

Radwinter Parish Council

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Minutes of **Radwinter Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 29th September 2025, at Radwinter Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Richardson, Cllr Rains, Cllr Halls, Cllr Boyden, Cllr Gerhard, Cllr Duck Cllr Davidson, Cllr Tayler and the Clerk.

Minutes

25/130 **Nominate and Elect a Chair for 2025/26**

Cllr Richardson was nominated & elected as Chair for 2025/26

Proposed Cllr Halls, **Seconded** Cllr Rains agreed unanimously.

25/130.1 **Chair to sign declaration of acceptance of office**

The newly elected Chair signed the declaration of acceptance and was witnessed by the Clerk.

25/131 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from County Councillor M Foley, who has been ill. The Council recorded it's best wishes for a speedy recovery.

25/132 **Public Forum**

No representations

25/133 **Members' Declarations of interest**

None

25/134 **Minutes**

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28th July 2025 as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Rains **Seconded:** Cllr Gerhard and agreed unanimously.

25/135 **District & County Councillors Reports**

See Appendix A

25/136 **Standing Orders, Regulations, Policies, Guidelines and Risk Assessment**

All previously circulated to Council members.

Full agreement received from all present and re-adoption confirmed.

Proposed Cllr Gerhard, **Seconded** Cllr Davidson and agreed unanimously

25/137 **Clerks Report**

Second half of precept received into Council bank account.

No payment taken by SSE for street lighting. Clerk spent 1.5 hours on phone to SSE to resolve and was told it was a timing issue, should resolve itself. Clerk had raised contract end date with SSE and was told they would be in touch nearer the expiration date of 31/1/2026 to discuss potential tariffs.

Radwinter CofE Primary School sent an email thanking RPC for the bike shelter grant. Shelter now built and in use.

25/138 **Action Tracker**

Cllr Richardson went through the action tracker and relevant updates made.

25/139 **Finance**

Payments list as circulated prior to meeting was approved.

Clerk to set up payments and Cllr Richardson to authorise

A&J Lighting	Service fee	£48.38
BT	Broadband	£ 51.01
SSE	Electricity	£ 8.07
M Halls	Reimb fitting clips	£ 63.71
Employee	Aug salary (incl backpay)	£ 506.24
Employee	Land Reg fees & printer ink	£ 57.99
Outdoor Jack	Verges	£ 397.04
A&J Lighting	Service fee	£ 48.38
BT	Broadband	£ 51.01
Employee	Sept wages	£ 450.24
EALC	Course Financial Regs	£ 150.00
Outdoor Jack	Verges	£ 106.60
Cloud next	Domain	£ 60.00
PKF	External Audit	£ 252.00
HMRC	Ers NIC	£ 4.99

Proposed Cllr Duck **Seconded** Cllr Rains

Action JP & DR

25/139.1 **Bank reconciliation.**

Circulated and agreed.

Proposed and signed by Cllr Boyden **seconded** Cllr Halls

25/139.2 **Budget 2025/26**

The Budget was compared to actual expenditure to date for 2025/26 and discussed, together with current reserves.

25/139.3 **Review any grant applications**

Application received from Recreation Ground Committee for £3,500

Proposed Cllr Halls **Seconded** Cllr Richardson and agreed unanimously

25/139.4 **Laptop Purchase**

It was resolved that the Clerk should look at potential laptop & printer packages and obtain quotes.

25/139.5 Radwinter Christmas Tree Festival

It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide prizes for the festival up to total expenditure of £100.

Proposed Cllr Davidson **seconded** Cllr Halls and agreed unanimously

25/140 New Planning Applications

APPLICATION NO: UTT/25/0592/HHF

DATE APPLICATION VALID: 15th September 2025

DEVELOPMENT: Proposed repair works to retaining wall and removal of trees. Addition of dropped kerb/new access lane and works to dwelling including moving front door and adding single window and replacement of front door canopy porch with enclosed porch.

LOCATION: Old Comptons Princes Well Radwinter Saffron Walden Essex

APPLICANT: Mr And Mrs M And S Heath

ADDRESS: Old Comptons Princes Well Radwinter Essex CB10 2TE

EASTING/NORTHING: 560722 – 237134

No comment

APPLICATION NO: UTT/25/0618/LB

DATE APPLICATION VALID: 15th September 2025

DEVELOPMENT: Proposed repair works to retaining wall and works to dwelling including moving front door and adding single window and replacement of front door canopy porch with enclosed porch.

