

Radwinter Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council Held in the Village Hall on Monday 16th January 2006 from 7pm.

Prior to the Meeting there was a presentation following our invitation to Mr Neil Radcliffe describing his proposed Rock Concert to be held at New House Farm on Saturday 8th July. A general outline was given but no specific details. He would be making formal application to the Licensing Officer of Uttlesford on Monday 23rd January which could be viewed.

Sergeant Ashley Seymour stated that any comments should be directed to the licensing Officer who would if required hold a public enquiry. There were 42 people present.

The Council Meeting proper commenced at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllrs J Hardisty (Ch); Dr H Brown; M Halls; A Jarvis; Mrs G Simmonds; C/Cllr S Walsh; D/Cllr S Schneider, with the Clerk, R A Jones in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs K Moore and D Smith.

2. Minutes of previous Meeting:

held on 14th November, having been previously circulated were taken as read, adopted and signed by the Chairman

3. Reports from Council Representatives:

C/Cllr S Walsh reported that the County Council have a publicity newsletter 'Essex Matters' and it was confirmed that this in received. The work of the C.C. has had good reports, in particular that of Social Services after care. The structure of NHS Primary Care Trusts in the county is being reviewed. A survey of the libraries has been carried out and 33,000 replies received to a questionnaire. They are considering the Stansted Airport new proposals from BM. A written report was supplied.

D/Cllr S Schneider reported on the restructuring of the District Council. The work of the Area Panels- does not seem to be well defined at present. The 'wheelie bin' proposal from Environmental Services is receiving a lot of criticism. The Clerk stated that he has been trying for two weeks to contact Environmental Services about their provision of waste skips but without success. A written report was supplied Cllrs Walsh and Schneider were thanked by the Chairman and then left the Meeting.

4. Continued items:

A) Traffic, transport and related items:

Cllr Brown had sent an email regarding the use of Wimbish Green Lane by grain lorries going to Brockholds. They have already caused damage to the verge and hedges. It was regretted that there is nothing that can be done to ameliorate this problem.

Lady Walker has informed the Clerk that the school warning signs are out of sync. and he is trying to get this rectified.

The Chairman reported on the speed monitoring device installed on Plough Hill in December and considered it a great success. The Chairman reported that the new proposals from BM for Stansted Airport have been reviewed by UALC and comments submitted.

B) Village improvement:

The Clerk had already mentioned his trying to contact Environmental Services about bulk waste bins. Confirmation is also awaited about the green waste skips. Mention was made of the mess around the recycling bins in the carpark, despite Cllr Smith's work in clearing it and posting notices.

The Chairman queried the progress with the Web site. Cllr Brown said she would discuss the delay with Graham Schneider to see what could be done to expedite matters.

The Clerk was undertaking the preparation of documents needed to effect registration of Parish Council land with the Land Registry as is now required under the Land Registration Act 2002.

C) Low Cost Housing:

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he and the Clerk would be meeting Henry Turtill of Bidwells the next day to discuss this. The Clerk was also in touch with Mrs Raiment.

D) Parish Plan:

The final papers relating to the survey have been produced and are to be circulated on 26th January. The Business section of the plan is also ready. The Youth section will follow shortly. A team has been assembled to undertake the writing and production of the final complete publication.

E) Recreation Ground:

The committee meeting has been deferred. The Clerk mentioned he is seeking the Deeds.

F) Village Hall Complex:

Some development proposals are covered under finance.

G) Neighbourhood Watch:

The police have sent emails relating to 'ringmaster', covering various scams being operated in the area. The steering group will meet on 23rd January under Alan Johnson as Chair.

5) Finance –

A) Statement:

The RFO reported funds of £19644 current, £39644 reserve, giving a total of £59308. A transfer to reserve would be made.

