

Radwinter Parish Council

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Minutes of **Radwinter Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 25th November 2024, at Radwinter Village Hall.

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

Minutes

24/118 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Davidson, Cllr Tayler, Cllr Foley

Resolution: Accept apologies of absence

Proposed: Cllr Hall **Seconded:** Cllr Davidson

24/119 Public Forum

No public representations.

24/120 Members' Declarations of interest

None for this agenda.

24/121 Minutes

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

Proposed: Cllr Halls **Seconded:** Cllr Davidson

24/122 District & County Councillors Reports

None received

24/123 Clerks Report

The Clerk confirmed that the new Parish Council website was now in development.

24/124 Action Tracker

Chairman went through the action tracker and made relevant updates.

24/125 Finance

Payments list as circulated prior to the meeting was approved, including reimbursement to Cllr Gerhard for wildflower seeds paid for personally, and expenses to the Clerk for the new website fees charged to a personal credit card.

Whilst payment for the new speed signs was approved, it was resolved to put on hold until quotes were received for fitting.

Clerk to set up payments and Cllr Richardson to authorise

Proposed Cllr Davidson **Seconded** Cllr Halls

Action JP & DGR

24/125.1 **Budget 2024/25**

The Budget was compared to actual expenditure for 2024/25 and discussed, together with current reserves.

Budget for 2025/26 was reviewed and discussed. It was resolved that the application for Precept for 2025/26 would be based on the budget as presented, which would be a 5% increase on the previous year, being £26.654. This was agreed unanimously.

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

24/125.2 **Review any grant applications**

Recreation Ground committee applied for a grant for the purchase of 2 picnic benches. After discussion it was resolved that £1,000 be awarded.

The Church have applied for an increased grant of £1,000 towards grass cutting of the Church yard. It was resolved that this would be granted but first to request how often the Church yard is cut and which areas.

Proposed Cllr Rains, **Seconded** Cllr Duck

24/126 **New Planning Applications**

UTT/24/2731/OHL

DEVELOPMENT: Consultation on application under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to reinforce an existing 11000v electricity line in proximity to

Cowlass Hall Farm, Radwinter CB10 2UD

LOCATION: Land At Cowlass Hall Farm Radwinter CB10 2UD

APPLICANT: Eastern Power Networks

Expires 4 December 2024

No comment

24/127 **Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

Nothing to report as no meeting has been held.

Discussion took place regarding the PC taking back responsibility for the recreation ground. Initial approach to the Rec Committee had received a positive response.

It was resolved that a sub-committee would be formed to look into this. Cllr Richardson and Cllr Halls agreed to form the committee and report back to the PC as things progress.

It was also resolved that the lease for the Bowls Club may need to be reviewed at the same time.

Action DR & MH

24/128 **Village Hall**

Nothing to report as no meeting held

24/129 **Highways and Footpaths**

24/129.1 **Speed indicator project**

Cost approved but quote to be obtained from A&J Lighting for erection of new signs and removal of old.

It was resolved that approval would be via email as no meeting in December.

Action JP

24/129.2 **Traffic calming**

No news.

24/129.3 **Verge Protection, Ashdon Road crossroads**

After discussion it was agreed that this would not be progressed.

24/130 **Stocking Green update**

Cllr Gerhard confirmed that daffodil bulbs had been planted.

24/131 **Land at the Rear of Gillon Way**

No updates available. Cllr Tayler currently at a planning meeting with enforcement so hopefully he will be able to update at the next meeting.

A possible application to land registry to identify legal owner was discussed.

Action MT

24/132 **Community Work Day**

Councillors to think about projects that need attention and bring ideas to the next meeting.

24/133 **Matters to be Raised by Members for the next agenda**

Cllr Rains advised that a member of the public had reported a damaged footbridge in Water Lane to him. He had cleared as best as possible but it needed some remedial attention.

Cllr Richardson to report to Highways and report back at next meeting.

Cllr Halls advised that the street light on the bridge in Princes Well (opposite the exchange) was not working (No 450843).

24/134 **Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 27th January 2025

24/135 **Meeting Close** @ 9.23 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)