulated they were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. (He later stressed the need for all Councillors to carefully read the draft)

4. Matters arising not otherwise covered:

The new format of the minutes was discussed and it was agreed that the increased information provided was beneficial. The Action Sheet is to be added for general distribution. The budget figures are to be deleted.

5. Finance

(A) Statement:

Funds at 1st January 2011 £47038.82

(B) Current position & signing of cheques:

Receipts:

interest £7.28.

Payments due:

EALC £50.00 (130 - Chairman Trg course less £10 discount); Over 60s £254.44 (131 - Christmas lunch); Mark Halls £891.86 (132 - refurbishment of main notice board - see later); R Jones £37.23 (133 - Clerk's expenses); RVHMC £146 (134 - Hall heating Jan); SLCC £82.00 (135 - memshp); A Jarvis £59.99 (136 - festival christmas tree); Uttlesford CAB £50.00 (137 - donation - see later).

Retrospective consent is sought for payment of R Jones £94.01 (127 - Clerk's expenses Nov); RVHMC £149.00 (135 - Hall heating Nov); RVHMC £146.00 (129 - Hall heating Dec).

The payment of all these accounts was approved and cheques signed.

(C) Other financial matters:

The tenants of Walden Road Cottage have given notice wef 24 February. FDPM already have new tenants.

A press release from DEFRA has stated that funds are available for flood relief measures under Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

An application for support has been rec'd from CAB Saffron Walden. It was agreed that in view of help to residents a donation of £50 should be made.

A burst pipe in Walden Road Cottage has been repaired at a cost of £183.50

6. Review of Action Schedule: see attached

Cllr Moore raised the matter of the change in the location of the speed limit signs in Water Lane and why it was not on the Action Sheet. He was informed that it was on the Action Sheet as the first item on the deferred list, in conjunction with a similar change in Wimbish Green Lane. The matter has been raised with Hways on more than one occasion and we have been repeatedly told that funds are not available due to the legal costs. We can ask them to reconsider the matter for the coming year.

Hways have informed us that B1053 Walden Rd will be closed between Tesco and Swards End for 5 weeks for drain laying wef 17 Jan.

Flooding in Walden Rd by Hall Farm has been inspected and the pipes blown.

Pot-holes at Bridgefoot and by Frog's Croft have been reported.

A request has been made for an allocated disabled parking space in the car-park; Cllr Jarvis to action.

7. Other items for review:

(A) Hall notice board:

the refurbishment has now been completed; there was increased expenditure as a result of upgrading.

(B) Stocking Green:

A letter has been received from James Briggs regarding the water main for various Stocking Green residents. It was agreed that the Council has no liability but that the residents should be given moral support, without prejudice.

A meeting is to be arranged with Mark Iley of Essex Biodiversity regarding improvements to Stocking Green.

(C) Recycling facility:

Another complaint has been made by residents to UDC regarding the condition of this facility; we have also received one regarding the intrusive noise to Almshouse residents.

(D) Almshouse frontage:

A request has been received for the removal of the hedge in front of one Almshouse. The matter is to be discussed further with the other residents and Almshouse Trustees; Cllr Halls to action.

(E) Broadband:

The BT 'race to infinity' scheme has now closed, but will continue with Hempstead PC to lobby BT for a better provision.

8. Planning:

(A) Approved:

UTT/1947/10/FUL) - Sellands farm Hempstead Rd: conversion of barn to dwelling & garage UTT/1949/10/LB) - T Godfrey
UTT/2058/10/UL - 1 Elm Tree View Golden Lane Radwinter End - installation of rear dormers - A Weaver

(B) Action withdrawn

UTT/2043/10/CLP - Purkis, Mill End: Cert. Of lawfulness for outbuilding & swimming pool - P Thomas

(F) Circulated:

UTT/1962/10/FUL - Bramley Meadow, Ashdon Rd - new extra dwelling with dble gge
- B Hillson

9. Correspondence:

(A) Meetings

02 Feb - EALC: Insurance workshop - 10am Gt Dunmow - £40

(B) Papers

04 Dec - email: Directgov re 'The big tree plant' campaign
07 Dec - email: Rose Juhl re parking of Buffybus in East View Close following complaint from Wendy Thear - reply suggesting parking further down
20 Dec - letter to visit Gardens of Easton Lodge and request for support - noted
15 Feb - closing ECC consultation on Local Transport Plan

10. Other Matters:

- a) Essex Libraries have informed us that they will visit Radwinter fortnightly at 14.45 wef Wednesday 19 Jan
- b) ECC Bulletin containing a article on help with tree management.

c) The chairman has a certificate for attending the training course in management skills.

The circulation pack was given to the Chairman who will pass items through as requested.

11. Next Meeting:

The Chairman has requested that the date for the next meeting is changed from 7th March to 28th February; The Clerk has requested that the date of the subsequent meeting (the Parish Meeting)is changed from 11th April to 18th April due to holiday from 19 March to 8 April. Both changes were agreed.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

20/01/11 ACTION SHEET

Date	Requirement	Action	By	Date	Comments
1 Nov 09	Footway by E bound bus stop	widen footway	hways		Ron Martin to inspect
1 Mar 10	f/p 34 - path by Hale Cottage?	Check - in garden	hways		Robin Wallbank
1 Mar 10	f/p 39 - Bendysh Wood - crosspath	check	hways		RW
1 Mar 10	f/p 41 - Bendysh Wood - crosspath	check	hways		RW
1 Apr 10	Widen entrance to car park	examine	PC		MH to prepare plan
1 Oct 10	Water main in Stocking Green	query ownership	Veolia		passed to residents
1 Nov 10	Footbridge at bridgefoot - fragile	repair	hways		Ron Martin to inspect
1 Jan 11	flooding in Walden Rd	clear drainpipes	hways	in hand	Ron Martin to inspect
17 Jan 11	Pot holes in Walden Rd	repair	hways		Ron Martin to inspect
17 Jan 11	Install disabled parking bay in car-park	install	PC		Andrew Jarvis
17 Jan 11	Almshouse hedge	remove?	PC	inspect	Mark Halls
10 Dec 10	Road salt	replenish	hways		
29 Nov 10	Water Lane	install sign 'slow - school'	hways		

COMPLETED PROJECTS

	F/path 67 - Hall farm	stile to be erected	tenant		
	Water Lane	replace 9 posts	H/ppv		
	Signpost at Walden Rd/Water Lane x rds	replace	hways	Nov	

DEFERRED PROJECTS LIST

Date	Action	requirement	By		
1 Sep 08	change in speed limits - Water Lane & Wimbish Green Lane	move signs	hways		
1 Apr 09	Footpaths P3 scheme	alternative scheme	M Halls	pending	
23 Apr 10	Social Hsg & Rec Dev	develop scheme	Bidwells		
23 Apr 10	allotments	clarfy availability	E Duck		awaiting action by Sir JP
23 Apr 10	20mph speed limit outside school	installation	hways		
30 Jun	weight limit Water Lane	installation	hways		

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30 Jun 09	Traffic control in water Lane	review options	hways		
1 Sep 10	improve footway by e bound bus stop	widen	hways		deferred
1 Nov 09	improve visibility at Water Lane junction	move hedge	trustees		R Martin inspect
1 Nov 09	improve visibility at junction by narrowing road	widen footway	hways		agreed
1 Mar 10	Traffic control in water Lane	review options	hways		deferred