

Radwinter Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting 30th November 2009
Held in the Village Hall at 7.45pm

Present:

Cllrs Halls (Ch); V Boyden; E Duck; S Graves; A Jarvis; K Shoolheifer, with the Clerk, R A Jones in attendance, C/Cllr S Walsh, and Mr M Southgate.
Cllr Halls took the chair in the absence of Cllr Moore.

Public Session:

Prior to the Meeting there was a presentation by the Chairman of a Toshiba lap-top computer to Michael Southgate for the Radwinter Society, to complete the equipment required for processing of documents. Mr Southgate thanked the Council for the help that they have given in funding equipment for the copying of records which could not otherwise have been handled.

1.Apologies for absence:

Cllr Moore – business commitments; D/Cllr S Schneider.

2.Minutes of previous meeting 19 October:

having been previously circulated it was noted that it should read Mrs Agnes Gypps, not Gibbs. Subject to this correction they were taken as read and their adoption was proposed and seconded and signed by the Chairman.

3.Reports from County and District Councillors:

C/Cllr Walsh reported that he was now Chair of the scrutiny committee. He has been involved in reviewing the late night stoppage of street lighting, and the CC is investigating a more flexible control system. They are also reviewing road safety in relation to motor-cyclists which a matter of concern. The structure of policing is being altered to provide more beat officers, both pc and psc and to be more visible and with more powers. They are also hoping to improve safeguards against 'night-hawks' and hare coursing.

The Clerk read a report from D/Cllr Schneider who stated that no change of use application has been made for the Plough PH, and the Development Control committee are reluctant to grant such. Public involvement is significant.

4.Finance

(a) Statement:

Funds at 30 October: £61906.29

(b) Current position:Income:

◆ precept £4050; interest 8.78. Expenditure: R A Jones £349.95 (purchase); A&J lighting £48.20 (Annual maint. visit); Mrs K Rudder £61.40 (Hall containers); Viking

Direct £71.59 (office): R A Jones £83.35 (Clerk's expenses); Taylor Bros £57.99 (Christmas Tree); VHMC £32.00 (PC hall hire); VHMC £16.00 (Plough Mtg hall hire). Retrospective consent was sought for payment of SLCC £7.00 (mtg); Royal British Legion £20.00 (wreath). All these items were approved and the cheques signed. It was also noted that £3000.00 was paid to the Recreation Ground Committee against their agreed budget expenditure.

(c) Report of the Finance Committee:

The minutes of the meeting of 2 November have been circulated, and their recommendations were noted, including the need for an adjustment to the fidelity guarantee insurance cover and risk assessment for non-financial risks. Their adoption of the new Financial Regulations was agreed. Next meeting 9 Dec for audit and to set precept.

(d) Other financial matters:

It was noted that Hall Cottage has been re-let wef 14 November; the carpets have been cleaned at a cost of £80. The heating oil provision has been agreed. The provision of an aerial is being investigated.

5. Review of Action Schedule

(a) Highways:

There was a meeting by Cllrs Graves, Duck and the Clerk with Chris Stoneham and Jo Bichenor of Hways on 11 November. The TAWS sign at Bridgefoot is to be installed shortly. The site of the TAWS sign by the bus shelter was agreed but needs the post to be painted black (due to conservation area), the sign mounted on a cantilever arm and the 2 trees between it and the pinch point lopped. The 'school' sign is to be moved closer to the cross-roads. Traffic speed before and after installation of signs is to be monitored. Improved signage at the cross-roads was agreed. The introduction of a 20mph speed limit by the school is being investigated. Ron Martin has requested the owners of the Equestrian Centre to cut the hedge at Brook Farm; the sign by Purkis Cottage is to be moved. Bidwells state that Hall Farm Pond has been dredged and the water outlet improved. Jossaume's have cleared ditches in Water Lane. Complaints have been received regarding an illegal sign in Ashdon Road, and obstruction of the footway in Princes Well. Clerk to inform authorities.

(b) Village Sign:

Brenda Bennett estimates the sign itself will be ready early in New Year. The mounting post is on order.

(c) Post Office:

arrangements are being made to remove the obsolete photocopier.

(d) Telephone Kiosk:

The Clerk has written to BT payphones requesting that it is retained for a year due to the area being a 'black spot' for mobile reception.

6. Other matters for review

(a) Rec:

A meeting has been requested with the Rec Committee in order to improve liaison and clarify future requirements. Improvements to the car-park are being considered. A request was made for authority to carry out a detailed survey of the entrance and car-park; this was granted. Mr John Whitehead has provided details of major funding sources for the Pavilion, if an application is made.

(b) Village Hall;

A meeting has been held with Sir Jonathan Parker, and he is to prepare a new scheme.

7.Planning:

(a) Approved:

UTT/0950/09/FUL – Thatch Cottage, Radwinter End: 1 storey extn – J Moses – no obj

UTT/0951/09/LB – approved 30 Oct

UTT/1171/09/FUL – Plough Cottage, Sampford Rd: 1 storey extn, etc. – N Mellerick, agent J Denn: Objection re parking – approved 29 Oct

(b) Action withdrawn:

ENF/196/08/B - White Gables (now known as Stackyards) Maple Lane Garage/annexe to front of property being used as accommodation. Notice of 18/5/09 – an appeal was being made. Case now dropped

(c) Enforcements:

New Case Waiting investigation - Yew Tree Cottage: unauthorised sign advertising The Cricketers PH. Advised wrong location; should be Rickling Green.

ENF 245/09/B – 4 Beech Cottages: erection of play platform in rear garden – PC plg group expressed support for retention.

(d) Other:

We have been informed that the results of Planning Applications are no longer circulated to Parish Councils. The decision is on the weekly Planning List and details must be obtained from the UDC web-site.

8.Correspondence:

(a) Meetings:

Wed 2 Dec – Police – mtg new chief constable – SW UDC 7.30pm

Wed 9 Dec: RCCE coffee morning: to discuss funding applications – Feering 10am

(b) Other matters:

UDC letter 3 Nov, requesting advice of abandoned vehicles, ie with no valid tax disc. On 28 October the Clerk wrote as requested to all members of UDC Development Control Committee expressing great concern at the proposed closure of 'The Plough' public house. A meeting relating to the closure was held on 26 November to which the Council sent Cllr Boyden as representative. Her report was noted.

9. Other agenda items:

(i) it was agreed to commemorate Mrs Gypps 100th birthday on 21 January. Cllr Jarvis to co-ordinate arrangements.

(ii) Cllr Graves reported that the web site is being improved and should be operational in the New Year.

(iii) The revision of the Emergency Plan will be started by Cllrs Graves and Jarvis on completion of the work on the web site.

10. Schedule of dates for 2010:

The following dates of meetings were agreed - in the village hall at 7.45pm, except those marked* at 7pm:

Monday 18 January

Monday 01 March

*Monday 12 April – Parish Meeting

*Monday 17 May – A G M

Monday 05 July

Monday 06 September

Monday 18 October

Monday 29 November

The meeting closed at 9.50pm