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Minutes of Radwinter Parish Council held on Monday 30th November 2015

Present Cllr Halls (Chairman)

Cllr Duck
Cllr Mary
Cllr Boyden
Cllr Fitch
Cllr Rains

5 Member of the public

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

15/188 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Kleber (ill)

15/189 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 resident of came and spoke about the Broadband Speed in Radwinter End and surrounding areas. These days even if you want to sell or rent your property out people want to know that they get a good broadband speed. At Radwinter End you get about 2mb, in some parts of Radwinter you can get 8mbs. Peter Thomas is paying a considerable amount of money to get fibre optic into his offices. Force 36 will be doing this work, ECC are giving out loans to people for capital projects would the Parish Council be prepared to take this on board.

The new developers are aware of the broadband speed in the village and may be willing to help with this matter.

15/190 Members' Declarations of interest

Cllr Fitch, Cllr Halls, Cllr Boyden Item no 15/200.2

15/191 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 26th October 2015 were approved and signed
Proposed Cllr Fitch Seconded Cllr Mary

15/192 Clerks Report

No report

15/193 District Councils Report

No report

15/194 County Councillors

With winter setting in the County's 60 gritters are ready to go should the weather turn icy. Around 2000 miles of roads are salted during the icy weather each lorry

delivering around 200 tonnes per night-time run. Stockpiles are full and ready to go. Across the County, primary school children are being asked to name a gritter truck, one per district and the County Parks service are providing a range of prizes. The Autumn Spending Review will mean even more financial pressures on local government. The County Council is already preparing its budget for next year, and is already contemplating a 2% increase in order to meet the funding gap created by a reduced Government Support Grant. The announcement by the Chancellor of a possible 2% elderly social care top-up places a further tax burden on local people paying Council Tax. Talk of using reserves raises a false argument as many of these funds are allocated to Capital Projects such as for new schools or major road improvements, indeed, if used the reserves would last less than a month!

As November ends and December begins, minds will be focussed on the heavy rain we have been experiencing of late. Landowners are being encouraged to keep their ditches clear, to help prevent flooding particularly on roads. The flood team have produced a useful booklet and can provide advice on www.essex.gov.uk/flooding

And with the rain along came the strong winds and Trading Standards are advising home owners to avoid 'Strom Cowboys' who purport to be tradespeople, and may speculatively call if they see a blown down fence or a lost roof tile. They generally only use a mobile phone number, and will be difficult to trace if their work is not up to scratch. So use a reputable firm, and these can be found on the website: www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

15/195 Recreation Ground:

15/195.1 Recreation Ground Entrance

The Council agreed to get a drawing done of what the new entrance will look like, and find out if planning permission is needed.

Drawing to be published on noticeboard

15/195.2 Recreation Ground

The Clerk had received a letter to say that the £178,271.82 will be in the Councils account in the next 2-3 days. The Clerk to confirm safe receipt with Howes Percival that the money has been received once she has seen the next bank statement.

The Clerk to ask the Recreation Ground Committee for a copy of their minutes.

15/195.3 Recreation Ground Car Par

To receive letter from Radwinter Primary School. The Clerk had circulated the letter prior to the meeting?

It was agreed that The Clerk write to ECC Highways to find out who does line painting or if they could do this for us.

Cllr Fitch said that before 8am in the morning there is at least 20 cars in the car park. If the staff could park at the furthest end of the car park, parents wouldn't think the car park is full and they won't get turned round. Clerk to reply to the school saying we are looking into line painting and suggesting that parking at far end might help the parents?

15/199 Finance:

To agree the following payments:

15/199.1	Cathryn Carlisle –	salary July	1
15/199.2 £85.20	E-on	Electricity	d/d
15/199.3 £23.00	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk Expenses	2
15/199.4 £48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	S/O
15/199.5 £31.19	BT	Telephone	500353
15/199.6 £303.80	EALC	Training	3
15/199.7 £35.00	ICO	Data Protection	D/D

Payments were approved by all members of the council present

15/199.8 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
Were approved by all members of the council present

15/199.9 Bank Account
The Clerk presented the forms for Internet Banking and Direct Debit Forms to be signed so that accounts can be moved.

15/199.10 Budget sheet for 2016/17

15/199.11 Friendship group Xmas lunch
The Friendship group has asked again if the PC will pay for their Christmas Lunch. This was agreed by all councillors present.

15/200 Recent Planning Applications:

15/200.1 Planning Applications

UTT/15/3336/LB Godfreys Farm Radwinter End

Proposed removal of existing single storey rear extension and erection of replacement single storey rear extension. Internal alterations including raising the height of 2 no. ground floor internal doors and 2 no. first floor internal doors, add lath and plaster finish to internal gable wall of master bedroom and the insertion of 2 no. partition walls to ground floor to create study/utility room. Supported

15/200.2 UTT/15/3512/FUL Mill Thatch Moor End Great Sampford
New dwelling, Garage Supported

15/200.2 Planning Results

15/200.3 New Development of East View

The only real update is that Enterprise now has South Midland Plant on site. Commencing the enabling works for the sewer diversion and clearance of the land which is being transferred to the school.

15/201 Highways: Updates

The Clerk had received an email from Lee Sencier, Watercourse Regulation Engineer for ECC, wanting a landowner's postal address. ECC are currently looking to contact landowners with regards to maintenance of/ access to a ditch system on land that adjoins Maple Lane, Radwinter.

The Clerk to look into joining "Where does our water go".

15/202 Stocking Green

The Clerk to chase David Low with regards to getting the grass cut.

15/203 To look into a five year plan on what the Parish Council would like to achieve. And how we go about it?

Cllr Fitch suggests that the Parish Council look at doing another Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that The Clerk speaks to the RCCE to find out what needs to be done and how we go about it. The Clerk to find out what grants are available. Cllr Fitch, Duck, Mary to form a sub-committee, and to speak to residents to see if anyone is interested in helping.

15/204 Broadband speeds in the village

Cllrs took on board the resident's proposal, Cllr Fitch to speak to Essex Broadband to see where we are, and to look at what we have in the village already have and get a review of what's coming in the next years in Radwinter and surrounding villages. Cllr Fitch was happy to look into this and possibly get a working committee together.

15/205 Church Yard Proposals to look into Sir Parkers Proposals

It was agreed that Cllr Fitch draft a letter to the diocese about Sir Jonathan Parkers Proposals, Cllr Fitch has spoken to the PCC who knew nothing of these proposals and suggests that as the diocese are selling the Old Vicarage it might be worth putting some of the money aside from the sale, for these items which Sir Jonathan says are Health and Safety issues, and putting some money aside for any further work needed to be done to the church yard.

The Clerk to write to Sir Jonathan, explaining what The PC is proposing with a copy of the letter being sent to the diocese.

15/206 The Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

Cllrs to look at the issues and option consultation before the 4th Dec.

15/207 Training

Cllrs agreed that the training went well and what other courses is there to do?
The Clerk to contact Joy Darby, from the EALC to see what other courses she recommends.

15/208 Village Furniture
Cllr Mary to do a survey on how many seats need repairing/cleaning and where they are and to report to the next meeting.

15/209 APM to discuss when we should have the APM
It was agreed that the Parish Council would hold its Annual Parish Meeting on the 9th May. Clerk to book the hall. It was agreed that the Clerk invite all the different groups in the village to have a table.

15/210 Other updates

15/211 Date of next Meeting
21st December 2015

15/212 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

15/213 Meeting Closed at 9.47pm

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