

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 24th MARCH,
2011**

PRESENT: Cr J Standen (in the chair)
Crs Crowley, D Standen, Pasquire, Henderson, Johnston, Rogers
and Yorston

In Attendance: Three members of the public and the clerk

Cr Dutton had written informing the Council that she had decided not to stand for the new council. The Council formally thanked Mrs Dutton for her contribution during her time on the Council.

36/11 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

- (i) **PARISH PLAN:** The steering committee asked that the Parish Plan questionnaire prize draw could be drawn at the Annual Parish Meeting by the Chairman of the Parish Council and this was agreed
- (ii) **LITTER 55 FOXBOROUGH ROAD:** Ms Tomlinson told the Parish Council that litter is often dropped in her garden and asked the Parish Council to request a litter bin at the bus stop. The clerk was asked to contact the Vale.
- (iii) **TUCKWELL CLEUD:** Mr Mike Wilson told the Council that Thrupp Lane residents are trying to arrange a meeting for their solicitor with the county solicitor. A group of residents and parish councillors was due to meet Tuckwells and OCC officers on site on 31st March.
- (iv) **THRUPP LANE:** It was reported that the Earth Trust's plans for Sandles are on hold while traffic issues are examined.

37/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Pasquire declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Friends of Radley Lakes and a personal and prejudicial interest in items relating to Radley Village Shop.

Crs J Standen, Davies and D Standen declared personal interests in matters relating to Friends of Radley Station.

38/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Dutton and Rogers and County Councillor Fatemian.

39/11 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, 24th FEBRUARY 2011:

Corrections to the minutes:

32/11(a)(i): Should read **old** Abbey House.

32/12 was amended to read “the main points are a freeze in Council Tax”

35/10(i): Should refer to **Thrupp** Lane

With those corrections, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 24th February 2011 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.

40/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- (a) **POTHoles:** Councillors were encouraged to inform the clerk of any potholes. It was noted that the crack in the approach to Lower Radley railway bridge is becoming wider.
- (b) **BOAT:** Councillors had been told that problems with motorcyclists should be reported to the police and Countryside Services and that the BOAT could not be closed. It was proposed by Cr Davies, seconded by Cr Pasquire and **AGREED** that the Council will pursue a change of designation.
- (c) **SEWAGE WORKS, SANDFORD LANE:** Cr Johnston reported that the owner’s intention is to level the site and use it for grazing horses. It was confirmed that Planning Approval will be required for any hard standing as the site is in the Green Belt and noted that the Development Plan does not propose and change to the Green Belt.

41/11 POLICE MATTERS:

- (a) **SPEED CHECKS, KENNINGTON ROAD:** It had been requested that the police carry out speed checks on Saturday mornings.
- (b) **HAVE YOUR SAY MEETING:** It had been agreed that it would be appropriate to hold a future meeting at the station between 5.30 and 6.30pm.
- (c) **MOTORCYCLISTS, THRUPP LANE:** Cr J Standen reported that there had been complaints at the Earth Trust AGM about disturbance being caused by motorbikes in Thrupp Lane and on surrounding land.

People are encouraged to call the police to report motorbikes and record details of the vans which bring them.

42/11 PLANNING MATTERS:

- (a) **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

- (i) RAD/5491/2 (11/00259/FUL): Proposed erection of single storey timber outbuilding, 16 Lower Radley.

Crs J and D Standen declared a prejudicial interest as adjoining neighbours and withdrew from the meeting. Cr Johnston also left the meeting as he is a member of the Vale development control committee.

The Council had **NO OBJECTION** to the application.

- (ii) TREE CONSULTATION PD18/01/49: Fell Three Ash Trees on land between Pebble Hill and Bigwood Mobile home parks. Councillors had only observed one tree which needed to be felled and would ask the arboricultural officer to make a site visit. Other felled trees had been observed for which there had been no application.

The Council **OBJECTED** to the application.

- (b) TUCKWELL CLEUD: Nothing further to report.
- (c) APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS BY J CURTIS AND SONS, THRUPP LANE: Nothing further to report.
- (d) 1, FOXBOROUGH ROAD: The Council had seen correspondence received from the Enforcement Officer, Environmental Health and Building Control.

Councillors asked whether the Vale can offer clarification of Permitted Development rules.

- (e) TUCKWELLS, THRUPP LANE: Overnight lorry activity had been reported to Environmental Health and the Council agreed to endorse their complaint.

