

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY, ON THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST 2004 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cr B Mott (in the Chair)
Crs Crowley, Henderson, Nutt, Wren, Wyatt
Two members of the public

126/04 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cr Wren signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

127/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Crs Gilbert, Johnston, Standen, J Standen, and Wilson.

128/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

B Crowley declared an interest in relation to a cheque which would be paid to him by the Parish Council. There were no other declarations of interest.

129/04 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, 22 JULY 2004

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 July 2004 were **APPROVED** with the following amendments:

- (a) Minute 112/04 (d) SITING OF LOWER RADLEY LAMP 11 should read: Cr J Standen reported that she had obtained a site plan from Dr McDougall showing the preferred siting for the lamp, and the Clerk would follow this up with the OCC Street Lighting Officer.
- (b) Minute 115/04 (a) (a) (f) (iv) 2 should read: **IT WAS AGREED** that, if the RYFC wished the Parish Council to give it a grant when the outcome of the application for a grant from the DC was known, it should make a formal application, including copies of its accounts showing all sources of anticipated revenue. The policy in relation to grants to the Football Club would be discussed at the October meeting..
- (c) Minute 117/04 (a) should read: The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would finalise the list of gardens noted as having amenity merit to the community but which did not feature in the external judges' awards. The Parish Council **AGREED** that a letter be sent to these households expressing its appreciation.

130/04 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- (a) TRIANGLE OF LAND – BY GARAGES IN STONHOUSE CRESCENT: It was not known whether the problem of dumping was still a problem.
- (b) SEWAGE – FOXBOROUGH ROAD: The latest position on this was not known. The letter from Mr Porter was noted.
- (c) SITING OF LOWER RADLEY LAMP 11: The Clerk was trying to arrange a meeting between the OCC Street Lighting Officer and Dr McDougall regarding the siting of the street lamp.

131/04 POLICE MATTERS

PC Jeff Wheble sent his apologies. There was discussion on the two recent episodes of vandalism at the Sports Pavilion, Gooseacre and that the action PC Wheble could take was limited because of lack of witnesses who were willing to speak to the police. It was noted that two people were now willing to speak to the police regarding offences they had seen. **IT WAS AGREED** that the data available on the crime should be collated and, if the Police had found it impossible to take action in respect of persons causing damage to the Sports Pavilion, the Council should communicate its concerns to the Force Area Commander.

It was noted that there were still problems with motorcyclists on the field behind Stonhouse Crescent. It was not known whether the residents had reported this to the police.

132/04 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) New Applications

- (a) RAD/3279/11 – Erection of a two storey dwelling with detached garage/studio and associated works, The Bowyer Arms: No objections
- (b) RAD/18543/1 – Demolition of six garages. Erection of 4 x 1 bed flats and associated car parking (Re-submission), Land at Garage Blocks, rear of 26 Stonhouse Crescent: **IT WAS AGREED** that a comparison should be made with the previous plan and, if no major changes had been made, the previous objections of the Parish Council should be made that this was overdevelopment of the site.
- (c) RAD/18685 (Amended plans) – Demolish part of garage. Erection of two storey extension over garage. New front porch and conservatory, 32 Ferny Close: **IT WAS AGREED** that a comparison should be made with the previous plan and, if no major changes had been made, the previous objections of the Parish Council should be made that this was overdevelopment of site and that account should be taken of comments from immediate neighbours and any detrimental impact the development would have on the street scene.
- (d) Radley Ash Disposal Scheme – Lakes J (East) and P, Details Pursuant to condition 17 (aftercare scheme) of Planning Permission RAD/5948/22-CM: No objections, but the Clerk was asked to let Cr Johnston look at it before a reply was sent.
- (c) RAD/18671/1 – Two storey rear extension. New dormer to front and demolition of garage, 30 Sugworth Lane: To be passed to Cr Johnston for comment.

(ii) Permission Given

- (a) RAD/237/96-LB – Minor demolitions and revisions to roof space and small linking roof between roofs, E Social, Radley College

(iii) Withdrawn

- (a) RAD/18671 – Two storey rear extension. New dormer to front and demolition of garage, 30 Sugworth Lane

(iv) Appeal

- (a) RAD/15667/1 – First floor extension over the existing garage to provide a studio, 1 St James Road: The appeal was dismissed.

