

RADWINTER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on 14th October
2013 commencing at 7:45pm in Radwinter Village Hall

Those Present:

Parish Councillors Mark Halls (Chairman), Stephen Graves (Vice-Chairman), Rob Rains, Vicky Boyden, Eileen Duck, Jill Mary. Parish Clerk Marisa Baltrock, and one member of the public.

Public Session:

Before commencement of the formal Meeting a member of the public spoke on the following topics:

Radwinter Times: Those living in the centre of the village who do not have mobility issues should not need their copy to be hand-delivered, but should be able to collect it from the Post Office or another location. Other locations were discussed but no decision was made because of concerns about attracting vandals.

Green Waste Skip: Clarification as to the last collection date of the year is being sought from the District Council.

55/1 Apologies for Absence:

Parish Council Member Kevin Moore and County Councillor Simon Walsh.

55/2 Declarations of Interest:

None.

55/3 Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 9th September 2013:

Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

55/4 Matters arising and Reports from District and County Councillors:

County Councillor Simon Walsh sent a report by email: 2014 secondary school applications period ends October 31st. There are consultations out by the County Council regarding passenger transport; here I would urge talking up the value of the rural bus services already present, and perhaps suggesting areas for improvement. Home to school transport review is also underway, as is youth service provision. Again I would suggest the value of these services to rural communities. As you might imagine, this is all in the context of the ECC trying to meet its budget shortfall, which means substantial savings will need to be made to cover the Government's reduction in grants to the Council.

55/5 Proposed development of land to rear of East View Close:

Cllrs Halls and Graves reported on a Meeting held at the offices of Uttlesford District Council attended by themselves, Planning Officers and Bidwells. All parties are working together well but are eager to address the concerns of the school regarding allocation of Section 106 money. The Clerk has been trying to arrange a Meeting at which County Councillor Walsh can discuss this with school Governors. The Council asked the Clerk to propose a Meeting on 11th November.

55/6 Stocking Green Conservation Area:

Cllrs Duck and Mary reported on a meeting attended and site visit. The electricity company have cut through woodland and dug a ditch, and a working group would like to restore the area to its previous wild state and reinstate the original pond and will be applying for grant monies to enable this. The Council asked the Clerk to write to Eastern Power Networks to request that they contribute to these costs, and also to ask for wayleave monies for the siting of their poles on Parish Council land.

55/7 The Big Lunch:

A member of the public has been discussing holding this event in 2014 with other residents, and overall opinion is that the school hall and field are the best location. He and a Parish Councillor will approach a pub landlord to discuss provision of a bar.

55/8 Finance:

(a) The Council approved the following payments:

- i) PKF Littlejohn - External Audit of Annual Return - £156.00 (chq 269)
- ii) Village Hall Charity - Hire of Hall August to October - £45.00 (chq 270)

(b) A Finance Committee Meeting was arranged for 25th October

(c) Ongoing issues with the payroll services contractors were discussed, and the Council approved the Clerk to investigate alternative provision.

55/9 Recent Planning Applications:

(a) UTT/13/2678/FUL - Radwinter Mushroom Farm, Bent Road - Demolish existing building and erect three residential dwellings - the Council favour this Planning Application.

(b) UTT/13/2649/FUL - The Old Cartlodge - Change of roofing material - the Council made no comment.

55/10 Highways:

Hedges obscuring the High Path on Walden Road were discussed. Cllr Halls will speak to a resident regarding cutting it back three times per year.

55/11 Recreation Ground:

(a) Enlargement of car park entrance - Cllrs Halls and Graves to look at previous plans and work out probable cost of this project .

(b) The Council RESOLVED to submit a Planning Application for a new Pavilion on behalf of the Pavilion Steering Group.

55/12 Correspondence:

A request from Uttlesford District Council for work within the Conservation Area was discussed. The Clerk will find out who is responsible for the gravestones in the church yard, and also how to have the pumps listed with protected status.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

Next Parish Council Meeting 9th December 2013.