

**Radwinter Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting 8th July 2013**  
**Held in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.**

**Present:**

Cllrs M Halls (Ch); S Graves, V Boyden; E Duck, J Mary.

In attendance D/Cllr S Howells, School Governor Chair Amanda Rivers, School Governor Paul Camp, J Briggs

**Public Session:**

**P1 School Classroom**

Paul Camp advised the Council that the school was full and needed another classroom if it was to be able to accommodate further pupils. This is partly due to pupils from Saffron Walden and beyond coming to Radwinter School because there were no places elsewhere. Paul Camp asked if the Section 106 money from the proposed Housing development could be used for this.

Wimbish School has spare capacity but a large number of their pupils were from the Barracks and were often moved. Hence children could not make friendships and parents are reluctant to have their children at Wimbish School.

Simon Howells said the provision of School places is a County responsibility and he would take up with C Cllr Simon Walsh.

Amanda Rivers said she was concerned that the County had the correct pupil number figures. Those being used are well below current pupil numbers and make no provision for future growth.

Cllr Graves asked that, as the School is an Aided Church School if the Church could help. This was thought unlikely.

**P2 School Land**

an earlier Housing development proposal took some land for the access road and proposed to grant to the School some additional land . Now that the access road connection to the B1053 had moved east School land was no longer required so the additional land has disappeared from the plans.. The School had not been consulted . The School would like some additional land with a view to establishing a Pre School on the site. An additional entrance off the new road would also be useful. Cllr Graves undertook to discuss these points with Bidwells.

**51/1 Apologies and reasons for absence:**

Non received possibly because the meeting had not been formally advised. Cllrs R Raines, K Moore and Clerk B Bowles not present.

**51/2 Minutes of previous meeting of 20th May 2013:**

No minutes have been received from Ms Bowles.

**51/3 Reports from County & District Councillors:**

No report was received from C/Cllr Walsh.

**D/Cllr Howells reported:**

3.1 Finances of Uttlesford District Council were satisfactory for the next couple of years after which there may be a problem. Meanwhile there is a need to reduce the Benefits budget to the tax collected. UDC is more generous in applying reductions than any other County District but cuts are being made.

3.2 Benefit advice Cllr Duck said it was taking 24 weeks to tell people what their new benefits would be and this was making life very difficult for those on benefits. D/Cllr Howells said he was concerned to hear that and would investigate. He understood it only took 9 days although this could well extend to 24 weeks if the revised benefit was challenged.

3.3 Funds for Parish Use D/Cllr Howells there is £666.67 available provided it is for an approved Parish scheme and spent before March 2014. It would be possible to divide this sum between, say, The Information pack and the Church clock repair. To proceed the Parish Council need to make a formal request.

**51/44 Parish Clerk**

**4.1 Resignation**

Ms Bowles has sent an email to Cllrs Boyden and Duck advising she is resigning but would produce the minutes of the last meeting of 20th May 2013. This has not been received while Ms Bowles is still in possession of all the Council records etc.

Cllr Graves undertook to call personally to retrieve the records.

Cllr Duck agreed to write to Ms Bowles confirming her resignation

**4.2 Replacment Clerk**

J Briggs was asked to coordinate the necessary advertisements and to issue a supplement to Radwinter Times to bring to the attention of all Residents. Drafts will be circulated to all Councillors before action taken.

**51/5 Other matters**

In the absence of minutes of the previous meeting and the Council Records it was not possible to discuss any other matters.

**51/6 Next Meeting:**

Already arranged for Monday 9th September at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm**