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Minutes of **Radwinter Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 29th January 2024, at Radwinter Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Richardson, Cllr Halls, Cllr Gerhard, Cllr Duck
DCllr Tayler
Luke Brown (Clerk)

0 member(s) of the public

Minutes

23/155 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Boyden, Cllr Rains, Cllr Davidson

Resolution: Accept apologies of absence.

Proposed: Cllr Gerhard **Seconded:** Cllr Halls

23/156 **Public Forum**

No members of the public.

23/157 **Members' Declarations of interest**

None for this agenda.

23/158 **Minutes**

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th December 2023 as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Halls **Seconded:** Cllr Gerhard

23/159 **District & County Councillors Reports** (Appendix A)

DCllr Tayler gave their report to the council.

DCllr Tayler highlighted a possible issue of proposed entry level primary school development surrounding new housing developments, whereby the proposed schools don't meet requirements with decreasing birth rates.

Also noted housing energy supply in the area is not environmentally sustainable with a lack of a renewable supply.

Cllr Gerhard noted that other parish councils are looking into renewable energy supplies for their communities such as wind turbines and solar cells.

23/160 **Clerks Report**

Grit Bins to be located at the bottom of Golden Lane and the village hall car park.

23/161 **Action Tracker**

None.

23/162 **Finance** (Appendix B)

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

Proposed: Cllr Richardson **Seconded:** Cllr Duck
Cllr Richardson appointed as authoriser.

The HR committee have met and decided a pay increase for the Clerk to SCP 17 starting from February 2024.

Resolution: Approve a grant request from the Men's Shed group of £485.32 for purchase 2 tins of Bedec Barn paint and 3 fire extinguishers.

Proposed: Cllr Halls **Seconded:** Cllr Gerhard

23/163 **New Planning Applications**

UTT/23/3190/FUL | Section 73A Retrospective application for the retention of the existing vacant agricultural and outbuildings previously converted and extended to 2 no. holiday lets / 1 no. annexe accommodation with associated operational development | Radwinter Hall Walden Road Radwinter Essex CB10 2SW | **Expiry Date: Mon 05 Feb 2024**

- The council considered this application in a meeting of the full council and object based on the buildings not previously built with planning permission. DCllr Tayler agreed to speak to the planning department and clarify what this application is for.

23/164 **Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

The recreation ground has questioned the parish council over grant funding.

The parish council require the recreation ground committee to submit a grant request form for this year and request that the application for future years is submitted before November of each year.

23/165 **Village Hall**

Work to the hall is still on going.

23/166 **Highways and Footpaths**

23/166.1 **Footpath 85**

No update.

23/166.2 **Parking**

The NEPP have replied to a form for parking enforcement on Church Hill, which they have said requires a petition with at least 75% of public participation.

The council agreed to ask the member of the public to carry out the petition.

23/166.3 **Lighting**

A member of the public has noted that light #6 seems to be faulty, Clerk to contact A&J to fix.

23/166.4 **Speed Indicators**

The council are considering putting up their own speed indicator sign in the village.
Clerk to forward the links from Essex Highways regarding suppliers.

23/167 **Stocking Green update**

Cllr Gerhard noted that the hedges are blown over and could do with being cut back.
Clerk to speak to David Low to ask if they would quote to cut the hedges back now.
DCllr Tayler noted that Stocking Green may be a protected lane.

23/168 **Land at the Rear of Gillon Way**

No update.

23/169 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Meeting due for the 12th of February. Housing needs assessment has come back, the group are still going through the report. The report has highlighted that there is no requirement for new developments but there will be a requirement for housing suitable for older, retired residence.

23/170 **Matters to be Raised by Members for the Next Agenda**

Traffic calming coming into the West end entrance of the village.

23/171 **Date of the Next Meeting**

26th February.

23/172 **Meeting Close** @ 9:15 PM

Signed.....

Dated.....

APPENDIX A

Note for Radwinter Parish Council January 29th 2024

Bins

Unfortunately the licence to operate refuse collection by UDC was inadvertently allowed to lapse, making refuse collection impossible. This situation is clearly very unsatisfactory and the CEO and officers are working very hard to resolve it. I will hopefully be able to update the Parish Council tonight.

Local Plan

On 17th January, the full council debated an emergency motion calling for an extraordinary meeting of the Council to discuss the Leader’s proposed response to the letter received from the Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities dated 19th December 2023. The purpose of the meeting was for the Leader to present her proposed response and to answer questions on the proposed response. The meeting was to be held before any response was sent.

The letter from Michael Gove was warning the administration that if the timetable for the Local Plan slipped, the Local Plan may be “taken over “ by Central Government

The Leader of the Council responded with a letter setting out the agreed timetable, submitting the Plan to the Planning Inspectorate well before the June 2025 deadline. The only possible delay to the Plan timetable may result from further work following from ECC Highways and Education comments, however this delay is thought unlikely.

One of these responses from Essex County Council to Reg 18 suggests that ECC favours the development of 2 form entry Primary Schools. This is unfortunate as such schools are impracticable in rural communities. I will continue to support schools of appropriate size wherever possible.

Sustainability of homes

One of the significant problems that I have come across, both directly from residents of the Sampfords, and on my work for the Local Plan, is the sustainability of many older buildings in this ward. Insulating homes to an adequate standard to make air source heat pumps effective may be very difficult or impossible. Ground source heat pumps may be impractical and other forms of energy used for adequate heating may be excessively expensive, (except for renewables). The problems are exacerbated if the house is listed or in a conservation area. (There are 54 listed buildings in Radwinter). I have approached Littlebury Energy Project and Community Energy Saffron Walden who are working with UDC and the lead officer for climate change, Vicky Reed. The expertise derived from the Littlebury project, which received a grant from UDC, is being used by other groups in the District. This may involve the use of thermal cameras, advice about grants, advice about insulation and hopefully by working with the planning department clarity about what is and is not possible within the planning system.

Although there is very little proposed development within Radwinter or the rest of The Sampfords, it may be important to allow some limited building of very eco-efficient homes, particularly for existing residents to allow the ward, which I believe is the most rural in Uttlesford, remain sustainable. I am very keen to liaise with any eco groups there may be, so they can work with the Climate Change group at UDC and Community Energy Saffron Walden.

Protected Lanes

Following comments made by residents about the state of some of the wards roads, which happen to be Protected Lanes, I am making further enquiries how the special status of these roads is recognised by both the District and County Councils, particularly from a planning and maintenance perspective. I am aware that this Parish may be already aware of protected lanes, but they were a new concept to me!
Uttlesford Protected Lanes Assessment [GOV.UK](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk) <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk> › media

DCllr Mike Tayler

APPENDIX B
January Payments

Date	Supplier	Description	Invoice	FPO/DD	Min Ref	Rec	Credit	Debit	VAT	Net
Opening Balance							47,147.32			
	A&J Lighting	Lighting	37900	DD				48.38	8.06	40.32
	King Fisher Direct Ltd	Grit Bins x3	10020692	BACS				428.76	71.46	357.30
	BT Group	Internet	M101 2X	DD				52.46	8.74	43.72
	Employee	Salary - Jan	N/A	BACS				351.98		351.98
	Employee	Expenses - Jan	N/A	BACS				20.80		20.80
	HMRC	TAX	N/A	BACS				5.00		5.00
	SSE	Electricity	IV00177827	DD				133.22	7.52	125.47
Totals							47,147.32	1,040.60	95.78	944.59
							46,106.72			