133/04 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed by Cr Wyatt, seconded by Cr Nutt and **AGREED** that the following

payments should be made:

(i)	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd:	£6,569.00
(ii)	RoSPA – Second report on play area:	£69.33
	The Parish Council noted that the basic cost was £59.00, not £55.00 as reported previously	
(iii)	Mr H Pointer – Two Village Seats:	£350.00
(iv)	Thames Water – Sports Pavilion:	£68.30
(v)	Thames Water – Allotments:	£13.48
(vi)	Copycat Services – Photocopying:	£63.92
(vii)	Miss S E Raven	£816.44
	Salary – July 2004:	£348.22
	Salary – August 2004:	£348.22
	Payment for Village Cleaner – September 2004:	£55.00
	Reimbursement of cost of vouchers (Second Prizes)	
	Garden Competition:	£65.00
(viii)	Dr B Crowley – CDs, Garden Competition:	£13.50
(ix)	Chubb Fire Limited – Replacement Fire Extinguisher, Sports Pavilion	£210.91

(b) NATIONAL SALARY AWARD FOR CLERKS FROM 1 APRIL 2004 AND 1 APRIL 2005

The Parish Council **ACCEPTED** the National Salary Award for the Clerk, noting that this included an increase in the mileage allowance. Councillors noted that being remunerated on the nationally agreed salary scale at 12 hours a week formed part of the Clerk's contract of employment.

(c) SPORTS PAVILION – VANDALISM: COST OF REPAIRS:

As discussed in between meetings, the Clerk confirmed that she had asked four builders to tender for the repair work to the veranda, doors and windows at the sports pavilion. Two builders had submitted tenders, one builder had declined the opportunity to tender, and no reply had been received from the fourth builder. The two tenders were from MRH Services Ltd for £3,541.32, with the possibility of a further £456.74 if more hogging was required for the base for the veranda, and from Graham Sillman for £4, 850.00.

An approach had been made to the Insurance Company, who had agreed that the quotation from Mr Herring could be accepted, although there would be two excesses as there were two police reports. This had been done.

134/04 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) **ACTION REQUIRED:**

(a) Oxfordshire County Council:

- (i) Invitation to contribute to the debate on the future Waste Disposal in Oxfordshire, 22 September 2004, 7 – 9 pm at The Guildhall, Abingdon: Cr Henderson agreed to attend

- (b) The Boundary Committee for England – Periodic Electoral Review of Oxfordshire County Council: Final Recommendations: It was noted that these were in line with proposals agreed by the Parish Council.
- (c) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – Nominations for President of the Association: No names were put forward by the Parish Council
- (d) Halcrow, working on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council: Transport Mitigation Measures for villages surrounding Abingdon: The Clerk was asked to request a meeting to discuss the requirements for Radley.
- (e) Joint letter from Oxfordshire County Council and the District Councils in Oxfordshire: Composting Article for Your Newsletter: noted but no further action
- (f) Oxford Green Belt Network Newsletter August 2004
- (g) SPADE

The Parish Council noted that both letters went into great length about the Structure Plan and the fact that the Examination in Public (EIP) began on 12 October. There was going to be a round table discussion with an Inspector and various interested parties. One of these would concern the Green Belt directly. Oxford Green Belt Network would be appearing (most likely on 14 October) together with CPRE (Oxfordshire), the Oxford Preservation Trust, SPADE (Sunningwell), Horspath Parish Council and the Baldons Parish Council. Also present would be representatives of all the District Councils in Oxfordshire and various development companies who will be arguing for building in the Green Belt. The two subjects for discussion were:

- (i) Is the County Council right in its decision to propose the deletion from Policy H.1 of an urban extension to Oxford on land south of Grenoble Road?
(OGBT says Yes)
- (ii) Should the plan propose a revision of the Green Belt boundary to allow more development in central Oxfordshire, and if so in what general locations?
(OGBT says No)

OGBT was conscious that only two Parish Councils, plus SPADE, had been invited to participate in the discussions. Others were under threat (Radley was mentioned), and they are anxious to represent the views of any Parish Council at the EIP.

SPADE had again repeating its request for a contribution, and its offer to attend a PC meeting.

