

Radwinter Parish Council

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Minutes of **Radwinter Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 28th October 2024, at Radwinter Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Richardson, Cllr Halls, Cllr Gerhard, Cllr Duck, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Rains, Cllr Tayler and the Clerk.

Minutes

24/100 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Davidson, Cllr Foley

24/101 **Public Forum**

No public representations.

24/102 **Members' Declarations of interest**

None for this agenda.

24/103 **Minutes**

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28th September 2024 as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Halls **Seconded:** Cllr Duck

24/104 **District & County Councillors Reports** (Addendix A)

Cllr Tayler reported the following:-

- Public Consultation on Reg 19 of the Local Plan now closed. It was confirmed that PC had commented.
- Local Uttlesford Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan discussed and the fact it appears to have no bearing on the villages. A further consultation period is to be tabled and it was agreed that Radwinter PC will then comment.
- Provision of spaces at Pams place reiterated.
- Scheme in place by The North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) to enforce verge protection measures using the Essex Act. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Richardson would contact NEPP.

Action DGR

Cllr Tayler also mentioned that Cllr Foley had a pot hole initiative running and further information would be provided.

24/105 **Clerks Report**

The Clerk confirmed that she had been successfully added to the PC bank mandate and now had online access to the bank account.

The Clerk also mentioned that she would be looking at councillors training needs over the next few months.

24/106 **Action Tracker**

Chairman went through the action tracker and some assignments reallocated.

24/107 **Finance**

Payments list as circulated prior to the meeting was approved, including reimbursement to Cllr Richardson and Cllr Gerhard for a couple of expenses settled personally over the summer period.

Clerk to set up payments and Cllr Richardson to authorise

Proposed Cllr Rains **Seconded** Cllr Halls

Action JP & DGR

It was noted that a number of invoices were expected within the next few weeks for wildflower seeds (approved at a previous meeting) and for the Neighbourhood Plan expenses in relation to the recent exhibition.

24/107.1 **Budget 2024/25**

No budget was available for review

Cllr Richardson & JP to review position ahead of next meeting

Action DGR & JP

24/107.2 **Review any grant applications**

WI applied for £109.95 for a new urn., which was approved unanimously

Proposed Cllr Rains, Seconded Cllr Gerhard

Application from Radwinter Primary school in form of an email but no specific amount requested and not in correct format.

Clerk to contact School and follow up.

Action JP

24/108 **New Planning Applications**

UTT/23/3190/FUL (Appeal ref APP/C1570/W/24/3349783) Section 73A Retrospective application for the retention of the existing vacant agricultural outbuildings previously converted and extended to 2 no. holiday lets / 1 no. annexe accommodation with associated operational development. Radwinter Hall, Walden Road

Expiry date 1 November

No Comment

2024UTT/24/2627/DFO

DEVELOPMENT: Details following outline UTT/22/3442/OP, for the erection of 1no. dwelling and garage, details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

LOCATION: South Of Springfield Roman Road Radwinter Essex
Expiry date 11 November 2024

Objection to be lodged
Action DGR

UTT/24/2606/DFO

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LOCATION: Land At Springfield Roman Road Radwinter Essex
Expiry date 11 November 2024

Objection to be lodged
Action DGR

24/109 **Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

Nothing to report as no meeting has been held.

24/110 **Village Hall**

Nothing to report as no meeting held

24/111 **Highways and Footpaths**

24/111.1 **Footpath 85**

No update on Footpath 85. Matter to be followed up with Uttlesford.

Action JP

24/111.2 **Footpath cutting schedule**

To be circulated when received.

Action JP (in the spring)

24/111.3 **Parking petition**

Not actioned but it appears issue has resolved itself. Cllr Hall to speak to 3rd party to confirm.

Action MH

24/111.4 **Speed Indicator Project**

It was agreed to go with quote from ElanCity and pay any additional fee to enable reading of data. It was agreed that £6,000 should be budgeted for the project.

Proposed Cllr Richardson, Seconded Cllr Halls

Action JD to progress

24/111.5 **Traffic Calming**

Essex Highways doing nothing. Repainting still not completed.

24/111.6 **Flooding at Radwinter End**

Chairman read out email received from resident re flooding and overhanging hedges.

After discussion it was agreed that an email response would be sent to resident and also a letter to be sent to owner of overgrown hedge pointing out that HA S154 stated min clearance required from edge of road was 0.5m

Action JP

24/112 **Stocking Green update**

Cllr Gerhard informed PC that the road was covered in mud. It was agreed that he would contact the farmer and request the situation was rectified.

Action UG

24/113 **Land at the Rear of Gillon Way**

No response from owners.

It was agreed to ask enforcement to write. Cllr Tayler to chase up

Action MT

24/114 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Richardson confirmed the Steering Committee were seeking to produce a draft plan by the end of 2024, subject to collecting certain further evidential studies.

24/115 **Matters to be Raised by Members for the next agenda**

Subject of a Community Work Day was raised for discussion at next meeting

24/116 **Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 25th November 2024

24/117 **Meeting Close** @ 9 PM

Signed.....

Dated.....

APPENDIX A

Local Plan

The public consultation for Reg19 of the Local Plan has now closed. I am actively seeking advice on inclusions which will be necessary for smaller villages adopting Neighbourhood Plans, although I do know you are making good progress.

Local Uttlesford Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

A public consultation has been launched into this plan, and there has been a members briefing. Unsurprisingly, yet disappointingly there is very little mention of this ward. I believe this is for the following reasons:

The plan centres on existing usage of cycling and walking in urban areas. Data seems to have been collected from existing users, particularly in areas of higher population density such as Saffron Walden, Dunmow and Stansted. Proposals have been made using this data.

It seems that the reasons why there is so little cycle use, and walking (as a means of active transport) in our villages have not really been explored.

Solutions offered to increase active transport for both health and wellbeing and environmental reasons are very difficult to envisage in the Sampfords Ward, other than mention is made in speed limit reduction as a possible option on rural roads

What this means is that there seems to be little on offer, either in ideas or grants, in this rural area. It terms of making the Sampfords, Radwinter and Hempstead sustainable in the future this is very disappointing.

Helping those with rural isolation.

We are actively trying to find isolated, and likely to be older, people who would benefit from a hot meal in a warm place with the company of others. Pam's Place (was the Day Centre) in Thaxted would like to reach out to these residents, and I am trying to arrange a way in which Uttlesford Community Travel could pick them up.

Verge protection measures

The North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) receives many complaints about parking on grass verges, particularly during the wetter months of the year, due to the damage that parked vehicles can cause. Fortunately, Essex is one of the few counties that has its own specific legislation that can be used to prohibit parking on mown verges.

NEPP is able to use the Essex Act to restrict parking on mown grass verges. There is a charge to cover the cost of signs and some mapping work that is needed to allow patrolling to take place. These charges are much less than the usual traffic regulation order costs and the restriction can be introduced within weeks rather than the months/years.

If you would like to discuss the use of the Essex Act in any locations in the district, please contact techteam@colchester.gov.uk so that the site can be investigated.

Mike Tayler (Cllr Mike Tayler 28/10/2024)