

Radwinter Parish Council

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Minutes of the Virtual meeting of **Radwinter Parish Council**, held on Monday 29th June 2020

Present Cllr Richardson (Chairman)

Cllr Duck
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Halls
Cllr Boyden

DC Stora
CC Walsh
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)
1 Member of the public

The Chairman informed the Council that Cllr Fitch had resigned from the Council last week, as he wanted to concentrate on the Men's Shed project. The Council would like to thank Cllr Fitch for all his hard work while on the Council.

20/81 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Rains

20/82 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.

A member of the public mentioned there is some fly tipping on the Ashdon Road - some sports bags and a shed in the ditch. The Clerk will report this. There seems to be a huge problem with litter all over the country; people are taking more takeaways and leaving sandwich packaging. Carver Barracks public access has been closed because of rubbish and vandalism

20/83 Members' Declarations of interest

Cllr Duck Recreation Ground, The Council will need to look at who is going to be the new appointee, in the wake of the resignation of Cllr Fitch.
Cllr Richardson VHMC

20/84 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 18th May 2020, were **approved** and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Duck Seconded Cllr Davidson

20/85 Clerks Report

The Clerk has attended a couple of the Clerks Forum.
There's been a lot of information sent out on CV19, which has been useful.

20/86 District Councilor's Report

DC report was sent to council prior to the meeting. The DC was asked whether the council keeps a record of the instances of Covid – 19. He thought not – they rely on government statistics.

20/87 County Councillors

CC report was sent out prior to the meeting

- The only sound source of information on deaths in the area comes from the Office of National Statistics which records Birth and Deaths, there will be a time delay on these.
- The smaller recycling centres will open with less social distancing to 1mtr from 6th July.
- Register of births will be restarting
- Schools are gradually reopening
- No cars (or a 20mph limit) will be allowed in the Centre of Saffron Walden, which will allow for people to move around more freely. The 20mph restrictions were facilitated by extra powers from the government temporary orders.
- A group of 21 English councils, including Essex, has launched a new network to highlight the important role of rural areas in tackling climate change.
- £67 million from the Government to help Covid-19

20/88 Recreation Ground Update

Cllr Richardson has had a meeting with the Radwinter Recreation Ground Committee (RRGC) about finances and the impact of CV19. Money. The RRGC felt they would need some money to make up the shortfall in income from not hiring out the pavilion; they estimate revenues at or below £3,000 for 2020-21. Estimating their cost of £12,000, they are now not going to do as much grass cutting and will reduce the cleaning until lockdown is lifted. The RRGC think they should have £7,500 cash in their account at the end of the year which they feel is not enough as they need to put money aside for eventual resurfacing of the MUGA. Longer term, the RRGC would the Council to look at covering a greater proportion of the costs of the recreation ground.

The Council noted that there was no immediate financial threat to the Rec and felt we should relook at this at the end of the year. It was agreed that the Council would be on standby in the event of a serious financial issue emerging as the CV19 crisis unfolds.

The RRGC are looking at how they could open the Play area, The Clerk said that at other council they were putting up a notice saying that we're putting the onus on the parents to make sure parents supervise their children and use sanitiser.

20/88.1 Update on Barrier and Gate the temporary
The Barrier will cost £340 plus VAT
The Barrier should be ready later in the week. Cllr Duck to see if Steven Hermitage could put the posts in for the Barrier.

VHMC has some money which they would like to put towards getting the Jubilee Gates back up. A design to extend the old gates has been drawn up, and Cllr Richardson and Sue Bright are looking at getting quotes. Once the gates have been widened it was agreed that the barrier would be move to the back entrance near the bike track.

