

**RADWINTER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July 2014**  
**commencing at 7:45pm in Radwinter Village Hall**

**Those Present:**

Parish Councillors Mark Halls (Chairman), Stephen Graves (Vice-Chairman), Eileen Duck, Jill Mary, Vicky Boyden, Parish Clerk Marisa Baltrock, three Members of the Public.

A Member of the Public commented that the 30mph speed limit sign on the B1054 is increasingly obscured by vegetation, requested a Neighbourhood Watch representative on the Parish Council, and commented that the Agenda for the Meeting was not on the Parish Council website.

Two other Members of the Public reported on the Recreation Ground Trust Committee. Key members have resigned and their recent AGM was inquorate. A solicitor is engaged to draw up a new Lease between the Parish Council and the Trust Committee, but this has been held up because members are needed for the Trust to exist. This arrangement is necessary for the Committee to retain charitable status and be eligible for grants towards the building of the new pavilion.

**61/1 Apologies for Absence:**

Councillors Kevin Moore and Rob Rains.

**61/2 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Halls declared an interest in item 10 as a Trustee of the Recreation Ground Committee.

**61/3 Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 19th May 2014:**

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

**61/4 Matters Arising and reports from District and County Councillors:**

None.

**61/5 Street lighting maintenance contract:**

An invitation to renew the contract with A&J Lighting had been received. It was noted that the service has always been very satisfactory and the Council RESOLVED to enter into another five year contract.

**61/6 Stocking Green Conservation Area:**

Cllrs Duck, Mary and Halls had visited the site to discuss necessary work, most of which cannot be carried out at this time of year because of wildlife but will begin in the Autumn. Cllrs Duck and Mary have met with a representative of UK Power

Networks who will also begin work to repair the damage caused by their subcontractor in the Autumn.

### **61/7 Finance:**

#### **The Council agreed the following payments:**

James Briggs - Donation towards The Big Lunch - £200.00 (chq no 500303)  
Marisa Baltrock - Clerk's salary May, June and July (chq no 500304)  
HMRC - Tax on Clerk's pay March to June 2014 - £55.20 (chq no 500305)  
Suffolk Acre Insurance Services - Annual Premium - £682.01 (chq no 500306)  
Eileen Duck - Refund for job advert placed in Walden Local - £33.00 (chq no 500307)

### **61/8 Recent Planning Applications:**

No comments were made regarding any live applications.

### **61/9 Highways:**

There are many overgrown hedges obscuring signs and narrowing roadways. Most of these are the responsibility of the adjoining landowners and they should be reminded of their responsibilities, however the Parish Council will consider paying a contractor to carry out this work in the interests of safety. It was decided to ask Mr Low to trim the High Path and around the speed limit signs. The Council also approved to pay for the maintenance of the cherry plum tree on East View Close up to a value of £50.00.

### **61/10 Recreation Ground:**

The Parish Council will not take over the work of the Recreation Ground Committee because it would not be eligible for the grants towards the new pavilion. Cllrs Halls and Rains have measured up the proposed extended parking area and are investigating cost effective methods of preparing the ground.

### **61/11 Other Reports:**

Dog waste is a problem and the Clerk will ask Uttlesford District Council whether bins can be provided.

Two candidates for the Clerk vacancy are to be interviewed on 23rd July.

**There being no further business the Meeting was closed.**