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Minutes of **Radwinter Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 31st January 2022, at Radwinter Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Richardson, Cllr Duck, Cllr Boyden [21/232], Cllr Williams, Cllr Davidson and Cllr Rains
DC Smith
Luke Brown (Clerk)

2 members of the public

Minutes

21/231 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Halls

Resolution: Accept apologies for absence.

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

21/232 Public Forum [Cllr Boyden 19:33]

Members of the Men's Shed group discussed the issues the Parish Council had raised with them in regard to the proposed patio and wood store and the erected new roof.

The Parish Council recognise that minute 20/185.1 in which the proposed new roof was agreed is not comprehensive enough. The Parish Council agree that the process by which the newly erected roof was approved was not in keeping with good practice and that they need to rectify this oversight.

The Parish Council wishes to make sure that going forward the correct procedures and checks are used to make sure any building work is properly constructed in line with regulation. The Parish Council therefore request that the Men's Shed Group engage the services of an independent surveyor to assure the Parish Council that what has been constructed so far meets building regulations and is safe.

21/233 Members' Declarations of interest

Cllr Duck – VH and Rec Committee

Cllr Richardson – PCC and VH

21/234 **Minutes**

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th November 2021 as a true record.

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

21/235 **District & County Councillors Reports**

DC Smith – Governance consultation regarding borrowing to invest for Councils, this has come about because there are a number of large Councils that have lost out on their investments and required a government bailout. Although UDC have invested wisely, because of the government intervention, by 2027 UDC will have 25% less funds to use, which equates to roughly 1 million per year decrease and as a result UDC are looking to find savings in their budget.

Cllr Duck asked about the potential increase in rates from an airport expansion and if the airport could use the situation to their advantage. It was suggested that this would be unlikely.

21/236 **Clerks Report**

Nothing to report.

21/237 **Action Tracker** (APPENDIX A)

The Footpath map still requires pictures – Clerk to contact Julie Haines and Judith of the WI to see if they can assist.

Council suggested that the Village Hero be part of the ceremony to officially open the Jubilee gates over the Jubilee event this Summer.

Hedges are still in need of a trim in places especially on the way to Ashdon – Cllr's to inform the Clerk where exactly along Ashdon road.

Resolution: Approve the amended quote to install the Jubilee gates.

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

21/238 **Finance** (APPENDIX B)

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

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

21/238.1 **Noticeboard**

Clerk to contact the Recreation Ground to find out their plans for a new noticeboard.

21/239 **Appoint Internal Auditor**

Resolution: Agree to appoint Val Evans as the internal auditor.

Proposed: Cllr Williams **Seconded:** Cllr Davidson – Carried unanimously

21/240 **Post Office Closure**

Resolution: Write a thank you for Clare's services running the local post office and attend flower presentation on 1 February.

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

The Village is hoping to find someone to take on the position of postmaster, which is 8 hours a week, full details of the position are available from the Royal Mail.

21/241 **New Planning Applications**

UTT/21/3695/FUL | Proposed building for general storage of materials and designed to withstand loadings from grain and fertiliser | Land Off Roman Road Radwinter Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2TF | **Expiry Date: Tue 01 Feb 2022**

- No objections.

UTT/21/3752/FUL | Change of use of existing Converted Outbuilding from C3 domestic ancillary; to use class E: Shop/Cafe | Coules Barn Walden Road Radwinter CB10 2SP | **Expiry Date: Wed 02 Feb**

- The Council noted the steps taken to deal with previous concerns regarding the vehicular access to the site and wished to express its support for the proposal

2022 UTT/21/3693/FUL | Erection of 2 no. new dwellings with new single access from Hempstead Road | Land At Plough Ridge Walden Road Radwinter Essex | **Expiry Date: Tue 15 Feb 2022**

The Parish Council are opposed to the development at Plough Ridge for the following reasons:

1. The Parish Council continue to believe that 'ribbon development' on agricultural land outside the village envelope should be resisted. The location of 'Plough Ridge' is outside the village envelope, on environmentally sensitive land.
2. The proposed access to the highway is dangerous, given the volume of traffic, especially considering the nearness of the Plough Inn (which makes the junction very busy). The measures proposed in the Highways response are unlikely to be adequate to ameliorate these issues.
3. The proposed access to the highway conflicts with the proposed car park access to The Plough Inn, for which planning permission has already been granted (UTT/13/2306/FUL).
4. The site appears to be being deliberately neglected in recent years, in an attempt to remove the LoWS designation (currently a barrier to development) since the site does not (now) meet the new site selection criteria. Despite the retention of part of Plough Meadow, there will still be 'harm to the countryside (as stated in the pre-application advice).
5. Notwithstanding the pre-application advice, the two-storey nature of the development is inappropriate given the single storey housing that is in the immediate area. The prominence of the site exacerbates this issue. The Council notes that planning application UTT/19/3104/FUL (which was for a site close by this application) was rejected in part because of the prominence of the site.
6. The Parish Council note that the plot is considerably higher than the surrounding land and believe it likely that building will cause flooding further down the road.

