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Minutes of the Radwinter Parish Council held on Monday 26th September 2016.

Present Cllr Halls (Chairman)

Cllr Duck
Cllr Fitch
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Boyden
DC Howell

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

16/154 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Rains
Cllr Mary
CC Walsh

16/155 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.

16/156 Members' Declarations of interest

There were none

16/157 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd August 2016 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Duck, Seconded Cllr Davidson.

16/158 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported she had received the completed audit form back from the external auditors, the only thing they picked up on was the Defibrillator and the Zip line has not been added to the Assets Register. These items had been granted to other organisations i.e. defibrillator the Village Hall, and Zip line to the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk had received an email from EALC mark important The Government are proposing to put a cap on small councils with a precept of 10,000 who wants to undertake a large project will only be able to increase the precept by £200 which equal to 2%.

16/159 District Councils Report

The DC reported that the Local Plan is coming to a conclusion, UDC have just finished a round of exhibitions. The next thing is a consultation which will go out next month. Uttlesford where hoping that a single settlement would be enough to cover

Uttlesford planning needs, but this is not the case. What is needed is a 5-year land supply and that doesn't happen with new developments what Uttlesford are looking to do is to put more housing in the major settlements i.e. Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow and Thaxted then cascading down. There are 4 possible sites for new settlements A120-M11, Great Chesterford, East-West A120 and West of Braintree. Braintree has already put some houses in the Uttlesford District as a cross boarder development.

Our biggest employer in the area is Stansted Airport. Developers pay for the in fracture in the area i.e. schools, road, doctors, etc.

The Budget 2017/18 DC announce that he will be cutting the Local Council Tax Support this year which will have an impact on out precept of £450.00 over the next two years.

16/160 County Councillors

Bus route consultation

A public consultation on a number of routes Essex County Council (ECC) funds is due to close on Wednesday, 28 September.

Many of the services currently cost taxpayers more than £5 for every passenger carried, which is the maximum level of support ECC will normally give.

The proposed changes aim to support the future running of essential travel routes while offering the best value for money for the taxpayer.

The Council is keen to get bus users to give up just a couple of minutes of their day to feedback on a number of bus services in their area.

The consultation lists each service (by district) and says what the proposed change is (if any) plus the reasons why. Tendring district is not included in this consultation.

Residents can submit their feedback online, in libraries or over the phone up to Wednesday, 28 September.

Questionnaires are available:

- online <https://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/BusConsultation>
- from Essex County Council Libraries
- by phoning: 03457 430 430

Secondary School Places

Parents can now apply for their children's secondary school places for 2017.

Parents and carers of children due to start at secondary school (Year 7) in September next year can apply between 5 September 2016 and 31 October 2016. It is crucial an application is received

by the closing date.

Applications can be made at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. The website also enables parents to search for school information, and check admissions criteria.

Exam results

A-levels: More than 4,000 students took exams at Essex schools this year and initial data shows 76% per cent of the grades awarded were A*-C.

Essex pupils again exceeded the national average pass rate, with 98.3% per cent of all grades awarded A* - E, while over 23% per cent of students gained A*-A grades.

There was also similarly high success in vocational level 3 subjects, with 75% per cent of passes distinctions or better.

GCSE results: Provisional figures received from schools today show 65 per cent of pupils in Essex have achieved A* to C grades in both English and maths, compared with 61 per cent last year.

In addition, 24.6 per cent have achieved the English Baccalaureate, up from 22.4 per cent in 2015.

About 15,000 young people were entered into GCSEs at schools in Essex this year, which is the first since changes to the way school performance is measured at Key Stage 4.

The trends remain good, with Uttlesford schools performing very well.

Highways

Energy-saving LED lamps are set to be installed on all-night street lights across the county to save taxpayers thousands on electricity costs.

The new longer-lasting lamps require less maintenance and use less electricity.

Essex County Council is starting a programme to replace 9,000 existing lamps later this month (August). The work is part of a two-year project to replace 19,000 street lights with LED units.

Taxpayers can enjoy predicted savings of £600,000-a-year on energy and maintenance costs, as well as carbon taxes, once the programme is completed.

Waste

Waste from Essex businesses, which has been illegally left at recycling centres, has left taxpayers with a disposal bill running to hundreds of thousands of pounds.

'Man with a van' operators offering cheap rubbish clearance, property developers and independent building and home improvement trades have swamped many sites.

Local facilities have seen the amount of DIY and construction waste alone leap by over 50% in the last two years.

To tackle the problem, Essex County Council is set to announce changes to the way sites will operate in the future, to prevent taxpayers footing the bill for business waste, reduce queues for genuine customers and reduce daytime closures.

By law, Council run recycling centres are only for use by residents bringing in household waste from their own property. Businesses exploiting these public facilities to avoid paying waste disposal costs have pushed Essex County Council to introduce new rules to ensure that queues, congestion and site safety are improved for residents. Business waste of any kind is strictly prohibited from all Essex recycling centres.

