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Minutes of **Radwinter Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 29th November 2021, at Radwinter Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Richardson, Cllr Duck, Cllr Halls [21/214], Cllr Boyden [21/214], Cllr Williams and Cllr Rains
DC Smith
Luke Brown (Clerk)

0 member of the public

Minutes

21/210 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Davidson and ECC Foley.

Resolution: Accept apologies for absence.

Proposed: Cllr Richardson **Seconded:** Cllr Duck - carried unanimously.

21/211 **Public Forum**

0 members of the public present.

21/212 **Members' Declarations of interest**

Cllr Duck – VH and Rec Committee

Cllr Richardson – PCC and VH

21/213 **Minutes**

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th October 2021 as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Williams **Seconded:** Cllr Duck - carried unanimously.

21/214 **District & County Councillors Reports** (Appendix A) [Cllr Halls, Cllr Boyden 19:39]

Local Highways and Planning meet early December to discuss actions for 2022 - 23.

It was noted that there were some traffic calming measures in the Village that could do with some reconsideration – Clerk to pass details on to ECC Foley.

There is a waste bin being used as a dog poo bin, which the Council would like moved away from a bench that sits nearby. CC Smith will investigate getting a proper dog poo bin installed.

21/215 **Clerks Report**

Nothing to report.

21/216 **Action Tracker** (APPENDIX B)

Regarding hedges and trees overgrowing and obstructing roads and paths the Council agreed to make a list of instances and pass this to the Clerk to make a note of and inform the residents and Essex Highways of the issue.

It was noted that Magic Maps could be useful to find boundaries of properties.

21/217 **Finance** (APPENDIX C)

Resolution: Agree payments for this month, payments circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Richardson **Seconded:** Cllr Halls – Carried unanimously

21/217.1 **Grants**

Cllr Williams will find out and pass along payment details to the Clerk for the Friendship Group.

Resolution: Agree a grant of £200 to the Friendship Group.

Proposed: Cllr Halls **Seconded:** Cllr Duck – Carried unanimously

21/217.2 **Budget**

The Council worked out the total expected budget for the year 2022 – 23 to be £22,010.

Resolution: Agree budget for year 2022 - 23.

Proposed: Cllr Richardson **Seconded:** Cllr Rains – Carried unanimously

21/217.3 **Precept**

The Council worked out the total required precept for the year 2022 – 23 to be £22,010.

Resolution: Agree precept for the year 2022 - 23.

Proposed: Cllr Halls **Seconded:** Cllr Duck – Carried unanimously

21/218 **New Planning Applications**

21/218.1 **UTT/21/3327/FUL** | Demolition of existing structures and erection of 1 no. single storey dwelling and associated development | The Meads Roman Road Radwinter CB10 2TF | **Expiry Date: Fri 10 Dec 2021**

- The Council object to this planning application on the grounds that similar applications on the site that have been proposed in previous years have been turned down, and that the proposed development sits outside the Village envelope.

UTT/21/3473/FUL | Section 73A retrospective application for change of use from a disused cow shed to a 1 no. dwelling | The Old Cow Shed Sampford Road Radwinter CB10 2TL | **Expiry Date: Fri 10 Dec 2021**

- No objection

21/218.2 **Recent Planning Applications**

UTT/21/3036/HHF | Demolition of existing shed, erection of a single storey home office/Annex on the same site. | The Hobbs Sampford Road Radwinter CB10 2TL

Awaiting decision

UTT/21/2757/LB | Part minor amendments to UTT/19/0073/HHF and UTT/19/0074/LB - retention of the removal of unauthorised double glazed window casements and reinstatement with single

glazed timber casements within retained timber frames. Replacement front door, variation of approved fenestration design within the extensions and internal and external repairs and alterations. | Little Linden Cottage Water Lane Radwinter CB10 2TX

