

Radwinter Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 16th April 2007 from 7pm.

Present:

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

Acceptance of Office: Prior to the Meeting the Chairman signed his acceptance of office and countersigned by the Proper Officer.

Election: The Clerk as Proper Officer announced that the following nominations had been received and accepted for the forthcoming period of Council and were accordingly elected: Helen Brown; Mark Halls; Kevin Moore & Nicky Sandy. This leaves 3 vacancies which will be filled by co-optation.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs A Jarvis & G Simmonds; C/Cllr Walsh.

2. Minutes of previous Meeting:

held on 26th February, having been previously circulated were taken as read, adopted and signed by the Chairman

3. Continued items:

A) Traffic, Transport & related matters:

The Clerk reported that he has been in touch with ECC Passenger Transport regarding the No18 bus, and had received confirmation that it would continue, as would route no17. It was noted that both the C/Cllr and D/Cllr had also written as had others.

Community Speed Watch: The Clerk has been endeavoring to contact Bocking Traffic Police but with out success concerning speed assessing guns. He also tried to contact them regarding foreign registered cars without road-fund discs, and subsequently reported this to Saffron Walden Police.

The Clerk reported that he had sent maintenance request reminders to ECC Highways about outstanding matters, including 30mph sign in Water Lane.

Quiet Lanes: He has been processing this with ECC H'ways Network Management and H'ways Harlow.

B) Village improvement:

Cllr Halls has agreed to install a handrail to outside of Hall by 1st May. The Clerk to contact Osborne's re outside proximity light.

Village Sign: The Chairman has started circulating designs from the school for selection.

C) Low Cost Housing:

A joint scheme for the development by Bidwells and Cheffins of land to south and east of East View Close was examined by the planning committee on 12th April. Their decision to accept this as part of a Village Design Statement was accepted.

D) Parish Plan:

Cllr Smith circulated a copy of the new Plan which was being distributed. Cllrs Smith & Brown were congratulated on the excellence of the Plan, and thanks given to them and Sue Bright for their work. It was agreed that the next stage was a Village Design Statement of which the Bidwell scheme is a major part. The Clerk has written to Henry Turtill informing him of the decision and requesting a meeting. It is understood that Sir Jonathan may well agree to an extension of the Rec. However it would seem that there are additional requirements for VDS; Clerk to contact Sarah Nicholas of UDC Planning to clarify prior to arranging meeting.

E) Recreation Ground:

(Cllr Halls retired from the meeting) It was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Brown that £6000 should be donated to the RGMG for their work, and this was approved. (Cllr Halls rejoined the meeting) A number of items were raised regarding the future of the Rec and its development. It was agreed that a joint meeting should be arranged. (subsequently arranged for Monday 30th April)

The meeting adjourned for the Parish Meeting, and resumed at 9.15pm

F) Village Hall Complex:

The Clerk has written to the Charity Commission with a proposal for its future operation. This has also been sent to the NALC solicitor with details of the history.

Post Office: It was noted with concern that Vic Rae will be retiring in June and no successor has been found. Clerk to process matter.

4. Finance.

A) Funds at 1st April:

Current Account: £10268; Reserve Account: £52010; Total Funds: £62278

B) Accounts Outstanding:

Radwinter Rec: £6000 (grant); Aimprint: £755.00 (printing Parish Plan); Allianz-Cornhill: £1551.56 (Council insurance); CVSU: £10 (mem'ship); Vol Centre: £5 (mem'ship); D Smith: £27.25 (exp); K Moore: £6.54 (Ch exp); R A Jones: £180.18 (Clerk's exp).

The payment of all these Accounts was approved and the cheques signed.

5) Planning:

Applications, decisions and related matters:

Approved

UTT/0026/07/FUL) – Little Gates Golden lane Radwinter End – 2 Storey Extn – A Cohen

UTT/028/07/LB)

UTT/0055/07/FUL – Fox Cottage Princes Well: 2 storey extn – C Baker 1/07
UTT/0125/07/LB – 4 Church Hill: creation of downstairs WC – R Steenkamp 1/07

Refused

UTT/1874/06/FUL) – Lower House Farm: conversion of Barn to disabled dwelling – Lady Parker
UTT/1881/06/LB)

Circulated

UTT/0128/07/FUL – Gt Brockholds Farm: erection of Grain Store – A Covey 1/07 – Transport comment
UTT/0297/07/FUL – The Old Forge Walden Rd: 1 storey extn & annex – No objection
UTT/0331/07/FUL – Fox Reach Stocking Lane: 1 storey extn & Double gge with living room – J Briggs - No Objection
UTT/0361/07/LB – Radwinter School: replacement windows – Tetu services – No Objection
UTT/050/07/FUL - Hillview Sampford Rd: 1 storey extn & Dble gge – S Graves – comment re sewerage
P/A/2/14/257 – Ag Detmn – Park Farm Radwinter End: erection wooden barn – A Kiddy – no objection
UTT/0512/07/FUL) – RADWINTER School : demolish wall & replacement fence -
UTT/0514/07/LB) – T&F design

6) Correspondence

A) Meetings

Wens 25 Apr – EALC Trg – Chairman’s Day – Dunmow 10am (£50)
Fri 27 Apr – ECC invitn to LG service Chelmsford Cathedral – 7.30pm
Mon 30 Apr – o60s – talk on changes in local NHS by CEO/WEPCCT – Stansted 2pm
Tues 1 May – UDC replies reqd to Q on role of rural Councillors
Tues 5 June – EALC Trg – Councillor Trg – Dunmow 9.30am (£50)
Wens 13 June – EALC Trg – Responsibilities of PCs – Dunmow 9.30am (£30)
Wens 13 June – UDC Parish Liaison Mtg – SW 7.30pm
19 June – ECC transport info day – Chelmsford 2pm

B) Other Papers

HB Report on Parish Liaison Mtg 13 March
ECC letter 23 Mar re Passenger transport reps (circulation bag for next mtg)
DCA letter 8 Mar re tombstones – passed to PCC

7) Other matters and reports:

HB Report on Parish Liaison Mtg 13 March

A request has been received for Stansted Airport expansion to be included on the agenda for next meeting.

It was agreed to make an entry in Ambo thanking JH & GS for their work over many years.

8) Next Meeting:

already arranged for Monday 14th May at 7.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting

NB Finance Meeting rearranged for Friday 27th April.