

# **Radwinter Parish Council – Minutes of Meeting 9th March 2009**

## **Present:**

Cllrs K Moore (Ch); H Brown; E Duck; S Graves ; M Halls; A Jarvis, with the clerk, R A Jones in attendance and Lady Suzanne Walker and Colin Snell

## **Public Session:**

Mr Colin Snell spoke about the activities of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and how they can help home-owners. They are linking with Speedwatch to monitor traffic speed. Help is required to form a committee and deliver newsletters; they will display posters.

Lady Suzanne Walker requested payment of the outstanding £300 from the contribution to their funds which we have agreed; it was confirmed that a cheque awaited signature. Mention was made of the need for a new bye-laws notice board. Cllr Halls and Clerk to process. Date of AGM is Wednesday 22 April.

Prior to the Meeting the Chairman announced the impending resignation of Cllr Dr Brown due to other work commitments. He thanked her for her outstanding contribution to the work of the Council

## **Apologies and reasons for absence:**

Cllr Harling, C/Cllr Walsh & D/Cllr Schneider

### **1. Minutes of the previous meeting of 26th January:**

the minutes were approved and signed.

### **2. Reports from County & District Councillors:**

These were received too late for distribution and were emailed to Councillors subsequent to the meeting.

### **3. Clerk's & Committee reports**

#### **(a) Highways:**

ECC Hways have agreed to 2 traffic monitoring signs for installation shortly. The traffic survey for Water Lane will be conducted over 5 days later this month. They have been asked to replace the sign at the crossroads with a traditional direction sign.

4 South View: the provision of hard standing has been investigated by UDC Housing Services surveyor; they confirm its feasibility and will speak to the tenant. The speed management strategy booklet has been examined by Cllr Duck who advises that no action is necessary.

The proposed change of flight-paths from Stansted is being re-considered by NATS

**(b) Village Sign:**

Mrs Bennett now has the board and is preparing a preliminary sketch based on the design from the school competition, which she will show for approval prior to proceeding.

The Clerk has confirmed that planning consent is required, cost £48.50, and is awaiting details to complete the form.

**(c) Rec:**

Committee Minutes and Budget requirements are awaited for forthcoming year.

**(d) Village Hall:**

The proposed scheme has been received from the Charity Comm does not appear workable. Sir Jonathan has been consulted. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Ch Comm rejecting their proposed scheme and explaining why.

No reply has been received from FDPM re tenant's requirements.

**(e) Village amenities:**

UDC have arranged for manned Civic Amenity skips in the car-park on Sat am 4 April; Sun pm 12 July; Sat am 5 September. Cost £291

Arrangements have been made for verge cutting by David Low.

The Meeting with Hempstead PC re forming a Neighbourhood Action Panel has been cancelled due to lack of support. Mr Snell has agreed to establish liaison.

Lindsay Baillie has been appointed Uttlesford Watch Co-ordinator.

**(f) Affordable Housing:**

Bidwells have informed us that UDC SHLAA panel have accepted our scheme for inclusion as potential site. The Clerk has written asking to confirm Hways acceptability and UDC flood risk.

## **4. Councillors' reports**

**(a) Chairman's report:**

Members' Register of interests. On discussion it was agreed that there details should not be published on the Web, although individual Councillors may do so if they wish.

**(b) Environment Cllr report:**

Cllr Duck reported (i) allotments; 3 applications have been made so far (ii) ECC tree initiative – it was agreed that we should request 10 trees for the land at Stocking Green.

Cllr Graves reported on meeting with John Jossaume regarding flood prevention in Water Lane . It was agreed to accept his estimate of £2500 for the work as described.

**(c) Footpaths Officer:**

Cllr Halls reported that the P3 scheme progress was slow due to a hold up but we should be able to start a series of path surveys with the brighter weather.

**(d) Police liaison:**

report on crime survey & Neighbourhood Watch - awaited

**(e) Publicity Committee report:**

Issue of FoI Publication Scheme to Cllr Graves for inspection

**(f) Staff:**

Cllr Brown is preparing a report for discussion at their meeting on 12 March.

**5. Finance:**

**(a) Statement:**

Current Account £7963.94; Reserve Account £48478.01; Total Funds £56441.95  
It was stated that is the intention of the RFO to transfer all funds to the Co-operative bank wef 31st March. This was agreed and arrangements made for signing the mandate form.

**(b) Current activity:**

receipts: Interest £43.78

payments due: Ridgeons £17.49 (salt); NALC £13.50 (publcn subn); Viking £61.13 (office); R Jones £43.78 (clerk's exp); Rec committee £300; K Moore £7.04 (Ch expenses carried over)

**(c) Other financial items:**

(i) The Radwinter Society have written requesting help with the purchase of storage items totalling £537.10. This is a short term solution to their storage problems. It was agreed to provide match funding up to a max. of £500

Dave Smith has informed us of the formation of a new music venture in Radwinter called 'Music at the Crossroads'. Concerts will be held in the Church and it is part of increased church usage. They are seeking a donation of £100. It was agreed to give this as support.

Home Start have made a request for support and sent a leaflet. It was agreed that this was not a local charity.

**6. Planning:**

Summary of applications decisions and related matters:

**(A) Approved:**

UTT/1958/08/FUL - Springfield Radwinter: Creation of new vehicular access and erection of gate - Dr H Brown - Approved 9 Feb 09

UTT/1356/08/FUL) – Sellands Farm: conversion of Barn to Dwelling – K Sheridan – approved 25 Feb 09

UTT/1357/08/LB )

**(B) Applications**

UTT/0217/09/CLP - Chips Cottage Stocking Green: Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed outbuilding for storage and keeping chickens: Mr U Gerhard - Closing Date 16 March

UTT/0221/09/TPO: Poplar Hall Princes Well Radwinter - Overall crown reduction and thinning of 1 no. Oak by up to 20%: Valerie Colwill - Closing Date 23 March

UTT//0232/09/FUL – Linton: siting of wind turbine – closing 23 March

**(C) Enforcements:**

ENF/285/08/A – Plough Inn: unauthorized internal alterations - Dropped

**7. Correspondence:**

**(A) Meetings**

Wens 18 March – UDC planning workshop on plg policy & housing strategy – SW  
7.30pm

Thurs 26 March – EALC advanced Councillor Trg day – Dunmow 9.30

Wens 29 April – ETP – Minutes & Agenda Course Dunmow 9.30am £34

Thurs 30 April – ETP – Risk Management Course Dunmow 9.30am £54 (with refund)

**(B) Other Items**

EALC have written regarding changes to the Local Government Act 2007 including appointing Councillors. Further information is awaited

UDC updates of electoral roll – March

NALC – letter 17 Feb request for info on Energy Certificates; it was decided that it was not relevant

UDC – letter 6 March offering help with spring tidy-up. Not being undertaken.

A bag of non-priority items will be passed to the Chairman to hold for inspection by Councillors

**8. Items for next agenda:**

None

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Monday 20th April in the Village Hall at 7 pm, followed by PARISH MEETING at 7.30 at which each Councillor will give a report. The Meeting closed at 9.50pm