

# **Radwinter Parish Council**

## **MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council Held in the Village Hall on Monday 4th September 2006 from 7.30pm.**

Prior to the Meeting there was a presentation by Henry Turtill of Bidwells on behalf of Sir Jonathan Parker (present) and Simon Lewis on behalf of Mrs Rayment of schemes for future development incorporating both low cost and market price housing. The Chairman explained that surveys had shown the need for low cost housing, essential to keep young people in the village, but that it would be not be possible without agreeing with the landowners that the site should also include market price housing. Questions were then invited from the floor, which covered the topics of traffic flow, number and type of houses, phasing and public open space. At the end Sir Jonathan Parker confirmed his need to raise funds, and that if he was unable to obtain our co-operation may well have to sell to a developer.

Graham Schneider was asked if he wished to speak but declined. 14 residents were present.

**The Council Meeting proper commenced at 8.15pm**

### **Present:**

Cllrs J Hardisty (Ch); Dr H Brown; M Halls; A Jarvis; K Moore; Mrs G Simmonds; D Smith, with the Clerk, R A Jones in attendance.

### **1. Apologies for Absence:**

None

### **2. Minutes of previous Meeting:**

held on 3rd July, having been previously circulated were taken as read, adopted and signed by the Chairman

### **3. Future Housing Provision in Radwinter:**

Following from the earlier discussion it was agreed to have an informal meeting on Monday 11th September at 7pm to detail our desires under section 135, to be presented to the Agents with a request for discussion.

### **4. Village Hall – future administrative structure:**

Graham Schneider had previously circulated all Councillors with his views on the Hall management. Cllr Moore proposed that the Clerk should write to the Hall Secretary requesting an informal meeting to clarify their wishes in regard to Charity status and what it would encompass. This was agreed.

Henry Turtill, Sir Jonathan and Lady Parker, Lord Walker and Cllr Sue and Graham Schneider left the meeting.

## **5.Reports from Councillors:**

none received.

## **6. Continued items;**

### **(A) traffic transport & related items.**

The Clerk reported that ECC Highways in Harlow was in disarray due to the loss of the Area Manager. However Chris Stonham was requested to attend to the high hedge and the blocked culvert in Water Lane, and the blocked footpath access. The results of the speed surveys in Water Lane and Maple Lane were requested. There was discussion about the use of vehicle activated Speed Signs; it was agreed that the only possible location was Plough Hill; Clerk to pursue this matter. The Chairman reported on his discussion with Chris Stonham and Sonia Church on their recent site visit, which will result in the signs at the Walden Road pinch point being moved further out, thereby increasing the speed restricted zone. It was pointed out that the taper on the pinch point is wrongly angled. It was noted that there had been an accident at the entrance to Grange Farm; Cllr Smith asked for a reminder to be put in Ambo regarding reporting such incidents.

### **(B) Village improvement:**

Cllr Brown reported on the revised layout of the web page; it was felt that this was very good and she was asked to convey our thanks to Graham Schneider. The Clerk agreed to put the annual accounts on the web.

A discussion took place regarding the letter circulated regarding the problems at Brook Farm Equestrian Centre. The only suggestions made were for small workshops and car storage.

The Clerk reported on the ECC scheme for reducing street lighting between midnight and 5.30am. He had discussed the matter with E.On and found that the costs involved would be considerably more than any saving. It was agreed to defer any action on this pro tem, but that we should undertake the replacement of SOX orange sodium lights with angled white SON lighting.

### **(C). Parish Plan:**

A meeting is to be held next week; Cllr Smith to chase payment of account.

### **(D). Recreation Ground:**

The Clerk reported that a discrepancy has been found on registering with the Land Register; Sir Jonathan Parker's solicitors are helping clarify the matter. The Clerk reported that a discrepancy was also found in the boundaries of our land at Stocking Green. It was agreed not to pursue this matter. Clerk to undertake registration of pond green at crossroads.

Cllr Jarvis reported that the fete was a great success, raising in excess of £2000; the doors to the toilet block have been installed.

### **(E). Village Hall Complex**

(i) Post Office; Vic Rae has announced his intension to retire in November. Names of possible successors are being vetted by Post Office Counters prior to training.

