

Radwinter Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting 17th October 2011
Held in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Present:

Cllrs S Graves (Ch); V Boyden; M Halls; K Shoolheifer; K Thompson, K Moore with the Clerk,

R A Jones in attendance, C/Cllr Simon Walsh D/Cllr Simon Howells Lady Suzanne Walker and Mr Dixie Walker

Public Session:

Lady Walker drew our attention to the non-payment of the annual subsidy to the Rec Ground Committee. It was agreed that this was due and the Clerk was instructed to issue a cheque.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence:

Cllr E Duck; She has reported that she is still suffering from her leg trouble. It was agreed to send a card and a bunch of flowers.

2. Minutes of previous meeting of 5 September:

Having been previously circulated they were taken as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising not otherwise covered:

None.

4. Reports from County & District Councillors:

C/Cllr Walsh summarized a report which had been previously circulated. He stressed the work being undertaken by h'ways despite the large volume of complaints which they have received. This particularly applied to road repairs; he detailed the grading applied to defects defining their priority. Following the complaints a scrutiny panel has been set up to examine the problems and put forward possible solutions. He described the work of the committee he chairs, in particular Dartford river crossing tolls, and the review of the National Planning Policy Framework.

D/Cllr Howells was questioned regarding the pending changes in recycling (see later). A discussion was held regarding the allocation of the New Homes Bonus received by UDC from the Govt. A major part has been distributed to 8 parishes who have already built a considerable number of new homes - nothing to small parishes who were excluded. Each D/Cllr has received £1000 to use at his discretion amongst the parishes he serves. Some £200,000 is being held for future allocation.

5. Community Development:

(A) Sports Pavilion:

The Clerk has had further contact with Tech Service Plg regarding their requirements. Unfortunately when one request for details is met a further arises. Since the latest request seems to be a repetition of an earlier the Clerk sought guidance from John Ready, architect, who has also provided extra drawings, which should clarify the position. The Chairman expressed his appreciation and all agreed that his help should be recognized with a gift of wine. The Clerk is to see Chris Tyler of Plg tomorrow.

(B) Community plan:

The mtg called on 5 Sep by Andrew Taylor, UDC Head of Plg, was regarding the Radwinter Community Plan. Mr Taylor stated that there had been a review of possible future projects following a change in Govt and UDC policy. He was very anxious to examine our plan to see if it met the DC requirements. Since then Henry Turtill of Bidwells has agreed to organise liaison between Sir Jonathan and Mrs Rayment; a meeting is to be held shortly to confirm the position prior to signing a legal agreement. Mr Hopwood also of Bidwells has started organising the preliminary work regarding Ecology and Archaeological surveys. He will arrange for an display in the village hall of the proposed plans in association with the PC who would probably produce a questionnaire. The Clerk has contacted RCCE regarding a Rural Housing Needs Survey which may be carried out in conjunction with the display. He has produced a draft questionnaire and covering letter. Earlier, Mr Camp for the school governors mentioned the school interest in having a separate but linked pre-school. Sir Jonathan Parker is anxious to meet the PC to find out what they require from the scheme. This was discussed at length. Amongst the suggestions proposed were:

An extension to the Rec to accommodate 2 football pitches

Funding of the Sports Pavilion

Larger or separate play area

Allotments, possibly on the flood plain

Tennis Courts

A round-about at the church crossroads

A PC owned property either for rental income or accommodation for a groundsman

A community shop.

All this is dependent on the funds available from the Section 106 agreement. It was noted that maintenance of some proposals may require consideration. It was stated that funds are likely to be available for preschool construction from ECC.

We have a copy of the UDC response to DCLGovt regarding the National Planning Policy.

6. Finance

(A) Statement:

Funds at 1 Oct : £47165.72.

(B) Current position & signing of cheques:

Receipts: 1/2 precept £4050; interest £6.77.

Payments due: A&J Ltg £269.52 (173 - annual maint. visit); CPRE £29.00 (174 - mem'shp); R A Jones £49.10 (175 - expenses); RVHC 27.00 (176 - hall hire); Radwinter Rec Com £3000.00 (177 - annual subsidy).

The payment of all these accounts was approved and cheques signed.

(C) Other financial matters:

A Finance & Audit Mtg has been arranged for Thursday 17th November.

The Clerk has written privately to the 'Saffron Walden Reporter' regarding the use being made by the UDC of the £714,000 govt. grant for 'new homes bonus'. Radwinter PC would not qualify for any funds, but £1000 would be given to our D/Cllr. The letter was published as their lead on 13 September.

A request for funding from Support4sight was declined

7. Review of action schedule:

The Clerk has written to C/Cllr Simon Walsh regarding the current poor service. Copies of his emails to h'ways requesting action have been received.

There was a temporary road closure in Sampford Road 19 - 21 September whilst repairs were carried out.

Copies have been rec'd of changes of the right of way for footpath 67.

Chris Stoneham has confirmed that the salt bins have been refilled.

H'ways have attended to the overgrown 'high path' following complaints from the Clerk and residents.

We have been reminded of the need to repaint the white lines in the car-park, and install a disabled parking bay. Clerk to get quotations.

The flooding in Walden Road was discussed. The Chairman has already cleared the outlet pipe; Cllr Moore is contacting Ray Searle of h'ways to see if more action is required.

Complaints have been received regarding parking in Church Hill. The matter will be raised with h'ways.

The schedule is attached.