IT WAS AGREED that this matter should be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

Two members of the public attended to express concern about the possibility of development on the Radley/Kennington boundary. The Parish Council **AGREED** to keep them informed should any information come to its attention.

- (h) Poster for the new Vale of White Horse District Foyer: To be displayed on the notice boards.

(ii) CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE:

- (a) Vale of White Horse DC:
 - (i) Council News
 - (ii) Vale Community Strategy – Improving the quality of life in the Vale, available on <http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/Community Strategy/DetailPage-5572.asp>
 - (iii) Countryside Events Programme

- (iv) Parish Council Cleansing Grants 2004/2005: It was noted that the Parish Council had been awarded the grant it requested, £286.00
- (b) Oxfordshire County Council:
 - (i) News August 2004
 - (ii) Fact Sheets on Highway Matters
 - (iii) Oxfordshire Parish Councils – Contact Details 2004
 - (iv) Oxfordshire’s Fire Authority’s Integrated Risk Management Plan and Action Plan 2004-05 Securing a Safer Community
 - (v) Public Transport Timetable (22 July, 6 August, 19 August 2004)
 - (vi) Oxfordshire County Council: Reduce, Re-use, Recycle – Don’t Landfill
- (c) Abingdon and District CAB – Annual Report 2003-2004
- (d) Thames Valley Strategic Health Authority – Thames Valley Draft Cancer Strategic Framework: Information Consultation Meetings, 8 September 2004, 6 – 8.30 pm, Jubilee House, 5510 John Smith Drive, Oxford Business Park South, Cowley, Oxford.
- (e) ORCC – News, Summer 2004
- (f) South East and South West Oxfordshire NHS Primary Care Trusts – Important changes to your local health services from 1 September 2004.
- (g) SPISE Workshop, 24 September 2004: Housing Demand: The South East Plan the Regional Housing Strategy
- (h) Prime External Cleansing Solutions
- (i) Glasdon Environment in Focus

135/04 CONSERVATION MATTERS

- (a) FOOTPATH 9 - THRUPP LANE: It was noted that the OCC Rights of Way Field Officer had checked the definitive map, and Footpath 9 was a Byway Open to All Traffic, as such it should be open to all users including motorised vehicles. Fishermen were legally allowed to drive down the lane but should not park on it as this would restrict access.
 It was noted that the Byway status ran from Thrupp Road to the dismantled railway at Thrupp House.
 The Rights of Way Field Officer had indicated that structures placed within the width of the Byway could not be authorised by the OCC and they might need to be removed in the future.
IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk should enquire about a change of definition for this Byway.

136/04 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) FOOTPATH BY CEMETERY: A letter had been sent to Radley College asking if a footway could be constructed along the bottom end of the copse by the car park.
- (b) VILLAGE SEATS – SITES: No sites had been agreed along St James Road and Foxborough Road. The Parish Council **AGREED** that the second seat should be put on the Foxborough Road corner of the Lower Radley turn, and that a request for a third site should be put in Radley News.

- (c) **FOOTWAYS – RADLEY:** The Parish Council noted the letter of thanks from Mr Stan Baker.

137/04 UPDATE ON PROJECTS

- (a) **PLAY AREA:** It was noted that the second report from RoSPA indicated that the tarmac was now acceptable within the guidelines. Two matters required attention at the play area – fencing wire needed to be tightened and the covers on some bolts were missing. In addition, the Clerk reported that the entrance from the Village Hall was very muddy in recent wet weather, and the Parish Council would need to consider further action in this area.

138/04 PARISH WEBSITE

It was noted that the web site was coming along well, and it was hoped to run it for limited access at the end of September and launch it at the end of October. The Parish Council might be asked to help in publicising the launch – distributing handouts etc. Photographs were still required of the Councillors.

139/04 REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

NIL

140/04 NOTIFIED BUSINESS

- (a) **BUS SERVICE – REFUSAL TO TAKE CERTAIN CUSTOMERS:** Cr Nutt **AGREED** to ring the Bus Company to ascertain why the bus driver had refused to take certain people on his bus.

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE, 26 AUGUST 2004

The Chairman formally moved that the Parish Council moved into confidential session and that the public and press be excluded for this item to avoid the release of exempt information.

141/04 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE, 22 JULY 2004

142/04 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Date:

Chairman