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Minutes of Radwinter Parish Council to be held on Monday 21st December 2015,

Present Cllr Halls

Cllr Rains

Cllr Duck

Cllr Kleber

Cllr Boyden

Cllr Fitch

1 Members of the Public

2 representatives from County Broadband

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

15/214 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mary (Death in family)

15/215 Members of the public are welcome to attend the Parish Council meeting. Those wishing to speak or raise any issue are requested to do so at.

The member of the public came to listen about the broadband talk and to hear what the Parish Council were going to do to the website.

15/216 Members' Declarations of interest

There were none

15/217 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 2015 were approved and signed.

15/218 Talk by County Broadband

**How County Broadband works**

They deliver a community based project which enables the whole village or business park to get their broadband. At County Broadband they utilise aerials to deliver superfast broadband speeds of up to 32Mb in both download and upload. The best way to visualise how it works is to think of how you receive television. They install a small aerial on your roof which points towards their Broadband transmitter and picks up a broadband signal. This is delivered down a cable and into your house. This means do not touch the current BT / Openreach infrastructure at all and hence we are not reliant on any upgrade from BT, nor are our customers restricted on speed according to how far they live from the little green telephone cabinet. If you can get a signal you choose what speed you want to receive.

## **Building the Connection**

There are two stages to their network build:

1. They need to connect the village to their network
2. They need to deliver the network around the village

Once they have built the network into the village each of our residents will be able to choose if they would like their service. There is a £99 connection fee which pays for their engineer to test the signal strength to the property and then to install a small aerial onto the roof.

There are two options available to install their network

### **Option 1**

In order for them to be able to deliver this service across our village they would need to conduct a feasibility study to determine the expected demand for this service, and also the cost of roll out (dependent on where the demand comes from). From this they can determine whether County Broadband can fund the project, and if not what extra funding they may require in order to complete the project. Once the feasibility study has been completed (and assuming they can fund it from County Broadband funds) they can then allocate when they can build the project. This needs to fit in with when they have budget available. As you can imagine, they are asked to deliver a lot of projects across East Anglia and they have a finite budget available for County Broadband funded projects.

The feasibility study entails:

- County Broad hosting a village meeting explaining who they are, what they do, and why they are different from other broadband suppliers, and why they can deliver 32Mb when others can only deliver single figure speeds (and only in download) – open to the whole village. They print all the literature including the invitation, but will need our community to deliver it across the village
- Assuming the community want to progress the project they will need to coordinate a team of volunteers to run a door to door survey asking whether people would be interested in an alternative broadband supplier.

### **Option 2**

They can install the network almost immediately if they can find someone / group of people to fund the project as they would not need to wait for the County Broadband budgeted funds to deliver the project. They can therefore just get on with building the network. At this early stage they would estimate that the total project cost would be somewhere in the region of just £12-£15,000 but this will need further investigating.

It was agreed that the Clerk see when County Broadband would be available to hold a public meeting in January – early Feb. It was agreed that we need to publicise the meeting well to get all the residents from Maple End and Radwinter End to the meeting.

15/219 Clerks Report

15/220 District Councils Report

No DC report

15/221 County Councillors  
No CC report

15/222 Recreation Ground:

15/222.1 Recreation Ground Entrance  
Cllr Halls to give Jeremy Deans telephone no to the Clerk

15/222.2 Recreation Ground  
Clerk has received the money from the landowners. The Recreation Ground Committee next meeting is on the 6th January.

15/222.3 Recreation Ground Car Park to receive update  
Unfortunately this is not something that Essex County Council could do. ECC engineering team has provided The Clerk with the contact details for the contractors ECC use. It was agreed that the Clerk get quotes the work won't take place until the work has been done on the recreation ground.

The Clerk received a letter back from the school, after The Clerk asked if teachers could park at the rear of the car park to enable parents to use the rest of the parking spaces. The head asked that the council puts in lighting as the car parks is dark in the winter nights and not safe for teachers to walk back to their cars. Parish Council discussed this matter and found that it wouldn't be financially viable.

