

# Radwinter Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting 5th September 2011 Held in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

### Present:

Cllrs S Graves (Ch); V Boyden; M Halls; K Shoolheifer; K Thompson, K Moore (late) with the Clerk,

R A Jones in attendance, and D/Cllr S Howells and Ms McDonald

### Public Session:

None.

### 1. Apologies and reasons for absence:

Cllr Duck - injury

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting of 4 July:

Having been previously circulated they were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Matters arising not otherwise covered:

Cllr Moore signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### 4. Reports from County & District Councillors:

Cllr Howells reported that the 2010/11 accounts had been signed off, which showed a controlled situation apart from the pension fund which had a £90M deficit. There were no reserves and a loan would be required to undertake any major project.

The new waste & recycling scheme was described. The large green waste skips on the Rec. would be discontinued, but each household will be eligible to join a garden waste recycling scheme at a initial charge of £30 and £30 annual charge. It is likely that the bulk recycling skips will also terminate for which we pay. He would confirm this. The domestic recycling would also include glass. It was noted that the glass recycling skips in the car park have already been removed due to complaints from nearby householders.

He reported that the gypsy situation was being monitored to ensure that the local facilities were not abused.

The Clerk circulated details of the D/Council structure and meeting timetable supplied by D/Cllr Howells.

### 5. Finance

#### (a) statement:

Funds at 1 September: £44475.68

**(b) Current position & signing of cheques:**

receipts: interest £7.32 July, £7.11 August.

Payments: R A Jones £42.68 (170 - Clerk's expenses); R A Jones £20.28 (171 - UDC PavPlg Appn); Retrospective consent was sought for payment of D Tonks £784.40 (d/d Clerk's remuneration for 2 months, fee and VAT); UDC £502.50 (166 - plg appn); Viking £64.13 (167 - stationery); R Jones £30.99 (168 - fee to Fin Adviser); Audit Comm £342.00 (169 - annual audit). The payment of all these accounts was approved and the cheques signed.

**(c) Change in Bank signatories:**

The bank has confirmed that the changes have been effected.

**(d) Other financial matters:**

The Audit Commission has confirmed the completion of the 2010/11 audit without further queries.

An application for renewal of our membership has been received from the Volunteer Centre at £10 (prev. £5)

This was approved (172 - £10).

An application for help with the purchase of a projector was received from the Over 60s club and passed to the VH trustees; they agreed to purchase the equipment for general village hall use.

**6. Review of action schedule:**

It was noted that the footbridge at Bridgefoot is to be patched. Despite repeated calls no positive response has been received from H ways regarding the other points at issue, including pot-hole repairs and salt-bin filling. The situation is regarded as unsatisfactory.

Ryan de Plessis has complained about the condition of the high path.

The Clerk will reply to Brian Hillson regarding points raised with James Briggs.

It was noted that some street lights are not functioning; Clerk to inform contractors

**7. Report from the village hall representatives:**

The Chairman provided a copy of the minutes of the AGM for circulation. The damage to the Hall following the storm was also noted causing it to be padlocked. The requirement of the Clerk to have access weekly is to be entered.

Concern was expressed regarding the lack of any communication from the Trustees to the village residents who probably would like reassurance that matters are being dealt with to the general benefit of all. Circulation of the minutes would help in this regard. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Chairman.

**8. Other matters for review**

**(A) Sports Pavilion:**

Following earlier discussions with K Hollitt, the Clerk contacted Plg regarding the submission of an outline plg application and was informed that this did not apply to

non-residential buildings; he then submitted a full application together with the previously prepared outline appn, and later a supporting 'design and access statement'. He has now been requested to provide a block layout of 1/500 together with a 1st floor plan and a site cross-section and levels. A meeting is to be held of the PavPlg group to progress matters.

**(B) Recycling:**

The Clerk has circulated a circular letter from Ron Pridham informing us of major changes to the recycling scheme, including abolition of the garden waste and civic amenity skips, instead having a domestic glass and garden waste collection. If the PC wish to continue skip services they will cost £50.52ph.

**(C) Radwinter Community Plan:**

Andrew Taylor i/c UDC Plg called a meeting on Monday 5 Sept to review the scheme. Cllrs Graves, Halls and Thompson attended with the Clerk and representatives from Bidwells and school governors. A very useful discussion ensued, and the matter is to be pursued actively.

**9. Planning;**

**(A) Approved:**

UTT/0228/11/FUL - 9 Princes Well: major 2 storey extension - A Young - Appeal granted  
UTT/0972/11/FUL - Jenkinhogs Farm: replacement Barn - Lord Walker  
UTT//1203/11/FUL - Traveller's Joy, Ashdon Rd: 2 storey back extn - J Goodfellow  
UTT/1206/11/FUL - Rose Cottage, Water Lane: demolish existing gge and replace with studio - R Harling  
UTT/1311/11/FUL - Haselbury House: 2 storey side extn  
UTT/1312/11/LB - 2&3 Church view Cottages: internal alterations to convert to single dwelling - Sir Jonathan Parker

**(B) Circulated:**

UTT/1507/11/FUL- Bramleys Meadow, Ashdon Road: new dwelling & Gge revised spec - B Hillson - closed 2/9  
UTT/1343/11/LB - Bradburys Stocking Green - internal repairs to provide waterproof tanking to gd floor - L Reid - closed 2/9

**10. Correspondence:**

- A) Police: we have been informed that the new non-emergency phone no. is 101
- B) ECC: we have been asked if we wish to participate in the beacon lighting for the Diamond jubilee celebrations on 4/6/12. Clerk to obtain more info.
- C) UDC: we have been asked if we are participating in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, if we are likely to require a licence or to purchase bunting. Referred to next meeting.
- D) Woodland Trust: UDC have asked if we wish to participate in an Uttlesford Jubilee Wood scheme; declined.
- E) Royal Horticultural Society: we have been asked if we wish to participate in the 'Britain in Bloom' scheme; also declined.
- F) EALC): An application for the Chairman to receive an invitation to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in July 2012 - reply by 7 Sep. Declined

- G) EALC: details of the AGM Tuesday 27 Sep.
  - H) UDC: review of Polling Districts and stations - state any new requirements by 14 Nov. No change required.
  - I) Hallwood: offer to survey trees to prevent accidents to the public. Not required.
  - J) Rec: request for Cllr Mark Halls to be co-signatory on savings bond. Already done.
  - K) EALC; info re in-house training. Clerk to ascertain suitable date.
  - L) Tues 18 Oct: EALC roles & responsibilities course - Dunmow 9.30 (£40)
- A circulation pack will be handed to the Chairman - details attached

## **11. Other matters:**

## **12. Next Meeting:**

Already arranged for Monday 17 October.