

RADWINTER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held on 10th March 2014 commencing at 7:45pm
in Radwinter Village Hall

Those Present:

Parish Councillors Mark Halls (Chairman), Stephen Graves (Vice-Chairman), Eileen Duck, Jill Mary, Kevin Moore, Vicky Boyden, District Councillor Simon Howell, Parish Clerk Marisa Baltrock, and three members of the public.

Public Session:

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

The Recreation Ground Committee are holding a “Hangi Hog” event to raise money towards the new pavilion on May 26th. Musicians and dancers have been booked and tickets sold, and it has been noted that the “Big Lunch” is planned for the day before. As the organiser of the Big Lunch was also present it was agreed that this event be moved to 1st June to enable the best possible attendance at each event. The Parish Council will give a grant towards the cost of the Big Lunch again this year.

The Neighbourhood Watch coordinator said that he would be producing a village newsletter called “The Radwinter Observer” and asked whether pages may be displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard, to which the Council agreed.

58/1 Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Rob Rains and County Councillor Simon Walsh.

58/2 Declarations of Interest:

None

58/3 Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 13th January 2014:

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

58/4 Matters arising and Reports from District and County Councillors:

District Councillor Howell reported on the significant Planning Applications that had recently been made in the area, and that these had been resolved to most parties’ satisfaction. He spoke on Pub Licensing, saying that everyone should be aware that Officers decide each Licensing Application in its context and that public opinion and pressure has no influence on this. He reported that Uttlesford District has reduced its Precept this year to £143 per Band D household.

58/5 Stocking Green Conservation Area:

UK Power Networks have agreed to pay towards making good the damage they have caused, and quotes have been sought. It was noted that some contractors refused the work, saying that the trees had been “vandalised” too much.

58/6 Finance:

(a) The Council agreed the following payments:

Uttlesford District Council - Green Skip Provision - £722.00 (chq no 500278)

Uttlesford District Council - Car Park Map - £15.00 (chq no 500279)

Marisa Baltrock - Clerk's salary January and February (chq no 500280)

James Briggs - Costs of final Radwinter Times issue - £108.61 (chq no 500281)

(b) The Council agreed to appoint DC Low as grass cutting contractor for the forthcoming year at the existing rate of pay.

58/7 Recent Planning Applications:

(a) UTT/14/0683/HHF - Land at Plough Ridge - it was noted that this application has been withdrawn.

(b) UTT/13/3118/OP - Development of land to rear of East View Close -Cllr Graves said that at the Committee Meeting where this was decided, the Parish Council were congratulated on the way it had worked with the developers. The Council congratulated Stephen Graves himself for the way he had represented it and achieved its aims.

58/8 Highways:

Various potholes and the traffic island near the Village Hall were discussed, and the Clerk will try to arrange a meeting between Highways Officers and Parish Councillors to address these.

58/9 Recreation Ground:

Plans to refurbish and extend the car park are underway.

58/10 Other Reports:

The Clerk will write to thank James Briggs for his work as Parish Council/Police Coordinator .

There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

Next Parish Council Meeting on 28th April 2014