(ii) Hall Cottage: Mr Cox left in July without paying his last month's rent, and with the cottage in a dirty condition. We have also received a complaint from UDC Environmental Health regarding some fittings. In consequence a major refurbishment is being undertaken; this will cost £250 for the garden, and £1275 internally (Mr Cox to pay part) plus £157 for new cooker. There will be a consequent increase in the rent. (NB total refurbishment cost this year to date is £5127). Mr Paul Walker and Ms Caroline Vineall have been accepted as tenants wef 15th September.

**(F) Neighbourhood Watch:**

Cllr Simmonds read a list of cases undertaken this year to date.

**7). Finance:**

**(A) Statement:**

The RFO reported funds of £10774 current, £44828 reserve, totalling £55602.

**(B) Expenditure:**

The following accounts are awaiting settlement:

Front Door Property Management £156.92 (purchase cooker); Front Door Property Management £210.00 (cutting hedge); BT £64.13 (PO phone); R A Jones £102.70 (clerk's expenses); J Hardisty £7.20 (Chairman's expenses);

**Retrospective consent was also sought for payment of:**

Signs Express £290.10 (children playing signs); Redgate £869.50 (Rec Toilet doors); Lubbock Fine £141 (audit fee); C W Low £378.35 (verge cut)

It was also necessary to sign another Direct Debit Mandate for E.On for street lighting due to change of their Bank

Payment of all these accounts was approved and cheques and mandate signed.

**8). Planning: applications, decisions and related matters:**

**(A). Approved:**

UTT/0811/06/FUL – Wheelwrights, Princes Well: demolition existing extensions and conversion – M Fanthorpe

UTT/1119/06/LB – Bendysh, Ashdon Road: internal alterations – N Fordham

UTT/1126/06/FUL – Hallam, Sampford Road: 1 storey extension – A Watson

**(B). Circulated:**

UTT/1358/06/FUL – Cowlass Hall Farm: barn conversion – C Cowell – no objections

**(C). Trees in Conservation Area:**

UTT/1279/0/TCA – Ripple View, 5A Princes Well: remove hawthorn – Kaka & Clark - approved

**9). Correspondence:**

**(A) Forthcoming Meetings: (papers are available if required)**

Tue 5 Sep – UDC: responses to questionnaire re highway issues  
Fri 8 Sep – RHT: affordable housing – open day in Leaden Roding  
Tue 12 Sep – UDC North Area panel – meeting Gt Chesterford 7pm  
Sat 16 Sep – sustainable homes show – Saffron Walden Town Hall 10am – 4pm  
(tickets available)  
Tue 19 Sep – Volunteer Centre AGM – Thaxted disabled Centre 1pm  
Wed 20 Sep – EALC/ECC: making links event – Lt Waltham 4.15 – 6.0pm  
Wed 20 Sep – EALC AGM – Lt Waltham 7.0pm  
Tue 26 Sep – Alzheimer’s Society AGM – Thaxted disabled centre 7.0pm  
Tue 3 Oct – UDC parish liaison meeting – CO/SW 7.30pm  
Thu 5 Oct – CPRE – meeting on local development framework – Huntingdon 10am  
Thu 5 Oct – UDC – meeting on Gambling Act 2005 – CO/SW 7.30pm  
Sat 7 Oct – CPRE AGM – Mistley 5pm  
Thu 12 Oct – ETP meeting on planning village futures Gt Dunmow 9.30am –  
12.30pm  
Thu 12 Oct – CVSU AGM – Thaxted disabled centre 7.30pm  
Sat 14 Oct – RCCE: village hall conference – Margareting VH (£17 fee)  
Fri 20 Oct – ECC: strategic rail seminar – Chelmsford 10.30am - 3pm  
Mon 20 Nov – UFGOP – meeting on care for older persons – Saffron Walden Town  
Hall  
Fri 24 Nov – CPRE: meeting on saving the countryside – London 10am – 5pm

**(B) Other:**

A circulation pack was issued.

**10). Other business and reports:**

None

**11). Next Meeting:**

already arranged for Monday 13th November at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.