Awaiting decision

UTT/21/2756/HHF | S73A retrospective application for part minor amendments to UTT/19/0073/HHF and UTT/19/0074/LB - including the removal of unauthorised double glazed window casements and reinstatement with single glazed timber casements within retained timber frames. Replacement front door, variation of approved fenestration design within the extensions and internal and external repairs and alterations. Minor alteration to design of terrace wall and Replace gravel at highway edge with setts/bound gravel | Little Linden Cottage Water Lane Radwinter CB10 2TX

Awaiting decision

UTT/21/2603/FUL | Erection of single storey wellbeing room | Radwinter C Of E Aided Primary School Water Lane Radwinter CB10 2TX

Awaiting decision

UTT/20/2378/FUL | Erection of 2 no. new dwellings with new single access from Hempstead Road | Land at Plough Ridge Walden Road Radwinter Essex

Awaiting decision

UTT/21/0469/FUL | Demolition of existing barn and proposed development of 2 dwelling houses within existing agricultural barn footprint & build form. Partial demolition of an existing car lodge, and the construction of new accessway to serve one of the new dwellings. | Homestead Farm Ashdon Road Radwinter CB10 2UA

Awaiting decision

21/218.3 Planning Results

UTT/21/2890/LB | Proposed secondary glazing to multiple windows. | The Old Dairy Princes Well Radwinter Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2TE

APPROVED

UTT/20/2875/HHF Proposed replacement garage to include 1 no. bedroom annexe Homestead Cottage Water Lane Radwinter Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2TX

REFUSED

UTT/21/2288/FUL | Change of use from flexible commercial use (holiday let) to residential dwelling | The Old Cow Shed Sampford Road Radwinter CB10 2TL

WITHDRAWN

21/219 Highways and Footpaths

No comments.

21/219.1 Footpath 85

The Council are going to HM Land Registry in order to find out the property boundaries that back onto footpath 85.

Resolution: Agree expenditure for title register documents.

Proposed: Cllr Halls **Seconded:** Cllr Richardson – Carried unanimously

21/219.2 **Footpath Map**

Waiting on images, Cllr Williams to put a notice on the Google groups for the community to send images to the Clerk.

21/220 **Stocking Green update**

No comment.

21/221 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

No comment.

21/222 **Consultations**

Cllrs agreed that they are aware of these consultations and that if they wish to comment they will do so as individuals.

- 1) Essex Highways online consultation on vehicle interactions with cyclists.
- 2) Essex Highways online consultation on bus routes.

21/223 **The Queens Jubilee**

Other organisations and groups are keen to get involved with organising the event.

Resolution: Clerk to contact DC Smith and request grant money for a new bench (£500) and money to go towards a Jubilee Beacon (£500).

Proposed: Cllr Richardson **Seconded:** Cllr Halls – Carried unanimously

21/224 **Land at the Rear of Gillon Way**

Clerk to forward email to Cllrs that the solicitors sent to the developers containing a list of questions the Council want answered.

21/225 **Honour Award**

Waiting for feedback from article that was published in the Ambo magazine.

21/226 **Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

21/226.1 **Jubilee Gates**

Jubilee gates are ready to be moved, Cllrs to organise.

21/226.2 **Anti-Social Behaviour in the Recreation Ground Car Park**

No further update.

21/226.3 **Reposition Bench**

The Men's Shed need to move a Bench in order to build a patio area outside the Shed that has been previously approved by the Council. The Council would like more information regarding the patio and are planning to meet with members from the Rec Committee and Men's Shed to find the best position for the Bench.

21/227 **Men's Shed**

The Council would like more confirmation on what the Men's Shed Group plan to do as well as clear up any misunderstandings regarding approval for future work on the recreation ground.
Cllr Richardson to draft a letter on behalf of the Council.

21/228 Village Hall

A member of the Village Hall Committee was not happy with the tree donation and proposes for next year a larger tree be found or purchased.

The Council were grateful on receiving a tree donation but next year will ask if a larger tree can be donated. The Council discussed perhaps purchasing an artificial tree for the future, not all members were in favour.

21/229 Matters to be Raised by Members for the Next Agenda

No comment.

21/230 Date of the Next Meeting

Monday the 20th of December at 7:30 PM.