15/223 Finance:

To agree the following payments:

15/223.1	Cathryn Carlisle –	salary	4
15/223.2 £85.20	E-on	Electricity	d/d
15/223.3 £23.00	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk Expenses	5
15/223.4 £48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	S/O
15/223.5 £68.29	BT	Telephone	7
15/223.6 £103.37	UDC	Election	6

Payments were approved by all members of the council present.

Cllr Duck checked the accounts prior to the meeting

15/223.6 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation  
Were approved by all members of the council present.

Cllr Duck checked the Bank Statement to the Bank Reconciliation.

15/223.7 Bank Account The Clerk has sent off the forms for internet banking.

15/223.8 Budget sheet for 2016/17  
Councillors looked at the budget this to be agreed at the next meeting.

15/223.9 To decide if we wish to opt out of the Sector Led Body  
Nobody knows how much it will cost. However, do we really want to opt out? The PC would need to set up a panel to manage the process of appointing, and manage the audit process and ensure that the auditor understands the Local government system, and is able to cope with electors rights etc.

If the PC fail to appoint you will be opted back in anyway.

The SLB replaces the Audit Commission; do the PC want to replace the Audit Commission?

Joy Darby said “she think this needs to be managed nationally to get the best price, and ensure the system is robust”.

15/224 Recent Planning Applications:

15/224.1 Planning Applications  
There were none

15/224.2 Planning Results  
There were none

15/224.3 New Development of East View

To receive any reports on the development

15/224.1 To consider the following names for the new development  
Gillon Way after the former head teacher of the primary school, Jack Gillon.

Hardisty Way after John Hardisty who was chair of Radwinter Parish Council about 20 years ago and was instrumental in the initial development of affordable houses.

The Parish Councillors decided on Gillon Way, Cllr Duck to contact his daughter to get her permission to use the name. This to be confirmed n writing to The Clerk.

The latest update the PC have is, Enterprise is currently have the section 185 sewer diversions going on, on site at present which will be complete after Christmas.

Enterprise is hoping to commence the section 278 works early in the New Year, and currently anticipate the cabins for the site accommodation and storage being delivered in February.

Enterprise have asked if the Parish will be accepting the public open space, Enterprise knows that the decision isn't due yet but wondered if the PC has any thoughts? The PC said that they would be taking on the open space.

15/225 Highways: Updates

Lee Sencier Watercourse Regulation Engineer for ECC is looking to have a meeting with all landowners with land near to Maple End area, in the New Year to see if anything can be done to stop the flooding on to the main road near Maple End

15/226 Stocking Green

Clerk to chase David Low

15/227 To look into a five year plan on what the Parish Council would like to achieve.

The Clerk has arranged for the Sarah Safford the Community Engagement Manager for the RCCE to come along and talk to the Parish Council about the different plans and what grants are available, meeting is on the 18th January at 7.30 pm weather permitting.

15/228 Website

Cllr Fitch reported that a new website for the Parish Council would enable the Council to send out questionnaires etc, The Clerk will be able to post items more easily. Now that the new Transparency Code has come into effect, The Clerk will need to put the budget and payments on the website to show residents where their money is going. The website will run separately from the main village website, there will be a link from the main village website to the Parish Councils site. Cllr Fitch to look into doing a dummy website. Cllr Fitch has offered to help update the village website with Stephen Graves.

15/229 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

Cllr Fitch has spoken with Sir Jonathan Parker with regards to the Parish Council writing to The Diocese about when they sell The Vicarage couldn't some of the money be put aside to do the repairs needed for the church and church yard. Sir Jonathan will get quotes for the jobs that need doing before the Parish Council sends the letter.

15/230 Village Furniture

Cllr Mary will report at the next meeting

15/231 Other updates

15/232 Date of next Meeting

25th January 2016

15/233 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

15/235 Meeting Closed at 9.37pm

Signed..... Dated.....