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Minutes of **Radwinter Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 26th September 2022, at Radwinter Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Duck (Acting Chair), Cllr Davidson, Cllr Halls, Cllr Boyden [22/83]
DC Smith
Luke Brown (Clerk)

2 member(s) of the public

Minutes

22/82 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Richardson and Cllr Rains.

Resolution: Accept apologies for absence.

Proposer: Cllr Halls **Seconder:** Cllr Duck – unanimously agreed

22/83 **Public Forum** [Cllr Boyden 19:45]

The members of the public commented on the Wheelwrights proposed changes to the plans, which did not seem to take into consideration the original objections, the main ones being issues with access to the site and the speed and visibility to the access. There was also the issue of local footpaths seemingly not being taken into consideration by the plans.

The members of the public also noted that a road traffic survey was taken at a time when farm vehicles were in heavy use and that would have affected the survey.

A member of the public also noted some details of the ongoing issues surrounding footpath 85, which seems to be a legal dispute over where the footpath can go as the riverbank is eroded.

22/84 **Members' Declarations of interest**

Cllr Halls – Recreation Ground

Cllr Duck – Recreation Ground & Village Hall

22/85 **Minutes**

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th July 2022 as a true record.

Proposer: Cllr Duck **Seconder:** Cllr Halls – unanimously agreed.

22/86 **District & County Councillors Reports** (Appendix A)

This ward is 9th in the list of those affected by low socioeconomic status (high unemployment rate, homelessness).

Local Plan regulation 18 consultation has been put on hold and is likely going to be scheduled for late Spring early Summer.

22/87 **Clerks Report** (Appendix B)

Cllr Halls has agreed to contact Kim to arrange collection of the Jubilee Beacon, pending payment.

22/88 **Action Tracker** (Appendix C)

Cllr Halls and Cllr Boyden have agreed to speak to Sue Bright regarding photos for the footpath map.

The Council has been given a quote of £1590 to build the brick piers that will surround the newly installed Jubilee gates. The Council rejected spending the money and proposed instead that the posts be painted to match the gates. Clerk to contact Rob Anderson.

Resolution: Agree to paint the Jubilee Gate posts.

Proposer: Cllr Halls **Seconder:** Cllr Davidson – unanimously agreed.

22/89 **Finance** (Appendix D)

Resolution: Agree payments for September.

Proposer: Cllr Halls **Seconder:** Cllr Boyden – unanimously agreed.

Resolution: Agree, retrospectively, payments for August.

Proposer: Cllr Halls **Seconder:** Cllr Boyden – unanimously agreed.

Appoint authoriser Cllr Richardson.

22/89.1 **Budget**

No comment.

22/90 **New Planning Applications**

UTT/22/2412/HHF | Proposed single storey front porch extension. Internal alterations to the ground floor kitchen, utility and cloakroom areas. Replacement of gable end windows to be like for like replacements. | 1 Bendysh Hall Barn Ashdon Road Radwinter Essex CB10 2UA

UTT/22/2413/LB | Proposed single storey front porch extension. Internal alterations to the ground floor kitchen, utility and cloakroom areas. Replacement of gable end windows to be like for like replacements. | 1 Bendysh Hall Barn Ashdon Road Radwinter Essex CB10 2UA | **Expiry Date: Tue 04 Oct 2022.**

- The Council considered these applications above and have no objections.

UTT/22/2505/FUL | Erection of dwelling, integral garage and annexe for incidental use. | Land Adjacent Mapleville Walden Road Radwinter Essex | **Tue 11 Oct 2022.**

- The Council considered the above application and object on the basis that it is further urbanisation of a rural area.

- The Council also considered the Wheelwrights' plan changes (UTT/22/2578/FUL) and the Council object noting that their original objections still stand and are not addressed in these changes. The Council also noted that it supports the change in the plans to remove the gate.

22/91 Recreation Ground & Pavilion

The Recreation Ground Committee have a number of activities planned in the coming months.

22/91.1 Jubilee Gates

Already covered under item 22/88.

22/91.2 Water Fountain

Cllr Halls has it in hand and the fountain will be installed, date to be determined.

22/91.3 Installation of New Lighting Along Path to Pavilion

Waiting for delivery of the lights for A&J Lighting to install.

