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Minutes of the Radwinter Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25th July 2016.

Present Cllr Halls
 Cllr Boyden
 Cllr Mary
 Cllr Duck
 Cllr Fitch

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

16/109 Apologies for Absence
 Cllr Rains
 Cllr Davidson

16/110 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.

There were none present

16/111 Members' Declarations of interest
 There were none

16/112 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd May 2016 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Mary and Cllr Fitch.

16/113 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported she had received a letter back from the Archdeacon of Stansted, saying. "thank you for your letter on behalf of the Parish Council (dated 16th May) regarding health and safety issues in the Radwinter churchyard.

When a parsonage house is sold there is an opportunity for the PCC to apply for a 'lost facilities' grant to compensate for the cost of any alterations to the church, for example, due to no longer having a meeting room in the house or being able to use the toilet. In the case of the repairs you mention in Radwinter, these clearly don't fall under the scheme.

He has taken the case to the Diocesan Houses Committee to see if they can make an exception, but the best he got was an agreement to debate (later in the year) whether the policy needs to change. My argument is that whilst 'lost facilities' present a clear case for help, there is also an issue for local morale when the house goes but the PCC sees none of the proceeds. It may be that they change the rules, but it won't be for some time, and even then any compensation may well be linked to something more positive than repairs which the PCC would have to undertake anyway."

The Clerk had also received a letter from the Miss Mizen's about the corner of the Recreation Grounds by the old pavilion has become over grown with nettles and brambles. The Clerk has spoken with Julie Haines who informed The Clerk this was in hand.

The Clerk had also received a letter from J Hughes who is concerned that the developers have built up the bank, which could cause their property to flood, The Clerk has pasted this on to the Enforcement Officer.

16/114 District Councils Report
There was none

16/115 County Councillors
There was none

16/116 Recreation Ground:

16/116.1 Recreation Ground update

Report from Julie Haines

There is some less positive news since the last meeting. Because of the vote to leave Europe, the status of the £80K grant from DEFRA is now uncertain so we will now have to sit and wait in the queue while more important national matters are sorted out before we know whether or not the grant is still forthcoming.

However, having got so close, we have decided to start the building programme as planned. Without the grant we have about enough money to get a watertight shell of the building up and if the grant does not materialise, we will have to work harder, look for sources of income and do more fund raising to complete the interior of the building and fit it out.

We are pleased to announce that Mark Halls, submitted the lowest tender for building the new pavilion, he will start on site in September of this year. Although Mark has been a member of the steering group and trustee of the Recreation Ground Charity he resigned from the committee prior to the tender process and has also resigned as trustee. We are however delighted to be keeping things local.

Hopefully in the next few weeks the extra hectare of land, that was part of the section 106 agreement, will be transferred to the Parish Council. My understanding is that the agents for the developers (Bidwell's) will deal with all the land registry matters. Once this has been done we can add the new land to the lease that the Recreation Ground has with the PC. A planning application for change of use has been prepared and passed to the Parish Clerk for completion and submission. This can be done before the handover has been completed.

Over the next few months as well as starting the building programme, we plan to focus on setting up a strong committee ready to manage the new facility and would welcome approaches from any interested people.

They continue to apply to trusts and will continue with the fund raising. We were really pleased to have a good turnout at the Hangi which raised £3,000. She would like to pass on thanks to the PC for supporting that event.

They have their first AGM (under the new constitution) this Saturday morning 30th July up by the playground and would welcome all Parish Councillors to this.

16/116.2 To decide if the Parish Council wanted to take on the Extra Ground.

The Clerk received an email from Henry Turtill of Bidwell's asking the following. "I understand from Sir Jonathan Parker (via the Parish Newsletter) that the Parish Council are undecided as to whether or not they wish to take the recreation ground extension land at the present time. Given that Notice has been served upon us can you please confirm whether or not the Parish Council indeed do wish to take this land now or if they would rather wait until a later date. One thought I had been that the Parish Council could legally take the land off the Estate and let it back to the Estate for farming until such time that the Parish Council wish to establish the ground for the recreation extension. In this way the PC will have the legal ownership but do not need to maintain or manage it until they want to.

This will also have a bearing on the additional strip of land which Sir Jonathan Parker was willing to sell to the PC as and when the recreation ground extension was to go ahead.

I appreciate it may take you a little while to respond but clearly we need to know the PC's position in connection with the Notice and Transfer.

The Clerk and Julie Haines replied to the first part of the email saying that the Parish Council would be taking on the piece of land for the extension to the recreation ground. The Parish Council would talk about the other land at the meeting on Monday night.

The Parish Council decided that they would not be taking on the extra land that Sir Jonathan Parker had offered to sell to the PC.

