

RADWINTER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on 28th April
2014 commencing at 7:45pm in Radwinter Village Hall

Those Present:

Parish Councillors Stephen Graves (Acting Chairman), Kevin Moore, Jill Mary, Vicky Boyden, Mark Halls (arrived 8:45pm), County Councillor Simon Walsh, District Councillor Simon Howell, Parish Clerk Marisa Baltrock.

County Councillor Report:

Cllr Walsh reported that recycling arrangements are being reconfigured around the county, and that the Saffron Walden is seen as a model for others and will not be closing. An extensive road repair programme is underway following the winter damage. The Community Initiatives Fund is open for applications.

District Councillor Report:

Cllr Howell reported that the draft Local Development Framework is going to public consultation. He is busy with Planning matters and there are some contentious applications in progress and that some are difficult to refuse because of the Section 106 monies resulting. He said that the decisions made over the East View Close development had demonstrated good leadership. He sought the views of the Parish Council over small developments outside the village envelope, asking whether larger, planned developments within existing settlements were preferable to "sprawl."

59/1 Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Rob Rains.

59/2 Declarations of Interest:

None

59/3 Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 10th March 2014:

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

59/4 Matters Arising:

Grant funds are currently available at District and County Councils and these could be used towards the car park refurbishment.

59/5 Neighbourhood Watch Signs:

The Council resolved that they should not pay for signs as they have not been budgeted for and the Council has not been charged previously.

59/6 Stocking Green Conservation Area:

Quotes are being sought for digging a freshwater pond and a funding application may be made. The Parish Council agreed to support this and will provide up to £200 towards the project. As UK Power Networks have agreed to pay to make good the damage caused, the work will now go ahead and the bill be sent to them.

59/7 Finance:

The Council agreed the following payments:

Radwinter Village Hall Charity - Hire of Hall November, January, February and March - £36.00 (chq no 500282)

Essex Association of Local Councils - Affiliation Fees 2014/15 - £166.60 (chq no 500283)

Clearfax & Accounting Ltd - Payroll Services October to March - £60.00 (chq no 500284)

Marisa Baltrock - Clerk's salary March (chq no 500285)

Homestart - Charitable donation - £25.00 (chq no 500286)

58/8 Recent Planning Applications:

No comments were made regarding any live applications. The Council discussed Cllr Howell's question above and agreed that developments outside the village boundary should not be approved.

58/9 Highways:

Some potholes have recently been patched up but not properly sealed. Clerk will once again request a meeting with Highways Officers about the traffic island.

58/10 Recreation Ground:

Quotes for resurfacing will be sought so that a grant application can be made.

58/11 Other Reports:

The paint on the village sign is deteriorating and solutions are being sought.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May 2014.