

Radwinter Parish Council

Annual Report 2017/18

Annual Report for Radwinter Parish Council Year ending April 2018

Parish Council met on the following dates during year 2017/18

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2017/18

30 th January	27 th February	27 th March
24 th April	22 nd May	26 th June
31 st July	21 st August No meeting	25 th September
30 th October	27 th November	18 th December

Parish Clerk: Mrs Cathryn Carlisle

Elected Officers for the 7 seats are:-

Chairman: Councillor Eileen Duck

Vice-Chairman Councillor Mark Halls

Other Council Members:

Councillor Fitch
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Rains
Councillor Boyden
Councillor Richardson

Meetings attended by Councillors

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cllr Duck	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	A
Cllr Hall	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cllr Rains	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	A	N	Y	A	Y	A
Cllr Fitch	Y	A		Y	Y	Y	Y	C	A	Y	Y	Y
Cllr Boyden	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	A	Y
Cllr Davidson	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	L	A	Y	Y	Y
Cllr Richardson	X	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y	LED	A	Y	Y	Y

Chairman's Report

Many thanks to the Community Payback Team for their excellent work on the High Path, clearing, strimming and cutting back the hedge. We would love them to come back this year in June to do it all again.

June brought the of building the Multi Use Games Area, I am sure it will be well used and enjoyed in the years to come. In September the entrance to the Recreation Ground was made wider to allow two vehicles to pass and make access to the car park easier and safer. The footpath has been retained and visibility improved by cutting back hedges for safety reasons. The lights at the bottom end of the car park have been uncovered and are now working. New disabled and short stay bays have been put near to the car park entrance to improve access to the Post Office and Village Hall. There are also new white lines in the rest of the car park.

Radwinter residents have suffered a great many burglaries over the past twelve months. Radwinter is not alone in this woeful situation and we must all be vigilant as to our own security and keep a watchful eye for suspicious behavior in our community.

Unfortunately, it has been necessary to forgo the green skip. This is due to the fact that Hempstead no longer wish to share the cost with us and it would be too expensive for us to pay for alone. Residents can have garden waste collected by purchasing a green bin from Uttlesford District Council for £20.00. A subscription of £40.00 per year is then required for the collection service.

Planning Committee

Cllr Halls, Cllr Duck Cllr Rains

Website: Councillor Fitch

Recreation Ground Representative

Cllr Fitch

Finances

The Parish Council holds one account Nat West at in Saffron Walden, one account with the Co-operative Bank, and 2 Accounts in Saffron Walden Building Society This Account has now been closed money being spent on the Multi Use Game Area. A current account for routine daily business and an investment account which holds reserved funds for projects and non-routine expenditure.

The Parish Council is VAT registered and claims back VAT on valid expenditure. Andrew Cohen undertakes the internal audit and the appointed External Auditors are the JK Littlejohn.

Finance Committee

Cllr Halls, Cllr Rains

Subscriptions –

The Parish Council subscribes to the following organisations for consultation purposes:

National Association of Local Councils
Essex Association of Local Councils
Rural Community Council of Essex

Grants to local organizations –

£150.00 - A contribution towards the cost of cutting the grass in the Churchyard.
£100.00 - AMBO
£3,000 - Radwinter Recreation Ground
£270.00 - Radwinter Friendship Group

Insurance - The Parish Council holds insurance cover for its equipment and street furniture. It also holds public liability insurance, personal accident cover, legal fees and employer's liability insurance. All insurance cover is provided by Zurich

Planning – All members of the Council sit on the Planning Committee.

The Parish Council is a Statutory Consultee under planning legislation. As such it can make recommendations to Uttlesford District Council as to whether a particular application should be approved or not but UDC do not have to accept those recommendations. The Parish Council considers planning applications either at a Planning Committee or at a full Council meeting where deadlines allow. Observations are then submitted to Uttlesford District Council taking into account local information and issues. The Parish Council has looked at in the region of 20 Planning applications during the year. It has also responded to Uttlesford District Council's Land Allocation review which will form part of Uttlesford District Council's District Plan.

Highways - The Parish Council liaises regularly with Essex County Council when problems occur on our roads.

Representative Cllr Duck,

Street Lighting - The Parish Council provides streetlights for which power is obtained from E-on Ltd. All lights are annually maintained and cleaned. A & J Lighting Solutions undertakes this service.

Footpaths – Footpaths are cut by contractors employed by ECC, and the Parish Council liaises with ECC on the quality of this service which we believe has been far from satisfactory this year. We have taken this up with ECC.

Footpath Representatives Cllr Boyden, Cllr Halls

Grass Verge Cutting - The Parish Council contracts to cut grass along the sides of the roadways.

Notice Boards - The Parish Council provides a Notice Board at the Village Hall The Clerk regularly updates the notice board, which provide local Information.

Website -The Parish Council uses the website to inform the public of meetings and display confirmed minutes of meetings. The address is:

Annual Parish Assembly – The Parish Council organised the Annual Parish Assembly which is an opportunity for organisations in the village to talk about their activities and recruit new members.

Contact Details for Clerk and Councillors:

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Parish Council Meeting Dates
2018/19

29 th January Extra Ordinary Meeting	26 th February	26 th March Meeting Cancelled
10 th April	30 th April	8 th May APM
21 st May AGM	25 th June	30 th July
20 th August	24 th September	29 th October
26 th November	17 th December	

Meetings of the Parish Council are held on last Monday of the month unless it's a bank holiday, please check the website or notice board near the Village Hall meetings commence at 7:45 p.m.

Agenda's will be published on the notice board at least 3 clear days in advance of the meeting.

Each meeting starts with the Public Forum - a short period of time where residents can ask questions or raise issues with Councillors.

Please contact the Clerk for any further information relating to your Parish Council