B) Finance Committee:

The RFO had circulated a financial projection showing funds as at 1/12/05, 31/3/06, the 2005 budget and a proposed 2006 budget. He was concerned that only 1 project had been undertaken during the year despite funds being allocated. The Committee agreed the following projects for the current year:

Village Hall: arrange inspection of roof; paint porch and fix proximity light; obtain new blinds.

Hall Complex: refurbish bathrooms in both cottages.

Recreation Ground: durable path to bowls club and play area; new posts at edge of parking area.

Purchase village sign

Donation to Museum - ascertain if facilities available for Radwinter storage.

Youth Club: ascertain any equipment needs

Old people: arrange visits of Chiropodist

ii) Projects for next year

Rebuild bus shelter in brick/flint. Install extra street light at Bridgefoot. Recreation ground - provide shelter near play area. Donation to skate park linked to concessions for Radwinter users. Donation to SWCHS cinema, with possible concessions to Radwinter residents. Youth club - possible funds for extra leader Youth club outing. Old people lunch in Village Hall.

All the proposals were discussed and approved. The following recommendations were also made:

That the Clerk's salary be increased by 7% wef 1st April.

That the rent for Hall Cottage be increased by £10 pcm wef 1st April.

Cllr Brown proposed adoption of these items, seconded Cllr Halls and agreed.

C) Setting of Precept;

it was agreed nem con that the precept should remain at £7700.

D) Approval of current expenditure:

The following accounts were awaiting settlement:

Viking Direct ££147.70 (stationery & bookcase); Ridgeons £14.84 (road salt); SLCC £69

(Clerk's m'ship); R Jones £94 (clerk's expenses); J Har4disty £57.48 (Ch.

Expenses); G Schneider £100 (2yr web entry); V Hall Mgt. committee £16 (parish plan mtg). The payment of all these accounts was approved.

The RFO stated that he had received an application for funds from the PCC for the repair of the church clock. It was agreed that we should pay for the initial service at a cost not exceeding £180 and then review the matter.

6) Planning: applications, decisions and related matters:

A) Approvals:

UTT /1550/05/FUL - Yew Tree Cottage Princes Well: 2 storey extn - M Halls

B) Refused or withdrawn:

UTT /1823/05/FUL - The Cliff Radwinter End: 2 storey extn - G Pitt

C) Circulated:

UTT/1905/05/FUL - 3 Church Hill: 1 storey rear extn - J Goodfellow (no objection)

UTT/1919/05/FUL - 4 Church Hill: 1 storey rear extn - R Steenkamp (no objection)

D) Footpaths:

The Clerk has received a letter from ECC regarding Parish Paths Partnership, and is to contact them regarding the supply of detailed maps to enable us to prepare proper footpath guides.

7) Correspondence**A) Meetings: The following have been notified:**

25 Jan - ENHS - Board Mtg - Margaretting 09.30 (Chairman took details)

31 Jan - EALC - closing date for appns for software support

01 Feb - ETP - Trg day on village planning - Dunmow 09.30 (£26) - no interest

09 Feb - ENHS - discussion mtg re patient led NHS - S/Walden 6.30 (Ch to attend)

16 Feb - ECC Hways - open mtg for parish councils - Thaxted 8pm - (Ch to attend)

16 Mar - EERA - end of consultation period for East of England Plan

18 Mar - SLCC - AGM & Trg day - Danbury 09.30 (clerk to attend)

24 Mar - BAA - end consultation period for debt. Stansted (disc in cirn pack)

07 Apr - UDC - closing date for appns for local care grants.

Other Papers:

The clerk has received a letter from the ERO regarding electoral arrangements and replied.

8) Reports and other business:

A visit was received from Sue Hayden, UDC Cultural Services Officer who was shown the Hall and Rec by the Clerk. Photos were taken and information will be posted on the UDC website.

The Chairman reported on his attending an Emergency Planning Meeting on 16th November, and on a Parish Liaison Meeting on 6th December; both were not very informative.

8) Next Meeting:

already arranged for Monday February 27th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.