

Radwinter Parish Council

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Minutes of the Radwinter Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th January 2020

Present Cllr Duck (Chairman)

Cllr Richardson
Cllr Rains
Cllr Fitch
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Halls
Cllr Boyden
DC Storah
CC Welsh
5 Members of the public

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

20/1 Apologies for Absence

There were none

20/2 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.

- Residents spoke about planning applications

20/3 Members' Declarations of interest

Recreation Ground, Cllr Halls, Cllr Fitch, VHMC Cllr Duck

20/4 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 16th December 2019 were confirmed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Richardson Seconded Cllr Boyden

20/5 Clerks Report

The VHMC has had a fire assessment done and have asked that all the shredding and rubbish be removed from the PC office.

20/6 District Councils Report

- Local Plan
- Stansted Airport permission refused

20/7 County Councillors

- Energy Switch closes 10/2/2020
- Partner 100K cycle route, from Hyland Park is likely to come through the village. There will be a rolling road block, possible dates are 3rd and 20th September 2020
- The Council is proposing to allocate £5 million to new road repairs
- Climate change is being taken very seriously with a new group which is being chaired by a Chairman from the House of Lords. Two young people from Essex will sit as Vice-Chairs. They will bring in experts to look at how the county council can reduce their carbon footprint, plus what steps the wider county can take.
- There is a Forest Initiative to plant 375,000 trees. The PC can tap into this.
- The CC has spoken to highways about the gravel store at Stocking Green, and the need to close the bund. A Highway officer will visit.
- CC noted the flooding as you come into the village.

20/8 Recreation Ground Update

20/8.1 Update on the Hedge at Hylas
Clerk to get quotes.

20/8.2 Parking on the Recreation Ground Car Park - PC to discuss what action needs to be taken.
The Recreation Ground Committee, the Village Hall, The Bowls Club and the school have suggested having a fund raiser to raise money for the repairs to the Car Park.

20/8.3 Potholes in the Car Park
Clerk to get quote for repairing car park of potholes.

20/9 Finance:

To agree the following payments:

20/9.1	Cathryn Carlisle –	salary Jan	307	
20/9.2	£129.60	SEE	Electricity	d/d
20/9.3	£25.00	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk Expenses	308
20/9.4	£48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	D/D
20/9.5	£58.82	BT	Telephone	D/D
20/9.9	£288.00	Radwinter Friendship Group	Grant	309

Payments were approved by all members of the council present. Cllr Richardson checked the invoices prior to the meeting.

20/9.6 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
These were sent out prior to the meeting

20/9.7 Budget

The Parish Council set a precept of £18,530, agreed by all members of the council present.

20/9.8 Bank Account update

The Clerk has sent out personal detail forms to Cllr Rains, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Fitch.

20/10 Recent Planning Applications:

UTT/20/0027/DFO Potash Farm Details following outline approval UTT/19/2457/OP for the erection of 2 no. semi-detached dwellings - details of access, scale, appearance, layout and landscape scale appearance and layout, Cllrs felt they couldn't comment on the plans for the houses due to an error on the plans.

UTT/19/3104/FUL Land At 2 Mill End Cottages Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with associated landscaping works and new vehicular access

The Parish Council are concerned about the development at Mill End Cottages for the following reasons:

1. The Parish Council continue to believe that 'ribbon development' on agricultural land outside the village envelope should be resisted. The location of 'Plough Ridge' is outside the village envelope, on agricultural land (per Land Registry records).
2. The proposed access to the highway on the Ashdon Road is of concern, since fast traffic coming from Ashdon, and traffic turning off the B1053 towards Ashdon, together with the narrowness of Ashdon Road at this point, have potential to make the area dangerous, especially considering the nearness of the Plough Inn (which makes the junction very busy).
3. The development is proposed for an exposed site. The modern design, whilst using local materials, is a significant contrast to the surrounding housing (specifically The Plough Inn, and the Old Chapel House).

20/10.1 Planning Results

UTT/18/3460/OP Land south of Walden Road Appeal

UTT/19/2972/OP Outline Planning with all matters reserved except access for the erection of 3 no residential dwellings.
Land at Plough Ridge Walden Road

20/11 Highways:

Clerk to report Potholes and flooding

20/12 Stocking Green update Cllr Davidson to Report

20/12.1 To discuss the email from Dr Albert Gerhard

It was agreed that the Clerk notify Highways of the issues and the need to enforce Section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 that makes it a criminal offence to drive over, or park on land (including greenland) not forming part of a road without lawful authority to do so.

Cllr Davidson will draft some words to put a sign asking people not to park on the grass at Stocking Green.

All other issues are not enforceable by the Parish Council, who noted that there is a bridleway diagonally across the field.

Clerk to find out who owns the land at Stocking Green – this may be the PC.

20/13 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

The Speed Watch Group has been told the road outside the stable is too dangerous for doing speed watch. Councillors expressed concern about this, since if the road is too dangerous to monitor traffic speeds, it is also too dangerous to walk on, This is a major concern, given the proximity of the Livery Stables, and public footpaths and bridleways at the corner. Council to discuss further.

20/14 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Richardson and Gareth Wilson have put together a new survey, which they are hoping to put out with the Ambo. Gareth is putting together a broad timeline for the Neighbourhood Plan. They are hoping that the next Steering Group meeting will take place in March.

20/15 Welcome Pack

The Council agreed that there is a lot of information is duplicated. The Council agreed that the Welcome Letter should be put on the Website. Cllr Richardson to send it to Cllr Fitch to put on the website.

20/16 Consultations

Any consultations have been sent out

20/17 Village Improvement

Final bench to be put outside the church. The Council noted that the Water Fountain is not yet installed at the pavilion. Cllr Halls expects to be able to do this by the summer.

20/18 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda
VE Day

20/19 Date of the next Meeting will be on 24th February 2020

20/20 Meeting Closed at 9.19 pm

Signed.....

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