21/242 **Men's Shed**

Until the current situation with the newly erected roof has been fulfilled no further work is to take place.

21/242.1 Consider construction of patio base
Will be considered at a later date.

21/242.2 Consider construction parameters of patio base
The Council require further details from the Men's Shed Group before consideration.

21/242.3 Consider grant to assist with construction costs
The Council will consider at a later date following on from the previous items

21/242.4 Consider construction of wood store
The Council will consider at a later date.

21/242.5 Appoint a PC representative for the repositioning of Eric Rust's Memorial Bench
- Clerk to write to the Radwinter Recreation Ground Committee (RRGC) to let them know that the Parish Council are happy for the RRGC to take on the responsibility of repositioning this bench.

21/243 **Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

The Recreation Ground Committee are looking to install outdoor adult fitness equipment, the Parish Council are happy with being notified and for the work to go ahead.

The trees surrounding the recreation ground need some maintenance work which is very expensive, which the Recreation Ground Committee are looking into.

The Parish Council are looking to install some lighting in the Recreation Ground Carpark, which the Council believe will benefit everyone that uses it – proposals to be prepared as soon as possible.

21/243.1 **Jubilee Gates**

Quote approved 21/237 – Clerk to action the work

21/244 **The Queens' Jubilee**

The Parish Council is considering having a ceremonial opening of the Jubilee gates and having the local Hero be rewarded with the honour of cutting the ribbon. In addition it is planned to light a beacon, supply a hog roast and drinks for the community all on the Thursday night.
Cllr Duck to provide quotes for approval.

21/245 **Village Hall**

The Village Hall is in good financial health.
Covid regulations are relaxing.

21/246 **Honour Award**

The Council has received a nomination for at least one person for the award.

21/247 **Highways and Footpaths**

No update.

21/247.1 **Footpath 85**

Clerk gathered land registry data, which showed that the footpath is probably not the responsibility of the landowners that back on to it. The Footpath is still closed due to a legal dispute with Essex Public Right of Ways.

21/247.2 **Footpath Map**

Waiting on pictures.

21/248 **Stocking Green update**

Two families have moved in recently to the area.
Stocking Green are having their own Jubilee event in the hamlet.

21/249 **Land at the Rear of Gillon Way**

Clerk has contacted the lawyers, still no update.

21/250 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

No update.

21/251 **Matters to be Raised by Members for the Next Agenda**

None.

21/252 **Date of the Next Meeting**

28th of February 2022.

21/253 **Meeting Close** @ 9:35 PM

APPENDIX A

Action tracker

Council Meeting	Reference	Details	Status
February '21	21/39	LHL Cllr Richardson to complete documentation	Under way
July '21	21/161	Install water fountain at pavilion (for Agenda March '22)	Waiting for March '22
September '21	21/172.1	Footpath 85 indefinitely closed	Waiting for an outcome
September '21	21/172.2	Obtain quote from BDC printing services for printing a footpath map – require images	Clerk to action – acquiring images
January '22	21/243.1	Install Jubilee gates	Clerk to action installation
November '21	21/216	Hedges overgrowing roads and require being cut back, Cllrs to pass offending areas to Clerk to raise it with EH	Cllrs to inform the Clerk
January '22	21/232	Clerk to contact CVSU with regards to the Men's Shed issues	Clerk to action
January '22	21/238.1	Clerk to contact the Recreation Ground Committee with regards to them putting up a new noticeboard and the Council needing to replace theirs	Clerk to action
January '22	21/241	Object to planning UTT/21/3693/FUL	Clerk to action
January '22	21/242.5	Clerk to contact the Recreation Ground Committee to let them know the Council is happy for them to take on the responsibility of moving the bench	Clerk to action

APPENDIX B
January Payments

Date	Supplier	Description	Invoice	FPO/DD	Min Ref	Rec	Credit	Debit	VAT	Net
Opening Balance							32,295.51			
	Employee	Salary	N/A	BACS				299.78		299.78
	Employee	Expenses	N/A	BACS				32.80		32.80
	Employee	Printer Cartridges	206-2399030-5442755	BACS				10.83		10.83
	BT Group PLC	Telephone/Internet	M077IM	DD				29.94	4.99	24.95
	SSE	Electricity	0035	DD				141.72	6.74	134.98
	A&J Lighting	Lighting	35839	DD				48.38	8.06	40.32
	Village Hall Charity	Hall Hire	100239	BACS				70.00		70.00
Totals							<u>32,295.51</u>	633.45	19.79	613.66
							31,662.06			