Minutes for Radwinter Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting Monday April 22nd 2013

(these minutes have been split into two parts for the web version)

Individual Councillor Reports are available from the Clerk.

Apologies:

Suzanne Walker

Those Present:

Chairman Mark Halls, Vice Chairman Stephen Graves. Councillors: Rob Rains, Jill Mary, Eileen

Duck, Vicky Boyden, Kevin Moore.

1)Summary of Chairman's Report:

Thanks to previous Chairman Ken Thompson previous Clerk Ray Jones and previous Councillor Katherine Schoolheifer. New Clerk Welcomed.

Welcomed New Councillors Jill Mary and Rob Rains.

Car park Resurfaced and some targets have been met this year, the Parish Council would like to continue their good relations and work with District and County Councils. Continued support given to the recreation committee and their efforts towards New Pavillion.

2) Summary of Financial Report from Clerk:

The Parish Council ran into defecit this year, due to a number of factors some of which were payments from the County Council being changed. The Council have reserves that will cover this however the Parish Council will have to look at changing the Precept next year. Also Grant was received by the UDC which was arranged by the previous Clerk.

3) County Councillors Report Summary:

County Council achieved cuts of £330 Million and for 3rd year running Council Tax has been frozen. An Extra £11 Million has been allocated for Highways repairing of Potholes. The Council will spend a further £180 million over the next 4 years to maintain Roads and Footpaths. County Council will learn from the Salt bag scheme where unfortunately they ran out. The Council will invest £18 million towards 1000 additional school places. The Councillor gave thanks to Parish Councillors and Clerk for keeping him updated.

4) Councillor Graves report on Community Plan Development Summary:

The Development is now moving forward and Councillor Graves and Halls to have a meeting with the Estate Agents on Thursday 25th April. It is now planned for 50 homes to go onto the site. Councillor Graves has a copies handed round to Councillors and public. Councillor Graves asked for opinions on amount of houses Council wish to make the opinions of the residents as to Aesthetics of the houses known and will organise a date for a meeting regarding the development in the near future.

5) Councillor Duck Report Summary:

Jubilee celebrations were a great success and enjoyed by a great many residents very grateful to all who participated and gave help and cakes on the day. Impressed by the Highway Rangers new quick fill pot hole. Stocking Green committee having success with clearing the scrub goals are to create a pond and wildlife friendly space. Also gave her thanks to previous clerk and Chairman.

6) Councillor Moore

gave Parish Council a draft copy of the Questionnaire in support of a change of Speed limit on Water Lane for review and it was agreed that this was a good start.

7) Recreation Report Summary:

Recreation Committee are looking to improve the Pavilion and as they have already been waiting quite a long time they are now looking at the possibility of keeping the outside of the building the same and refurbishing the inside. Parish Council were hopeful that any improvements could still be tied into the Village development plan.

8) Village Hall Report Summary:

Property is being improved slowly along with the cottages. Damp has been noted from the flat roof and a new caretaker has been taken on.

9) Footpaths Report Summary:

Any Issues are passed on to Chairman Halls then passed on to the relevant authority if it is difficulty accessing this can be reported to Highways Rangers. Also a Intensive map is being produced to be included in the Radwinter Information Pack.

10) Publicity Report Summary:

Principally this is a website based matter and is kept updated. The report is missed from the Ambo so Councillor Mary will be taking this on in the future.

Chairman thanked all members of the public for coming.

Parish Council Meeting started at approx. 8:15pm