8. Other matters for review:

(A) Recycling:

There have been complaints regarding the removal of the bottle banks from the rec, but no alternative location was suggested. The Chairman sent a letter for circulation in the 'Radwinter Times' explaining the position. Mr Coote will enquire of his neighbours to find out if they would agree to the bottle bank being sited in the hammerhead in East View Close. D/Cllr Howells explained the DC plans regarding the changes and how it will affect P/Councils and householders.

Emails have been rec'd from Hadstock, Newport, Wimbish, Gt Chesterford & EALC regarding the UDC abolition of green waste bulk collections, and the substitution of household bins. We have UDC asked for a quote. We have now been informed that the bulk civic amenity skips are to be discontinued.

9. Report from Village Hall representatives:

The Clerk has circulated a letter from the VH chairman which has caused him some concern. It has now been agreed that the Clerk should have free access to the Muniments Room provided that he has previously checked that the hall is not in use.

Following the last meeting the Clerk prepared a letter to be sent to the VH Charity Chairman regarding the publication of their minutes; since there was some view that this might be construed as interference this has been withdrawn.

10. Planning

(a) Approved

UTT/1343/11/LB - Bradburys, Stocking Green - internal repairs to provide waterproof tanking to grd floor - L Reid

(b) Refused:

UTT/1507/11/FUL- Bramleys Meadow, Ashdon Road: new dwelling & Gge revised spec - B Hillson

(c) Other:

The Chairman and others have had a meeting with the owners of 'The Plough' PH to discuss their plans.. He stated that the plans seemed very satisfactory.

11. Correspondence:

(a) Meetings.

Tue 18 Oct: EALC - Roles & Responsibilities Course - Gt Dunmow 9.30 - 12.30pm (£40)

Sat 22 Oct: RCCE Village Hall Blg programme - Gt Totham VH 9.30 - 3pm - Chairman to attend

Thu 27 Oct: Uttlesford Futures Assembly - SW UDC 9.30 - 3pm - KT to attend

Tue 1 Nov: Q&R PC - Future Airspace Strategy - SW UDC 7.30pm

Thu 10 Nov: EALC - Funding Gt Dunmow 10am - 3.30pm (£40) - KT to attend.

Tue 15 Nov: EALC - Law & procedures - Gt Dunmow 9.30 - 3.30 (£40)

Tue 22 Nov: UDC - localism Bill - SW UDC 7.30pm - 2 places booked - SG & Clerk to attend

Wed 23 Nov: EALC - Chairman's day 3 - Gt Dunmow 9.30 - 3.30 (£40)

Thu 1 Dec: EALC - Advanced Cllr Trg 2 - Gt Dunmow 9.30 - 3.30 (£40)

(b) Communications

letter & brochure 30 Sep from Queen's Pageantaster re Beacons for Jubilee 4 June 2012 - No action

email 4 Oct from J Briggs re NhW 'big lunch' Sunday 3 June 2012

email 1 Sep EALC re 'community enterprise' and available grants (£10-30K) ex Lottery Fund

email 16 Sep UDC regarding help required from PC regarding fly tipping esp old cars, over-loaded vehicles and sale of alcohol to minors. Contact

intelligence@essex.gov.uk

letter 7 Oct ex SSE regarding concerns re Stansted Airport, and submission to Scoping Consultation.

12. Other Matters:

13. Next Meeting:

Already arranged for Monday 28th November in the village hall at 7.45pm

14/10/11 ACTION SHEET

Date	Requirement	Action	By	Date	Comments
1 Nov 09	Footway by E bound bus stop	widen footway	hways	in hand	action MG
1 Mar 10	f/p 34 - path by Hale Cottage?	Check - in garden	hways		Rob Lee to inspect
1 Mar 10	f/p 39 - Bendysh Wood - crosspath	check	hways		N Eley to check
1 Mar 10	f/p 41 - Bendysh Wood - crosspath	check	hways		N Eley to check
1 May 11	f/p 15 - Bendysh Wood - footbridge	check	hways		N Eley to check
1 Apr 10	Widen entrance to car park	prepare details	PC		MH to prepare plan
1 Nov 10	Footbridge at bridgefoot - fragile	with MG	hways	in hand	
17 Jan 11	Pot holes in Walden Rd	repair	hways	done	
17 Jan 11	Install disabled parking bay in car-park	install	PC	?	Andrew Jarvis
1 Feb 11	Water Lane	paint new posts	hways		partially done
28 Nov 10	Water Lane/EVC junction verge	move fence	hways		LS informed
1 Feb 11	No Through Road sign - Stocking Green	installation	MG	in hand	
1 Jan 11	Water lane - school sign	installation	MG	in hand	
1 Apr 11	displaced kerbstones - 14 & 31 EVC	repair	hways	delay	
7 Sep 11	high path Walden Rd	clear	hways	done	
21/09/11	repaint lines in Rec carpark	repaint	PC		awaiting action
In abeyance					
1 Oct 10	Footpaths P3 scheme	alternative scheme	M Halls		
	allotments	clarfy availability	E Duck		
1 Sep 08	20mph speed limit outside school	installation	hways		
1 Apr 09	weight limit Water Lane	installation	hways		
23 Apr 10	improve footway by e bound bus stop	widen	hways		
23 Apr 10	improve visibility at Water Lane junction	move hedge	trustees		
30 Jun 09	improve visibility at junction by narrowing road	widen footway	hways		