21/231 Meeting Close @ 9:35 PM

APPENDIX A

District Councillor's Report

Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy

Since the financial crash in 2008 Local Authorities have been reviewing how the fund the statutory services they are required to provide. Traditionally Councils received a share of Council Tax (which is insufficient) and additional funding from Central Government. One such government scheme was the New Homes Bonus whereby Government rewarding Councils with money if they were helping towards the National house building policy. Over the past 10 years or so, this central funding has been starting to reduce and the trend is expected to continue, creating an apparent shortfall in future budgets. Uttlesford like some other Councils identified that they could fill this gap by borrowing money from the government at low rates of interest, in order to invest in assets that could fill the potential funding gap.

The previous administration purchased a 50% share in the Chesterford Research Park through an umbrella Company, Aspire. Further money has gone into CRP but ultimately this has proven to be a strong investment, not just because it is in our own district but because of the contribution it is making to the Council's Budget. The R4U have adopted this investment policy and gone further. The Council has borrowed £300 million and have purchased a total 6 commercial properties. All of our investments together yield an income to the council of about £7.1 million and this is budgeted to grow to £12 million by 2026. You may be aware that some local authorities have been in the national press recently (Croydon, Slough, Spelthorne & Bristol) where they have made risky and/or unwise investments which haven't paid off. Other Councils have significant shareholdings in Airports (Manchester, Luton) which have suffered heavily through Covid. The Government are concerned about the ease in which Councils are able to borrow (sometimes recklessly), go bust and then go to the government for a bailout. As such there is a consultation led by the Chartered institute of Public Finance and Accountancy to propose changes to the way Councils are able to invest. This is only a consultation so the precise changes that might occur are unknown. However, the Council might have to sell off all of its investments which would then put the Council back to the drawing board on how to fund its services.

This is far in excess of the amount that was required to fill the expected budget deficit in the future, and if the Government decide that Councils can only borrow to fund statutory services we will have to sell of some of these assets.

News from the Council Chamber

Cllr Foley is back following his wife's illness.

Cllr Lodge has announced that he is to step down as Cllr Leader at the December mtg, his successor is yet to be announced but expected to be Cllr Lees, the current Deputy.

George Smith, November 2021

APPENDIX B

Action tracker

Council Meeting	Reference	Details	Status
January	21/19	Cllr Halls to speak to Mr Fordham re Christmas Tree donation	Clerk to inform Sue Bright of donation – Done
February	21/39	LHL Cllr Richardson to complete documentation	Under way
July	21/161	Install water fountain at pavilion (for Agenda March '22)	Waiting for March '22
September	21/172	Hedges overgrowing roads and require being cut back, clerk to find out who is responsible and if there are any restrictions.	Clerk to action
September	21/172.1	Footpath 85 indefinitely closed	Cllr Richardson to write letter to EPROW for more information
September	21/172.2	Obtain quote from BDC printing services for printing a footpath map	Clerk to action – acquiring images
September	21/180.2	Move Jubilee gates	Cllr Halls & Richardson to action

APPENDIX C
November Payments

Date	Supplier	Description	Invoice	FPO/DD	Min Ref	Rec	Credit	Debit	VAT	Net
Opening Balance							33,830.36	-		-
	Luke Brown	Poppy Wreath	31212999	BACS				25.00		25.00
	Employee	Salary	N/A	BACS				299.78		299.78
	Employee	Expenses	N/A	BACS				20.80		20.80
	PKF Little John	Audit	EX0197	BACS				240.00	40.00	200.00
	SSE	Electricity	941775962/991775060	DD				129.60	6.16	123.44
	BT Group PLC	Telephone/Internet	M075 AD	DD				29.94	4.99	24.95
	A&J Lighting	Lighting	35657	DD				48.38	8.06	40.32
	Jack Roberts	Grass Cutting	934	BACS				140.50		140.50
	Jack Roberts	Grass Cutting	920	BACS				87.00		87.00
Totals							<u>33,830.36</u>	1,021.00	59.21	961.79
New Balance							<u><u>32,809.36</u></u>			