22/92 Village Hall

Village hall finances are healthy, and the committee are in the process of purchasing a new boiler. The District Cllr noted that the District Council have funding available for Village Halls through the Jubilee grant scheme and there may be other schemes available through the rural funding digest.

22/93 Highways and Footpaths

Waterlane a leak has been reported but not fixed yet.

22/93.1 Footpath 85

No update as to an outcome but further details on the issue were brought up under item 22/83.

22/93.2 Traffic Calming

At Brooke Farm there have been 2 accidents in recent months related to speeding, these incidents are to be brought to Cllr Foley's attention along with road calming along Walden Rd is the wrong way around.

22/94 Footpath Map

Covered under item 22/88.

22/95 Stocking Green update

There was a car accident involving deer in the area. Visibility on the corner going down the hill is very poor, and the grass could do with being cut back.

22/96 Land at the Rear of Gillon Way

The Clerk to pass along the details of the questions and answers between the Chair and the solicitors to the rest of the Council.

There are potential issues the Council has noted such as the developers want to retain the right to remove certain trees at any point in the future.

More details regarding Section 106 and the final agreement between the Council and Developers are yet to be agreed.

22/97 **Matters to be Raised by Members for the Next Agenda**
Budget 2022-2023, Neighbourhood plan.

22/98 **Date of the Next Meeting**
31st of October 2022.

22/99 **Meeting Close** @ 9:18 PM

Signed.....

Dated.....

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APPENDIX A

UDC Report – 26/09/2022

Local Plan

The Council has announced that the Regulation 18 Consultation which was due to launch in November has been delayed. We await an updated timeframe from Cabinet but the earliest in which the consultation could launch will be February. If the consultation does not start until March it risks being delayed by local elections and wouldn't happen until after May's elections. Time can be made up by having a more detailed consultation at Reg 18 stage, meaning that less work has to go into the second consultation (Regulation 19), so we don't necessarily risk pushing the anticipated adoption date of March 2025.

What gives me most cause for concern though is the reasons for this delay, staff have been working in Silo's and so whilst they have produced good quality work over the past 3 months, the work does not stitch together as it should. So, the Council needs to spend some time in fixing that issue. Essentially the evidence base is not ready to support the recommended site allocations.

A further blow is that the lead officer on the local plan left UDC a few weeks ago. The Director of Planning has taken the decision to recruit at a higher level and we have a very experienced Interim to lead the local plan. John Clements brings with him specific experience of delivering local plans in rural areas.

Stansted Airport

As an update on the conclusion of the Airport Planning appeal. Having submitted an offer which was significantly less than the Airport's initial claim for their full costs. The Airport has come back with a reduced claim but one which is still slightly more than the Council has hoped for. The CEO and our Costs Lawyer are reviewing this claim with a view to bringing a new offer to Members to approve.

UDC 2023/3024 Budget consultation

UDC has launched its annual consultation on the Council's budget and spending priorities for 2023/2024. The current financial year (2022/2023) has a total funding requirement of £17,341,000 – up some £4m from the 2018/2019 financial year.

In the current year, the Council's Investment portfolio will generate additional net income of £5,658,000 alongside Council Tax of £6,404,000 to help us run the council. The rest of the funding is a mixture of business rates, central government funding and use of council reserves, including those set aside in earlier years for specific purposes.

Funding Breakdown		How we spend the money, for every £100 we spend:	
Council Tax	30%	Finance and administration	£31
Commercial Investments	26%	Environmental Services	£26
Business Rates	20%	Housing and Economic Development	£10
Funding from UDC Reserves	9%	Capital financing	£9
Government funding – New Homes Bonus	6%	Communities and Partnerships	£5
Government funding - other	9%	Other Costs (including reserves set aside for future projects)	£19

[Uttlesford District Council budget 2023/24 | Let's talk Uttlesford](#)

Uttlesford Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2028 – consultation closes on 7th October

The Sampfords ward registers as the 9th most deprived ward by socio-economic status in Uttlesford, which may come as a surprise to some. The official DWP indicator for Children in low-income families reports on a “before housing costs” basis. As a result, it can understate the impact of low-income in areas with higher housing costs such as this ward which features in at 5th or 6th of wards by average house price.

The seven domains of deprivation, which contribute to the Index of Multiple Deprivation are; income, employment, education, health, crime, barriers to housing and services, and living environment.

