

Radwinter Parish Council

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The Clerk, Herkstead Green Bungalow, Cornish Hall End
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Minutes of the Radwinter Parish Council held on Monday 24th February 2020

Present Cllr Duck

Cllr Richardson
Cllr Rains
Cllr Halls
Cllr Boyden
Cllr Davidson
DC Storah
1 member of the public

20/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Fitch

20/22 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.

A resident reported that there was unsociable behaviour in the car park, late at night. The Clerk asked for any details in order that these could be passed on to the appropriate authorities.

20/23 Members' Declarations of interest

Cllr Duck, Cllr Halls, Recreation Ground

20/24 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 27th January 2020 were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Richardson, Seconded Cllr Davidson

20/25 Clerks Report

The Clerk had reported the various drainage problems, The Clerk has reported the high path looks as it appears overgrown.

20/26 District Councils Report

- Local Plan update
- Councillor initiative
- Planning Applications

A vote of thanks was recorded in respect of District Councillor Storah's donation towards the purchase of a heavy duty swing for the children's playground.

20/27 County Councillors

- Report sent to Councillors

20/28 Recreation Ground Update

20/28.1 Update on the Hedge at Hylas

The Clerk has 2 quotes - both are approximately the same price. The Clerk to find out who can do the work first and award the contract accordingly.

20/28.2 Parking on the Recreation Ground Car Park

No Action is proposed

20/28.3 Potholes in the Car Park

The Clerk has asked for a quote - Clerk to chase

20/29 Finance:

To agree the following payments:

20/29.1	Cathryn Carlisle –	salary Feb	312
20/29.2 £133.65	SEE	Electricity	d/d
20/29.3 £25.00	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk Expenses	313
20/29.4 £48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	D/D
20/29.5 £57.59	BT	Telephone	D/D
20/29.6 £50.00	Radwinter Village Hall	Hire	314
20/29.9 £100.00	Thomson Webb & Corfield	Solicitors	315

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

20/29.7 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation

These were sent out prior to the meeting

20/29.8 Bank Account

The Clerk is still awaiting one more form

20/30 Recent Planning Applications:

UTT/20/0395/FUL Erection of 2 no. semi-detached dwellings and cart lodge
9 Princes Well Radwinter

The Council noted that the application represents in-fill between existing properties and uses materials sympathetic to some of the surrounding property. However, concern was expressed regarding the proposed access to the property, since this appears likely to increase water run-off towards Princes Well (and hence flooding risk).

20/30.1 Planning Results

UTT/20/0027/DFO Potash Farm Details following outline approval
UTT/19/2457/OP for the erection of 2 no. semi-detached dwellings - details
of access, scale, appearance, layout and landscape scale appearance and
layout

UTT/19/3104/FUL Land At 2 Mill End Cottages Erection of 1 no. detached
dwelling with associated landscaping works and new vehicular access

UTT/18/3460/OP Land south of Walden Road Appeal **Refused**

UTT/19/2972/OP Outline Planning with all matters reserved except access
for the erection of 3 no residential dwellings. Land at Plough Ridge Walden
Road **Refused**

20/31 Highways:

Cllr Boyden, informed the council that a resident (Mr Richard Overton) had put
together a document for Radwinter speed watch monitoring sites which are near the
stables on B1054 east of the cross roads.

The response from the Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator is that there are no
areas along that piece of road which are safe enough to do speed watch. To be
acceptable, a site must be safe for volunteers to stand off road on public land. It
needs to have good visibility in both directions. It cannot be situated close to a
speed limit change. There needs to be a place approximately 100 meters in either
direction for the signs to be placed so that they are visible and not causing an
obstruction in any way. The safety of volunteers whilst erecting the signs must also
be considered – for example how volunteers would get to the site and where they
would park their cars.

The Council expressed considerable concern regarding this response. It was pointed
out that footpaths and bridleways converge along this stretch of road, and that there
have been several 'near misses' in respect of collisions between speeding vehicles,
horse riders and pedestrians.

The Clerk will coordinate with Councillors to draw up an LHP form to try and get
some new traffic calming measures put in place along this piece of road.

20/32 Stocking Green update Cllr Davidson to Report

- The Clerk had informed Cllr Davidson that the land at Stocking belonged to the Parish Council, Cllr Davidson had informed all the residents of Stocking Green of the ownership.
- The Clerk to get Section 34 enforced at the land at Stocking Green
- The Residents will supply a No Parking sign at Stocking Green

20/33 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

Concern was expressed that near the Bridleway / Green Lane No 33 there have recently been placed flags and gas guns (used for scaring pigeons). Unfortunately these are also scaring horse riders. The Council has no jurisdiction in this matter, but it was suggested that those concerned might contact the farmer, who has proved amenable to moving the devices in the past.

A Resident contacted The Clerk regarding some trees in the school field that hang over into her garden. The Clerk to inform the resident that this is not a Parish Council matter and needs to be taken up directly with the school.

20/34 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Richardson has put a piece in the Ambo and an insert (questionnaire) will go into the Ambo this month. The questionnaire (which takes about 10 minutes to complete) will be used to determine the areas that the new Neighbourhood Plan should cover. Questionnaires are to be returned by the 15th of May either to the Post Office or other locations to be confirmed.

Cllr Richardson will do a small talk on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan at the APM on the 21st May 2020. Cllr Davidson will add a small piece on the proposed uses for the land to be transferred to the Council on the Limes development.

Clerk to ask if there is a projector at the Village Hall.

20/35 Consultations

There is a bike race in September which will have a 'rolling' road closure. There will be further publicity ahead of the event.

20/36 Village Improvement

- The water drinking fountain still needs installing – Cllr Halls expects to do this before the Summer
- The Bench outside the church will be installed as soon as weather allows.

20/37 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

VE Day Celebrations – the Clerk will contact the Village Hall and Rec Committees to see if anything is proposed. If so, the PC will consider making a grant to support the event.

APM and Annual Report – this is proposed for 21st May 2020 at the Village Hall. The Clerk will make the booking.

20/38 Date of the next Meeting will be on 30th March 2020

20/39 Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

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