The noise had been aggravated by the condition of the road as a failed road and it was agreed that the Council would push for a weight restriction and the opening up of the access from Mr Curtis's land to Barton Lane.

43/11 HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- (a) MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS: None
- (b) GRIT BIN: Residents of Sugworth Crescent had requested that the Council install a grit bin and 23A had offered that it could be placed on their verge. The clerk had established that if supplied by OCC they will then keep it filled with salt/grit. It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Pasquire and the Parish Council **AGREED** to purchase a grit bin.
- (c) NOTICE OF CONSULTATION: Review of subsidised bus services in the Wantage, Faringdon and Didcot area (includes service 31). The Council would not like to see any reduction in service. The Council will report that times allow very little time in Abingdon and request that the times are looked at.

44/11 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

(a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Henderson and the Council **AGREED** the following payments:

Cheque no.				
<u>New payments</u>				
			£678.8	
372	Mrs J E Dymock	Salary February 2011	5	£1,473.06
		Expenses: Village Cleaner March 2011	£86.58	
		Expenses 1st January to 31st March:		
			£151.9	
		Mileage	3	
		Stationery	£5.96	
		Postage	£23.28	
		Laptop (including delivery & case)	£526.4	
			6	
373	Mrs Karen Sharp	Salary February 2011		£148.15
374	Miss S Raven	Parish Plan admin fee		£200.00
	British Gas			
375	Business	Electricity - Sports pavilion		£100.58
376	Vale of White Horse District Council	Planning Application fee		£167.50
377	SLCC	Working with Your Council Training fee		£175.00

45/11 CONSERVATION:

GARDEN COMPETITION:

The Garden Competition working party had met and the following was reported:

The Competition will be on Saturday 2nd July. Letters for have gone out to judges, guides and potential sponsors. Radley Guides have been asked whether they can distribute flyers and it was hoped that councillors would also be able to help.

The Presentations will be on Saturday 23rd, a week later than usual as the History Club had already booked the village hall for an all-weekend event.

The Clerk had confirmed 5 guides, 5 judges, sponsorship from Peachcroft Farm and Berinsfield Community Business and had booked a minibus with a driver for the afternoon judging.

46/11 RADLEY PARISH PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE:

Cr Davies thanked the councillors who helped with distribution and collection of the questionnaire. There had been a response of just over 50% and the Steering committee had been encouraged by this number and by how completely they were filled in. Anton Nath's prediction of 80% had been based on much smaller villages.

The closing date for responses was 24th April and questionnaires would be sent to be machine read at South Oxfordshire DC. Cr Davie formally thanked the Village Shop for acting as a collection point.

The Parish Council thanked the steering committee for all their hard work and looked forward to hearing the results.

47/11 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

- (a) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Cr Johnston reported that the Vale was entering the pre-election period of purdah when Officers will run the council within existing set policies.
- (b) COUNTY COUNCILLOR: None

48/11 CORRESPONDENCE:

FOR ACTION:

- (a) Boundary Commission: OCC ward. The Council was asked to comment on changes to ward boundaries. It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Pasquire and **AGREED** that the Council would propose a ward comprising Radley, Kennington, South Hinksey, Sunningwell and Wootton. This would maintain a homogenous type of community.
- (b) Thames Valley Police: Community Policing Awards: Noted.
- (c) VWHDC: Street names – new development at 72 Foxborough Road. The Council agreed that the houses should occupy vacant numbers in Foxborough Road.
- (d) VWHDC: Meeting Everyone's Needs survey: Noted.

- (e) OCC; Revised Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy for Oxfordshire: The Council considers that Redbridge should be kept open at all costs for fear that limited opening hours would lead to dumping of rubbish around the site.
- (f) HMRC: Information for employers on PAYE: Noted.

FOR INFORMATION:

- (a) OCC: Rob Dance: Tuckwells, Thrupp Lane.
- (b) Open Space: Spring edition
- (c) Railfuture magazine
- (d) VWHDC Communications propose producing a bi-monthly online magazine in the manner of SODC's "Outpost". The Council felt that this was an unnecessary use of resources.

49/11 NOTIFIED BUSINESS:

BIRD SCARER: Resident in various parts of the village had complained about nuisance from bird scarers. Advice from Environmental Health was that farmers are encouraged to comply with Defra guidelines regarding location and hours of operation.

50/11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS:

THRUPP LANE: The Council was disappointed not to have feedback on this item.

The confidential item was **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

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Chairman