Legislation does not count DIY and construction waste as household waste. The legal rule of thumb is that household waste covers things which a householder would normally take with them when they move house. If the waste is something you would leave behind, like doors, a fitted kitchen or bathroom, or soil and hard-core, it is construction waste.

The current plan to improve the operation of recycling centres means that from the 31st October, about half of the county's sites will also no longer allow vans or multi-axle trailers in and will no longer offer any disposal facilities for DIY and construction waste.

The remaining sites such as Saffron Walden and Braintree, will still offer access to residents disposing of their waste who only have access to a commercial type vehicle, but will place strict limits on how much DIY waste can be disposed of. Vans and pick-ups will be under greater scrutiny though, and those identified as bringing in waste from any kind of business activity will be refused entry and owners may be liable to prosecution.

16/161 Recreation Ground:

16/161.1 Recreation Ground update

Jeremy Denn has sent a quotation for doing the drawing and submitting planning application for the new entrance to the recreation ground the Price is £500 for drawings and £195 for the planning application. It was agreed that the Clerk writes cheques for this.

The Transfer is still in the process of Solicitors, Bidwell's are making arrangements for the site to formally demarcated on the ground and ensure that the land is not put into crop for the 2017 harvest.

Mark Halls will start work on the new Pavilion on the 3rd October 2016.

16/162 Finance:

To agree the following payments:

16/162.1		Cathryn Carlisle –	salary	
16/162.2	£88.03	E-on	Electricity	d/d
16/162.3	£51.00	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk Expenses	
16/162.4	£48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	S/O
16/162.5	£25.44	BT	Telephone	D/D
16/162.6	£129.00	EALC	Training	
16/162.7	£25.00	UALC	Sub	

16/162.8 £480.00 PKF Littlejohn Audit
Payments were approved by all members of the council present.
Cllr Fitch checked the invoices prior to the meeting

16/162.9 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
Cllr Fitch asked for a breakdown on what had been paid out to the recreation
Ground Committee and what the actual reserves where. The Clerk to get
that out to Councillors in the next few days.

16/162.10 Bank Account
The Building Society Account has now been sorted so that The Clerk can
speak to the Building Society about the accounts.

16/163 Recent Planning Applications:

16/163.1 UTT/16/2326/LB Proposed replacement window to gable end
(amendment to previously approved application UTT/16/0599/LB
2 Bendysh Hall Barn Ashdon Road Radwinter.
Recommend Approval

16/163.2 UTT/16/2359/FUL Erection of detached annexe for landlord
Accommodation
The Plough Sampford Road Radwinter
Recommend Refusal

16/163.4 UTT/16/2434LB Internal and external alterations to entrance lobby to
create level access threshold.
The Grange Water Lane Radwinter
Recommend Approval

16/163.5 Planning Results

16/163.2 New Development of East View

The Limes is just the development name, the road name will be Gillon Way
At the last meeting Cllrs mention that work was being carried out on a
Saturday, The Clerk emailed the developers and they've spoken with site &
they have assured me that as per the Uttlesford District Council
Environmental Code of Development Practice, there were no works outside
the hours of 7.30am -1pm. On a Saturday.

Also with regard to the Salt Bin it has been temporarily moved while some
works are carried out in that area, it will be returned as soon as possible and
before any bad weather when it may be needed.

The developers have installed some new street lighting on Walden Road as
part of our Section 278 works.

They have accepted the quote from UK Power networks (copy attached) to carry out the works to connect & energise the lights but in order for them to do this they need some information from the Parish Council to connect them to the unmetered supply for the village. They have mostly completed the form they just need the PC to complete the Unmetered supplies certificate number & MPAN number at the top of the form, Customer Name, address & contact details & return it to Enterprise to submit to UKPN to enable the connection.

The Parish Council had some concerns who said that the PC would take on the 5 light we only had 2 before, where does the money come from to insurance/run and maintain the lights. Cllr Fitch asked of the clerk could find out if the 105w was each light or between the 5 lights.

16/164 Highways:

The Clerk had report that the light in the middle of the road has been broken for many months, it is going to be repaired.

16/165 Stocking Green update

Nothing to report just some tidying up being done.

16/166 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

16/167 Village Furniture

The Clerk to send job list to Cllr Halls

16/168 Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan meeting was held on 12th September, quite a lot of people turned up. We have one person who's interested in helping. The plan needs to be driven independently from the Parish Council. Cllr Fitch will put an advert in the Ambo next time. The Clerk explained that at one of her other councils are one step ahead, so she will send a copy of what's happening next, so that Councillors can have an insight.

16/169 Where Water Flow

4 people are now trained up to look at all the waterways ditches culverts etc. they have to go round and mark on a map whether its blocked/flowing/overgrown etc. then an engineer comes along and looks to see what needs to be done he then reports this to the Landowners if something does get down they can be prosecuted.

Cllr Davidson said he was unable to make the training due to other commitments and would like to help.

16/170 Other updates

16/171 Date of next Meeting

31st October 2016

16/172 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda
Budget Sheet
Nest Boxes

16/173 Meeting Closed at 9.40pm

Signed..... Dated.....