

Radwinter Parish Council

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The Clerk, Herkstead Green Bungalow, Cornish Hall End
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Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 27th April 2020 at 7pm

Present Cllr Duck (Chairman)

Cllr Fitch

Cllr Richardson

Cllr Davidson

DC Storah

CC Walsh

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

20/40 Apologies for Absence

No apologies

20/41 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 at the zoom meeting

20/42 Members' Declarations of interest

Cllr Duck, Cllr Fitch, Recreation Ground Committee. Cllr Duck Village Hall.

Cllr Richardson item no 20/49 Haselbury House

20/43 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 24th February 2020, were **approved** and provisionally signed by the Clerk, The Chairman will sign them when we meet.

20/44 Clerks Report

The clerk reported it had been a bit quiet apart from setting up and coordinating the volunteer group to respond to Covid-19.

20/45 District Councils Report

The District Council had sent his report prior to the meeting this was forwarded to all councillors.

- The Council discussed the current situation with regards Covid-19
- In respect of the Local Plan (LP), the recommendation is to ditch the current plan (which the Inspectors have rejected) and start again. DC Storah asked whether the Parish Council felt this was a good idea. Cllr Richardson commented if the LP was restarted, he hoped it could be completed much faster than the previous one. He was concerned that without the 5 year housing supply having been identified, it would continue to be 'open season' on parish planning applications.

20/46 County Councillors

- The CC talked about the budget. The CC has spent £105 million so far and received from central Government only £53 million pounds. They anticipate spending a further £130 million to keep people safe in Care Homes and Social Services. The budget will clearly have to be redone.
- The CC closed the Recycling Centres and Country Parks at the start of lockdown after the Recycling centres had 30,000 visitors and the Country Parks were packed. The CC are monitoring the situation closely, to see when facilities can reopen.
- Most CC staff are working from home which may have an impact on future spending, since fewer buildings may be needed in the future.
- Libraries have gone online, looking to reintegrate these services when its safe to do so.
- Highways work will continue and we should see this locally soon.
- The Volunteer groups has been working well and CC would like this to continue.

20/47 Recreation Ground Update

20/47.1 Update on the Hedge at Hylas. This has been done and the Owner is very pleased with it; the sight line from the car park is a lot better.

20/47.2 Potholes in the Car Park

The Clerk to chase - it would be a good time to do this as the Car Park is closed off, the gate is now locked.

20/48 Finance:

To agree the following payments:

20/48.1	Cathryn Carlisle –salary March/April	320/316
20/48.2 £133.65	SSE	Electricity d/d
20/48.3 £50.00	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk Expenses March 318/321
20/48.4 £48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance D/D
20/48.5 £58.99	BT	Telephone D/D
20/48.6 £87.00	Jack Roberts	Grass Cutting
20/48.7 £66.02	BT	Telephone D/D
20/48.8 £31.20	BDC	BDC Printing 319
20/48.9 £125.75	SSE	Electricity D/D
20/48.10 £211.83	EALC	Subs
20/48.11 £695.00	S Hermitage	Fencing 322/323
20/48.12 £562.83	C Taylor	Mens Shed 311
20/48.13 £82.63	P Fitch	Mens Shed 310

Payments were approved by all members of the council.

20/48.6 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
Clerk to send out copies

20/48.7 Bank Account

The Clerk has spoken to Barclays Bank and she needs to start again with the application since too much time has elapsed since the start of the process.

20/49 Recent Planning Applications:

UTT/20/0804/HHF One and a half storey side extension. Haselbury House Water Lane. The Council recommend approval, Cllr Richardson left the meeting.

UTT/20/0708/FUL Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic gardens Millstone and Sefton Hempstead Road. The Council recommend approval.

20/50.1 Planning Results

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

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

20/51 Highways: The Bund on the Walden Road has been replaced.

20/52 Stocking Green

The residents of Stocking Green are ensuring all their people are looked after.

20/53 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

- The Radwinter CV19 Helpers Group has been working well. In the first few days of the crisis we printed 'Covid-19 Help' leaflets and got them delivered to all homes - our concern was not to miss those who are not on-line. The response to this has been very positive and we now have 53 people volunteering. The help line is run by the Clerk, who passes requests to Cllr Richardson, who then coordinates the helpers. Cllr Richardson has recently sent out an email asking helpers to check on their vulnerable neighbours. Prescriptions was a bit tricky to start with, but we are now averaging a call every day to every 2 days, with the help line acting as a 'safety net' supporting the myriad groups of local support.

- Footpaths are getting more use, we could have problems with the grass and nettles growing, and need to keep an eye on this.
- The Clerk to put a Thank you on Google Group for the person who cut the high path.
- There have been a few instances of dogs running loose. People should be mindful of nesting ground birds and baby hares.
- On Gillon Way, the flags and marketing material has been taken down. The notice on the lamp post opposite the entrance and the 'New Road Layout' signs need to be taking down.
- Cllr Duck asked for the Clerk to get information on the piece of land off the Hempstead Road which the council will be taking over and determine who is responsible for the land drains.

20/54 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Richardson reported that so far, they had only had 15 replies to the survey they sent out. Cllr Fitch will check the post office tomorrow, but it looks like the total will fall a long way short of what they need. The Steering Group will meet (virtually/) to determine what to do.

20/55 Consultations

No Consultations

20/56 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

The next month will be the AGM where we need to elect a Chairman etc

20/57 Date of the next Meeting will be on 18th May 2020

20/58 Closed at 8.08pm

Signed.....

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