I would also draw attention to the assessment of Housing in Uttlesford for this report which also highlights

Living in a house that is cold and/or damp can cause respiratory conditions such as flu, pneumonia and bronchitis and cardiovascular conditions, such as heart attacks and strokes.

In 2020, before increased fuel costs, 12% of houses (approximately 4,000) in Uttlesford were described as fuel poor, a term used to describe living in a property with a low energy efficiency rating and low disposable income (JSNA, 2020)¹. The highest concentrations of fuel poverty in the private sector are found in the wards of The Sampfords, Littlebury and Wenden Lofts. For excess cold, the highest concentrations are in the wards of The Sampfords, Wenden Lofts and The Rodings. Furthermore, 24% (6,882) of private sector dwellings and 29% (1,273) of private rented dwellings in Uttlesford are estimated to have a low Energy Performance Certificate rating (EPC below band E). These homes are expensive to heat and will be even more so with increasing fuel costs.

[Consultation on draft Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2028 - Uttlesford District Council](#)

APPENDIX B

Clerk’s Report

Correspondence

The AGAR has been completed and signed off. The report highlighted that I submitted a Form 3 PM instead of a Form 3 and that was the only comment.

I have been in contact with Kimberly Jarvis, who is going to purchase the Jubilee Beacon. We just need to arrange payment and pick/delivery.

Other Business

None.

APPENDIX C

Council Meeting	Reference	Details	Status
February '21	21/39	LHL Cllr Richardson to complete documentation	On Hold
July '22	22/75.1	Footpath 85 indefinitely closed due to legal dispute.	Clerk to chase updated
September '21	21/172.2	Obtain quote from BDC printing services for printing a footpath map – require images	Cllr's to take pictures and pass to Clerk
July '22	22/73.1	Install Jubilee gates – Installed, awaiting brick work quote.	Awaiting quote to finish off brick work
July '22	22/73.3	Armadillo Lighting Project – Installation	Awaiting delivery
July '22	22/75	Footpath 89 overgrown	Clerk to report
July '22	22/78	Land at the Rear of Gillon way – waiting for update	Clerk & Cllr Richardson to chase
PLANNING RESULTS			
UTT/22/2167/HHF		Timber orangery to replace existing conservatory LOCATION: Stackyards Maple Lane Radwinter Essex CB10 2SR	Approve with Conditions

APPENDIX D
August Payments

Date	Supplier	Description	Invoice	FPO/DD	Min Ref	Rec	Credit	Debit	VAT	Net
Opening Balance							36,836.48	-		-
15/08/2022	A&J Lighting	Lighting	36414	DD		Y		48.38	8.06	40.32
15/08/2022	BT Group PLC	Internet/Telephone	M084 BS	DD		Y		33.85	5.64	28.21
19/08/2022	SSE	Electricity	0042	DD		Y		129.60	6.16	123.44
	Employee	Salary - August	N/A	BACS				304.98		304.98
	Employee	Expenses - August	N/A	BACS				10.00		10.00
	Jack Roberts	Grass Cutting	1088	BACS				201.85		201.85
Totals							<u>36,836.48</u>	728.66	19.86	708.80
							36,107.82			

September Payments

Date	Supplier	Description	Invoice	FPO/DD	Min Ref	Rec	Credit	Debit	VAT	Net
Opening Balance							35,686.34			
	Armadillo Marketing	4 solar lights		BACS				3,744.00	624.00	3,120.00
	Employee	Salary - September	N/A	BACS				304.98		304.98
	Employee	Expenses - September	N/A	BACS				20.80		20.80
	A&J Lighting	Lighting	36508	DD				48.38	8.06	40.32
	OutDoor Jack	Grass Cutting	1133	BACS				47.85		47.85
	BT Group PLC	Internet/Phone	M085 FE	DD				33.85	5.64	28.21
	SSE	Electricity	0043	DD				129.60	6.16	123.44
	Val Evans	Internal Audit	9100012	BACS				100.00		100.00
	David Gowlett	Jubilee Gates	5092022	BACS				2,000.00		2,000.00
	PFK Littlejohn LLP	External Audit	SB20222897	BACS				240.00	40.00	200.00
Totals							<u>35,686.34</u>	6,669.46	683.86	5,985.60
							29,016.88			