

# Radwinter Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 18th January 2010  
Held in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

## Present:

Cllrs K Moore (Ch); V Boyden; E Duck; S Graves; M Halls; A Jarvis; K Shoolheifer, with the Clerk, R A Jones in attendance and Sir Jonathan Parker & Mr Dave Smith.

## Public Session:

Mr Smith distributed invitations to 'Plough 2' social event in the Village Hall on Sunday 24 January. He explained the nature of the event asked for support in publicity and funding the cost of hall hire. The Clerk stated he had passed details to Hempstead and Wimbish Clerks for circulation.

Sir Jonathan asked about commemorating Miss Agnes Gypps 100th birthday and mentioned the church bells would be rung. He also asked about application being made to John Whitehead for support from Viridor/Biffaward for the Pavilion funding. He was told that Lady Walker would be seeing him the following day on behalf of the Rec Committee and Parish Council.

## 1. Apologies and reasons for absence:

C/Cllr S Walsh, D/Cllr S Schneider

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting of 30th November 2009:

Having been circulated they were taken as read and were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 3. Reports from County & District Councillors:

C/Cllr Walsh sent apologies and a report too late for the meeting. He reported on the work of Hways in gritting and for info on potholes.

A written report from /Cllr Schneider was emailed to each Councillor, and she reported the problems of waste collection in the bad weather. Discussions are still being held on Core Strategy.

## 4. Finance:

### (a) Statement:

Funds at 1st January £58,754.18

### (b) Current position:

Income:

interest £9.27; advised ECC £3155.41 (verge cut);

Expenditure:

J. Jossaume £3177.45 (Water Lane project); Viking Direct £97.50 (stationery); SLCC £82.00 (M/Ship); Ridgeons £14.01 (road salt); R A Jones £37.15.

**(c) Report of Finance Committee Mtg 9 Dec 09:**

The Minutes had been previously circulated. It was noted that the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance cover has been increased to £50,000. A list of possible projects for 22010/11 was proposed, and these and other matters were adopted.

It was agreed to continue the gift of a bottle of Champagne to the Financial Advisor in recognition of his services.

**(d) Adoption of Precept:**

it was agreed that this should remain at £8100 as recommended and the authorisation signed by the Chairman and RFO.

**(e) Other financial matters:**

It was agreed to fund the lease of up to 5 grit bins from ECC Hways.

It was agreed to cover the cost of Hall hire for 2 meetings of the 'Plough 2' group.

**5. Review of Action Schedule:**

**(a) Highways:**

it was noted that the 3 bags of road salt ordered together with 1 existing had been collected from the PO by the Chairman for distribution to Betty Rust and Andy Coote. A further batch has been ordered and were delivered to the PO on 15 Jan, but at a higher price. At an informal meeting it had been agreed that consent should be obtained for the siting of 5 road-side grit bins at Walden Rd/Church Hill X-roads (2); East View Close; Maple Lane; Golden Lane. Bins to be leased from Hways @ £350 each. Delivery 4-6 weeks

The planned maintenance schedule for the PROW is continuing after being held up by bad weather

Mr Hewitt has been served a notice to cut the hedge in Hempstead Rd.

A replacement 'No Through Road' sign has been ordered for Stocking Green Lane.

It was observed that the 'crossroads' sign had been erected by the Church.

Hways to be asked to improve drainage from ditch at end of Golden Lane.

It was arranged that a group of Cllrs would inspect the crossroads regarding visibility from Water Lane, and the possible need for the almshouse hedge to be moved or cut back. Consideration is also to be given to widening the footway by the bus-stop to 1.2m.

**(b) Village sign:**

Mrs B Bennett is working on the sign, but has a problem obtaining suitable paint.

**(c) Footpaths:**

The P3 payment scheme is being modified so that any payment is through the Headland Management Scheme. Hways to be informed of an obstruction to a stile on fp67.

**(d) Waste collection:**

The garden waste collection scheme will recommence in April. The DC will be informed of our bulk waste collection requirements under the Civic Amenity scheme; the numbers and cost will be the same as last year.

**(e) Village Web Site:**

Cllr Graves has reported that he has nearly completed re-structuring the web-site to make it more accessible and informative, and it will then be passed over to David Mann as webmaster.

**(f) Allotments:**

Bidwells to be asked about progress.

## **6. Other matters for review**

**(a) Rec:**

The annual closure of the gates will now take place at half-term.

Cllr Jarvis is to meet Suzanne Walker regarding a joint meeting with the Committee to discuss policy.

**(b) Village Hall Complex:**

The Councillors have agreed a submission to be made to Sir Jonathan Parker regarding the proposed charitable scheme.

Windows (19 leaded lights) were broken over the holiday period; Clerk not advised until 13 Jan.

vandalism by young people confirmed by Cllr Halls.

Hall Cottage residents reported possible attempted break-in. It was agreed their locks should be inspected and if need be improved. The aerial is awaiting attention.

## **7. Planning:**

Summary of applications decisions and related matters:

**Circulated:**

UTT/1497/09/FUL – The Gables, Walden Rd: 1 storey side extn & boundary wall & gates –D Liddell – Closed 8 Jan

The DC Development Control Committee will in future meet 4 weekly instead of 3.

## **8. Correspondence:**

**(a) Meetings**

Tues 19 Jan – EALC – Freedom of information & Data protection – Gt Dunmow 9.30 (£34)

Sun 24 Jan – The Plough 2 Committee – special event at VH 12 noon – 2pm

Wens 27 Jan – EALC – Cllr training day 1: modules 1 & 2 – Gt Dunmow 9.30 (£54)

Thurs 4 Feb – EALC – How to raise the profile of your Parish – Gt Dunmow 9.30 (£32)

Fri 12 Feb EALC – Audit & Risk assessment – Gt Dunmow 10am (£54)

Wens 10 Mar – EALC – Cllr training day 2: modules 3 & 4– Gt Dunmow 9.30 (£54)

**(b) Other**

A letter of 27 Dec from Mrs Lorna Plant of EVC regarding the behaviour of some young residents, and the lack of provision of facilities for them was read and noted. The Clerk has been informed by the police that parking on the pavement is not an offence that they will prosecute. This was considered unsatisfactory.

A report on 100th birthday arrangements for Miss Agnes Gypps was made by Cllr Jarvis. It was agreed to send a card and a bouquet.

Information Commissioner's Office: Clerk is to investigate need to register (£35pa)

**9. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting:**

Meeting already arranged for Monday 1st March