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Minutes of the Radwinter Parish Council meeting held on Monday 29th February 2016.

Present Cllr Halls (Chairman)

Cllr Fitch

Cllr Mary

Cllr Duck

CC Walsh

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

16/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Rain (Working away)

Cllr Boyden (Sick)

16/23 Members of the public are welcome to attend the Parish Council meeting. Those wishing to speak or raise any issue are requested to do so at.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

16/24 Members' Declarations of interest

Cllr Halls declared that he had tendered a quote for the pavilion and has been successful in his application. Cllr Halls will now have to resign from the recreation committee.

16/25 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 25th January 2016 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

16/26 Clerks Report

The reported she had brought a new computer with the grant money she received from NALC for the Transparency Code. The Clerk had also received the Grant money of £550.00 from DC Howell for the dog poo bins.

The Clerk received a Thank You card from the over 60's for the grant for the Christmas lunch.

16/27 District Councils Report

No report

16/28 County Councillors

Despite a number of high level meetings with Government ministers, there was little movement on their part to improve the financial settlement for Essex County Council.

Consequently, faced with a major budget shortfall, the Council has reluctantly increased its element of Council Tax by 1.99%. In addition a 2% Social care precept

has been added in order to meet the increasing demands of an ageing population across the County.

Whilst major frontline services remain protected, there are a number of budget cuts, notably the Local Highways Panel. I am confident we should be able to deliver a range of schemes this year, but they will be limited. The next panel meeting is on April 4th at 6pm.

A consultation on the pre-submission waste plan is published this week, with the proposed key sites in Uttlesford in Canfield, Newport and Elsenham.

A consultation on Children's centres is now out and runs until April 10th.

Details available on

<http://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/childrenscentresconsultation2016>

Cllr Hirst has step down and he's now going to stand for Police & Crime Commissioner.

Cllrs asked if CC Walsh could help with the school bus stop at Maple End Lane. The Children stand on the corner of the road waiting for a bus and its very dangerous when the road is icy as a car came straight off the road towards the bus stop.

16/29 Recreation Ground:

16/29.1 Recreation Ground Entrance

The Clerk had got a quote for a sign saying Recreation Ground its 91.5 x 61 cm this would go on the white fence opposite the school. The price was £75.00 this was agreed by all councillors present.

16/29.2 Recreation Ground

Current situation - Recreation Ground Improvements and New Pavilion
Money raised so far.

£46,500 through local fund raising.

With the amount that the PC has promised us from its own funds (20k), the section 106

(11k) and the landowner donation (178k), we have in total £255,500.

Other Funding

Unfortunately, our grant application to Sport England was unsuccessful.

We have just put in a funding application to DEFRA for 80k and should hear about that by the end of March.

We have been successful in securing funding for a zip-wire which is due to be installed on the rec in March.

We will continue to apply for funds as and when we find grant giving bodies where we fulfil their criteria.

Fund Raising Events this year

Village Quiz Feb: £550

Duck Race Ester Monday

Hangi Hog June 11th. (This will also incorporate the Queens birthday celebrations)

(There will be no fete this year as no-one has come forward to organise one, and we do not have the resources on the rec committee to organise this and maintain momentum with the new pavilion and other additions to the rec.)

Tenders

We have been through the tendering process sending specs to five builders. Mark Halls was the lowest tender and once we have sufficient funds we plan to appoint him to build the pavilion. Unfortunately, all the tenders came back considerably higher than the budget tenders which we had based our prices around and we find ourselves having to find a further 50k for the new pavilion (build cost approx. 247k including access road). Once the outcome of the DEFRA application is known the Steering Group will meet to look at possible savings and phasing options.

Trustees

With Mark Halls having the successful tender he will now step down from the steering group and trusteeship of the Recreation ground Charity for the duration of the project. In view of this it would be beneficial if there was another member of the PC prepared to become a trustee. We also have a further trustee vacancy because Stephen Hargreaves has now moved out of the area.

16/29.3 Recreation Ground Car Park to receive update

The Clerk had received a quote from Thames Hydroblasting

200m of 100mm white line

162m of 100mm yellow line

4-6 Disabled symbols

The cost would be £650 + Vat

There would be additional 20% uplift of the work needs to be completed at night or weekends.

Cllrs thought that this was a good price but would wait until all the recreation ground work had been completed before commencing.

16/30 Finance:

To agree the following payments:

16/30.1	Cathryn Carlisle –	salary	
16/30.2	£88.03	E-on	Electricity d/d
16/30.3	£23.00	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk Expenses
16/30.4	£48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance S/O
16/30.5	£54.64	S & W Graves	Website Domain Name
16/30.6	£7989,60	Playquip	ZipLine 500363
16/30.7	£328.99	Cathryn Carlisle	Dell Computer
16/30.8	£20.00	EALC	Course
16/30.9	£300.00	Sign & Graphics	Refurb of sign

16/30.10 £31.79 BT Telephone D/D
Payments were approved and signed.

16/30.11 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
Were checked and approved.

16/30.12 Bank Account No Update

16/31 Recent Planning Applications:

16/31.1 Planning Applications

UTT/16/0343/FUL Proposed change of use of agricultural building to workshop.
Radwinter Hall Farm Walden Road

UTT/16/0412/HHF Proposed first floor rear extension and additional/replacement doors, windows and front door canopy.
The Old Brewery Church Hill

The Clerk reported that Uttlesford District Council Officers have now made an initial draft assessment of these sites and this assessment has been published on the website. This assessment forms part of the Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SLAA). Details can be found at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/sites

The Clerk has looked at the sites and there are 2 for Radwinter one is for the land opposite the Plough Inn, the other is for the land on the right hand side as you go out of the village towards Hempstead.

The Clerk asked Cllrs to look at the sites and give comments at the next meeting.

16/31.2 Planning Results

16/31.3 New Development of East View

The Clerk had received confirmation that the new road would be called Gillon Way.

16/32 Highways: Updates

The Clerk to report the pothole near the bridge again.

16/33 Stocking Green

Cllr Halls met David Low at Stocking Green at the weekend to discuss the grass cutting at Stocking Green. David Low has been through the middle of the green as requested.

Cllr Mary and Cllr Duck both commented that we hadn't had any money for the telegraph poles? Cllr Mary to let the Clerk have details.

Cllr Halls asked that the Clerk puts Fencing at Stocking Green on the Agenda for next month.

16/34 Website

Cllr Fitch sent out a link from the new website all Cllrs thought it was really good. Cllr Fitch needs to speak with Stephen Graves and David? with regards to putting a link on the village website to the Parish Councils website.

16/35 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

16/36 Village Furniture

Cllr Mary had produced an inventory of all the Parish Street Furniture and listed what needed to be done to it either repairs or clearing brambles etc.

Cllr Halls went through and marked whose property each piece belonged to. It was agreed that we need to think about employing a village maintenance operative to do some of the work. This to be an agenda item next month.

16/37 Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed Cllr Fitch heads up a Sub Committee for the Neighbourhood Plan. We would need 3 councillors to be on this committee.

16/38 Other updates

Broadband meeting on the 7th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

16/39 Date of next Meeting

21st March 2016

16/40 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda
Broad band

16/41 Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm

Signed.....

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