

RADWINTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on 9th December 2013 commencing at 7:45pm in Radwinter Village Hall

Those Present:

Parish Councillors Stephen Graves (Acting Chairman), Rob Rains, Vicky Boyden, Eileen Duck. District Councillor Simon Howell, Parish Clerk Marisa Baltrock, and four members of the public.

Public Session:

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

Electronic information about the Plough Licensing Application had been forwarded to the Radwinter Times, the Editor had circulated this to Councillors and subsequently decided not to publish it. The member of the public concerned expressed her offence that judgment had been made about her motives and the information not made public. A discussion took place as to the link between the Parish Council and the Radwinter Times, and the Council will discuss formally at its next Meeting its role in contributing financially and editorially to the publication. The Chair wished it to be made clear to the member of the public concerned that no offence had been intended.

A member of the public expressed concern about a mature Scots Pine which may be threatened by the new housing development at East View Close, as well as flooding dangers.

56/1 Apologies for Absence:

Parish Council Members Mark Halls and Jill Mary and County Councillor Simon Walsh.

56/2 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Graves declared an interest in item 9 as he is selling a piece of land to the owner of the Plough.

56/3 Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 13th October 2013:

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

56/4 Matters arising and Reports from District and County Councillors:

County Councillor Simon Walsh sent a report by email regarding the County Council's forthcoming budget.

District Councillor Simon Howell commented on the recent planning and licensing applications that all members of the public are encouraged to articulate their concerns to the District Council.

Regarding the recent application for the Plough he said that he had received many public representations supporting the success of a pub in the village, and that the application submitted had been unrealistic and would not have been accepted without amendment, so its withdrawal was unfortunate. It is possible that an amended application will be made.

Regarding the Radwinter Mushroom Farm application, it was rejected because it runs counter to the District Council's regulations which do not allow residential development outside already developed zones. He will be at a meeting on 11th December to make representations for an exception to be made in this instance.

Also discussed were plans for the 2014 Big Lunch, the distribution of the Radwinter Information Pack, and dispensers for the Radwinter Times. Mr Briggs will investigate the possibility of leaving copies inside the Village Hall and the Church porch for those residents able to collect their own copies.

56/5 Church Clock:

The Council RESOLVED to write to the PCC expressing their support for the clock to be restored for the benefit of the village.

56/6 Stocking Green Conservation Area:

The Clerk has been in correspondence with EDF who deny responsibility for any felled trees, so she will visit the site to take photographs and continue to pursue them for a financial contribution to the clearing up work.

56/7 Finance:

(a) The Council approved the following payments:

- i) Recreation Ground Committee - Annual Contribution - £3000.00 chq 500274
- ii) Uttlesford District Council - Pavilion Planning Application - £577.50 chq 500271
- iii) Royal British Legion - Remembrance Day Wreath - £21.00 chq 500273
- iv) Harts - Printing of Radwinter Information Pack - £666.66 chq 500275

56/8 Recent Planning Applications:

(a) UTT/13/2678/FUL - Radwinter Mushroom Farm, Bent Road - Cllrs Stephen Graves and Simon Howells to attend Planning Meeting on 11th December to attempt to overturn Council's rejection of this plan.

(b) UTT/13/3118/OP - Land to rear of East View Close - The Parish Council will continue to liaise with the developers as concerns arise, for example traffic calming on the main road, traffic reduction on Water Lane, and those raised earlier in the Meeting by a member of the public.

(c) UTT/13/3029/OP - Land at Plough Ridge - A comment has been submitted on behalf of the Parish Council, and it was noted that some development of the site may get approval, at some point in the future, even if the current plans are rejected by the District Council.

(d) UTT/13/2950/FUL - Sports Pavilion on Recreation Ground - the Parish Council has not submitted any comments on this application.

56/9 - Licensing Application:

The District Councillor's earlier comments were noted, and Councillors expressed a hope for an alternative license to be granted in the future. The Clerk will contact the Landlord to make the Council's support known.

56/10 Highways:

(a) Cherry Plum Tree at East View Close obscuring resident's window - Clerk to contact Highways Rangers.

(b) Speed limit signs on Water Lane - plans had been made to move these - Clerk to contact Highways to action this.

(c) Hedge in front of Almshouses obscuring road users' view - Cllr Halls to request trimming.

56/11 Recreation Ground:

It was noted that Health and Safety at this year's fete had not met requirements, and measures will be taken next time to ensure that the Parish Council meets its responsibilities.

56/12 Correspondence:

The Uttlesford Sustainable Development Guide was circulated for Council Members to read, along with information from the Local Government Boundaries Commission.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

Next Parish Council Meeting 13th January 2014.

Clerk to circulate further proposed dates in accordance with usual annual pattern.