16/117 Finance:

To agree the following payments:

16/117.1	Cathryn Carlisle –	salary	31
16/117.2 £88.03	E-on	Electricity	d/d
16/117.3 £23.00	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk Expenses	32
16/117.4 £48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	S/O
16/117.5 £26.47	BT	Telephone	D/D

16/117.6	£85.00	EALC	Training	36
16/117.7	£100.00	Ambo	Donation	35
16/117.8	£78.00	The Sign and Graphics	Sign	34
16/117.9	£48.00	RCCE	Subs	33
16/117.10	£39.33	SLCC	Subs	
16/117.11		Cathryn Carlisle	Salary	
16/117.12	£23.00	Cathryn Carlisle	Expenses	
16/117.13	£48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	
16/117.14	£28.10	BT	Telephone	
16/117.15	£85.20	E-on	Electricity	
16/117.16	£494.71	Community Insurance	Insurance	

Payments were approved by all members of the council present, Cllr Mary checked the invoices prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that as of this meeting Councillors not attending any courses booked on their behalf, the course will need to be paid for by the councillor. The onus is on the councillor who can't attend the course to find someone else to attend the course.

- 16/117.17 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
Was approved by all members of the council present
- 16/117.18 Bank Account Update
The Clerk will be take all the forms into the Saffron Walden Building Society next week.
- 16/117.19 Clerks Salary Review
The Clerks Salary has been increased by £3.03 per month.
- 16/117.20 Insurance Review
The Clerk queried what the insurance for gate and fences covered. It covers the gates for the recreation ground.

16/118 Recent Planning Applications:
There were none.

16/118.1 Planning Results
There were none

16/118.2 New Development of East View

The Developers have given an update with regard to the development of the road, "as you know following on from my previous email of the 14th June we were intending to have our haul road complete by Friday 15th July & intending no further heavy goods vehicles traffic coming through East View Close.

Regrettably due to the inclement weather we have had recently this has put us behind programme which now means we will have to use the access through East View Close until the end of July.

We apologise for this delay but unfortunately the weather is out of our control. Some Councillors said that at the moment both entrances are being used. The footpath that runs along the new development has been closed. This was mentioned when the development was given the go ahead.

The piling down did some damage, some of the children were crying in the playground, there was only a slip of paper put through door once someone complained about the noise. The site foreman is not sympathetic to residents.

16/119 Highways: Updates

The Clerk had taken picture of the flood at Hall Farm, ECC Highways have been working there. So we're hoping that this will stop the water flooding the road.

The Pothole at Bridge End has appeared again.

The Clerk to take photos of the 30MPH sign at Maple End.

The Clerk to take photos of the light outside the village hall.

16/120 Stocking Green update

No update

16/121 Website/Broadband

16/121.1 Broadband update

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at the Essex Record Office on Wednesday last week for our Superfast Essex Countywide Parish Engagement Event. We hope you found the presentations and Q&A session helpful. A number of people requested a copy of the presentation slides from the event so we thought we would share this with you all for information. Please find attached. Apologies if the quality isn't as good as seen on the night, this is because they have purposely been saved as a smaller file to enable me to email them to you.

If you do have any questions regarding any of the information provided, please do not hesitate to get in touch and send any queries via the ['Contact us'](#) section on our website.

We aim to hold these Countywide Parish Engagement Events every six months or so to give parishes an update and overview of the latest news and activity in relation to our programme. In between times we will hold sessions specifically for our Broadband Champions. If your Parish does not currently have a Broadband Champion and you would like to be one or nominate someone to be one, then please get in touch via the 'Contact us' section on our website (as above). See the current list at: www.superfastessex.org/broadbandchampions.

Our next quarterly Programme Update will be issued in August.

And finally, for anyone wishing to register their demand for superfast broadband, if they haven't already, visit www.superfastessex.org/getinvolved and follow the link to complete our Make the Connection Survey online.

16/122 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

The Hedge at Linden Cottage is now causing problems the clerk to chase ECC Highways.

16/123 Village Furniture

16/123.1 To discuss whether to employ a handy person to take on repair jobs
The Clerk has emailed the Community Pay Back Team about painting the railings on the Walden Road.

16/124 Neighbourhood Plan

12th of September was suggested The Clerk to contact Michelle at the RCCE

16/125 Where Water Flow

The Clerk had received an email from Martin Stocks who said he would be interested in this project. The Clerk to get some dates and arrange training.

16/126 To assign Councillor to their new roles for the year

See Website

16/127 Other updates

16/128 Date of next Meeting

22nd August

16/129 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

16/130 Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm

Signed.....

Dated.....