LOCATION: Old Comptons Princes Well Radwinter Saffron Walden Essex

APPLICANT: Mr And Mrs M And S Heath

ADDRESS: Old Comptons Princes Well Radwinter Essex CB10 2TE

EASTING/NORTHING: 560722 - 237134

No comment

APPLICATION NO: UTT/25/2405/FUL

DATE APPLICATION VALID: 11 September 2025

DEVELOPMENT: 2 no. new flood attenuation wetlands, 3 no. new ditch ditch-linked ponds and 3 no. new leaky wood dams.

LOCATION: The Grange Water Lane Radwinter Essex CB10 2TF

APPLICANT: Sir Jonathan Parker

ADDRESS: The Grange Water Lane Radwinter Essex CB10 2TF

EASTING/NORTHING: 560291 – 236414

No Comment

25/141 Recreation Ground & Pavilion

Nothing to report

25/141.1 Recreation Ground steering committee

Initial meeting held and following issues raised:-

- Large trees will soon need attention. On boundary who is responsible, Radwinter PC or ECC?

- Ownership of assets on the recreation ground needs to be established.
- Sub lease with Bowls Club and Mens shed to be with RGCC.
- Regular grass cutting to be responsibility of Radwinter PC, any additional cuts down to RRG
- Carpark needs to be resurfaced, remarked and potentially extended. RPC to get quote

The sub-committee was requested to progress discussions RRG and report back.

25/142 **Village Hall**

In good financial shape.

Some repairs being carried out over next few months

25/143 **Highways and Footpaths**

25/143.1 **Daffodil bulbs.**

It was agreed to purchase a further 1,000 daffodil bulbs for planting in the village. Cllr Gerhard to order.

Proposed Cllr Davidson, **Seconded** Cllr Duck

25/143.2 **Speed sign on SW side of village**

Cutting of overgrown hedgerow added to D Low autumn cut schedule.

Resident has raised issue of an additional sign in the centre of village pointing east.

It was agreed to review the existing data recently downloaded and then discuss.

25/144 **Stocking Green update**

Wild flowers a huge success.

25/145 **Solar Farm**

Letter to be sent to the Minister requesting that the UDC decision not to have a environmental impact survey be reviewed.

Cllr Richardson attended a meeting with Wimbish PC regarding the development. All agreed that potentially more disruption to Radwinter residents. Both parish councils agreed to continue to liaise.

25/146 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Draft plan in progress.

25/147 **Bus service**

Letter to be drafted and sent to UDC in support of maintaining bus service.

25/148 **Matters to be Raised by Members for the next agenda**

Cllr Halls & Cllr Boyden gave apologies as they will not be able to attend the next meeting.

25/149 **Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 27 October 2025

25/150 **Meeting Close** @ 9 PM

Signed.....

Dated.....

Appendix A

Gillon Way Section 106 agreement

I have received a somewhat confusing email from the UDC legal department which I think follows an email I wrote requesting clarification of the Section 106 agreement. I hope we can have a brief discussion about this this evening so I can, if appropriate reply.

Local Government Reorganisation.

On 23rd October the Council voted overwhelmingly for “Business Case A” for Essex wide local government reorganisation, as opposed to three other business cases. An amendment was proposed that we should support “Business Case B” but this was defeated.

This means that UDC is writing to the Government supporting the merger of Uttlesford, Harlow and Epping, to become one of five unitary authorities in Essex. Business Case B proposed Uttlesford merging with Braintree Colchester and Tendring which would mean a much larger unitary authority, one of three in Essex. A majority of district councils support the five unitary authority model, whereas Essex County Council appear to be supporting three. The final proposals have to be submitted to the Government by 26th September.

The final decision is being made by the Government.

Elections for the Mayor of Greater Essex on the 7th May 2026.

The new unitary authorities are due to commence in May 2028

The Local Plan

On 24th October the Local Plan Panel met. This was largely to agree major modification to the Local Plan which have been proposed to rectify some concerns that the Inspector made during the examination between the 9th and 19th June. This is to ensure that the Plan is sound and legally compliant. There was no option to alter these modifications, but the Panel agreed the changes.

There is now a public consultation on these main modifications which runs from 15th September to the 27th October. This consultation can be reached via the Local Plan Pages on the UDC website.

As far as Radwinter and the Sampfords Ward are concerned there appear to be no direct Main Modifications, largely because there were no Strategic Sites proposed. I was surprised that there had been no comment about Core Policy 25 which concerns Renewable Energy Infrastructure, but I was told that this is because there is going to be a piece of work done by the Council to underpin this policy.

Lastly one other interesting piece of news is as follows:

UDC is pleased to share the news that Essex has stopped sending general waste, including Uttlesford's, to landfill. Instead, all non-recyclable rubbish is being sent to the Energy from Waste facility in Rivenhall, where it is converted into electricity for the national grid.

So far, over 10,000 tonnes of waste has been processed. This is a major step forward environmentally, although the facility can be a sensitive topic.