20/89 Finance:

To agree the following payments:

20/89.1	Cathryn Carlisle –	salary June	330
20/89.2 £129.60	SSE	Electricity	d/d
20/89.3 £60.84	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk Expenses June	331
20/89.4 £48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	D/D
20/89.5 £57.94	BT	Telephone	D/D
20/89.6 £87.00	Jack Roberts	Grass Cutting	333
20/89.13 £496.80	C W Low	Verge Cutting	332
20/89.14 £52.80	RCCE	Subs	334
20/89.15 £48.00	EALC	Training	335
20/89.16 £3000.00	Radwinter Rec	Grant	336

Payments were **approved** by all members of the council present

20/89.7 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
These were sent out prior to the meeting

20/89.8 Bank Account update
The Clerk is waiting for Cllr Halls and Cllr Boyden's signatures, these were being sent over.

20/89.9 Annual Governance Statement
The Council completed and signed off the Governance Statement. It was noted that an acknowledgement of the 'No' answer to Q4 (on inspection of accounts) was necessary, and a note of how we would rectify this.

20/89.10 Annual Accounting Statement to be signed off
Annual Accounting Statement was signed off

20/89.11 Internal Auditors report
The Report was sent to Councillors prior to the meeting.

20/89.12 Legal Note 21 Council help to village halls etc

The Parish Council won't be able to reclaim VAT back for the RRG in future. Cllr Richardson will look at if there's anything the Council can do to help alleviate the additional burden on the RRG.

20/90 Recent Planning Applications:

UTT/20/1481/FUL Proposed erection of 1 no. dwelling and cartlodge 9 Princes Well Radwinter The Council recommend approval, but would like to see safety measures in place for leaving the property on to the highway.

20/90.1 Planning Results

UTT/20/0729/FUL Barn Opposite Applecroft Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to UTT/19/1693/FUL - design and layout changes

UTT/20/0804/HHF One and a half storey side extension. Haselbury House Water Lane **APPROVED**

UTT/20/0708/FUL Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic gardens Millstone And Sefton Hempstead Road **APPROVED**

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

20/91 Highways:

20/91.1 Quote for cutting the High Path

The Clerk had got quotes to cut back the trees and hedge on the high path and cut the footpath on a bimonthly basis. The Clerk explained that there was money in the ECC verge cutting grant that we can use all the way from Hall Farm to Maple Lane. Cllrs thought this was a good idea. The Clerk to contact Outdoor Jack and get this sorted.

Cllr Duck asked that the trees that over hang the path opposite the Gillon Way also be cut.

20/92 Stocking Green update Cllr Davidson to Report

Residents have seen many more walkers, and have spoken to local farmer Robert Haig about moving the footpath, away from the hamlet. The cost to move a footpath is £3,000 so its best to have a few to do at the same time it makes it cheaper.

20/93 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

We have still not heard about the land at Gillion Way - the Clerk is to chase again. The Clerk had received an email after the last meeting, saying that the solicitors are in the throes of finalising a s104 agreement for this site and as soon as all the

necessary rights required by Anglian Water under that agreement are finalised, they will be in a position to provide our solicitors with a draft transfer of the POS for our review.

Cllr Richardson said that the Radwinter CV19 Helpers Group was now only picking up 2 or 3 prescriptions a week and doing shopping for one person. It was intended to stand down the group within the next few weeks. Cllr Richardson would send an E-Thank you Card to everyone involved.

On Water Lane outside the school, the tarmac is melting very badly in the recent hot weather, with chunks of road being ripped up by passing traffic. The Clerk to report to ECC Highways.

There have been lots of complaints to Stansted Airport about low planes flying over Radwinter. Cllr Richardson to draft a letter to Stansted Airport.

Giga Clear have been installing cables in East View Close, giving inadequate warning of road works.

The Drain near the bridge at the bottom of Plough Hill needs rodding as standing water is collecting rapidly every time there is a heavy rainshower, and not draining away quickly. Councillors think it must be blocked. The Clerk will contact the appropriate authority.

20/94 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Richardson informed the council that the recent survey received 38 responses, about a 13% response rate. A summary of the survey is ready to be circulated to the Steering Group, and will be copied to Councillors when approved, and also go into the Ambo.

20/95 Consultations

No Consultations

20/96 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Gillon Way S104 ground

20/97 Date of the next Meeting will be on 27th July 2020, and will be undertaken using Zoom

20/98 Closure 9.01pm

Signed.....

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