

Radwinter Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting 6th September 2010
Held in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Prior to the meeting the Clerk announced that Cllr Moore has given notice of his resignation as Chairman due to other commitments with immediate effect. The Deputy Chairman, Cllr Halls was appointed Acting Chairman until the adoption of a successor.

Present:

Cllrs M Halls (Ch); V Boyden; S Graves; A Jarvis; K Moore; K Shoolheifer, with the Clerk, R A Jones in attendance.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence:

Cllr Duck - personal; D/Cllr S Schneider - attending DC mtg.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting 28 June:

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

3. Matters arising:

The Clerk has so far not received any retraction or apology from Cllr Moore for his adverse emails when Chairman. In view of his resignation as such the matter is dropped.

Cllr Halls reported that Mr Nick & Mrs Lucy Hutchings were willing to help with any fundraising by approaches to grant making trusts. To be followed up.

4. Reports from County & District Councillors:

Cllr Schneider emailed she had nothing to report.

5. Finance

(a) Statement:

Funds at 1st September were £51,385.90

(b) Current Position and signing of cheques:

Receipts have been: VAT £1095.71; ECC £2683.47 (verge cut); interest £9.40.

Payments required are: R Anderson £1675.00 (Walden Rd Cottage); Ridgeons £77.78 (fitments Walden Rd Cottage); E.On £25.64 (Walden Rd Cottage); R A Jones £90.47 (Exp); Saffron Skips £170.00 (WR Cottage); Redgate Construction £1581.59 (WR Cottage); A Jarvis £230.74 (payment to Castle Liquid Fuels - 500l oil for WR Cottage). Retrospective consent is sought for payment of: Suffolk Acre £91.46 (underpayment of insurance); Bargery Plumbing £4112.50 (Walden Rd Cottage); EALC £4.60 (publications); RVHMC £27.00 (Plow 2 June); St Mary's PCC £37.00 (ground maintenance); M J Halls £2533.85 (Walden Rd Cottage); M J Halls

£1415.29 (village sign); Viking £70.82 (stationery). The payments were approved and the required cheques signed.

(c) Other financial matters:

Front Door Property Management has enquired if we wish to take out a rent guarantee. The Volunteer Centre has asked for renewal of our m/ship: £5; this was approved; UALC has asked for renewal of m/ship: £25; this was declined. The payment for the chairman's communication contact is to be transferred. The payment of £150 plus £49 for framing of the presentation painting for Mr Catton was approved.

6. Village Hall Charity Scheme;

A draft scheme has been received from the Charity Commission which had been revised in accordance with our request. This was discussed at length, and accepted by a majority vote. The Clerk to clarify some points and undertake required notification wef 17 September. Sir Jonathan Parker is to be approached to enquire if he will chair a public meeting if any interest is shown.

7. Review of Action Schedule

(a) Highways:

The replacement concrete posts in Water Lane have been installed, and the kerb in Walden Road opposite 'The Crofts'. We have been informed that no funding is available for improvements to Water Lane, the crossroads and a 20mph speed limit outside school. Extensive repairs have been carried out on potholes, which in part involved road closures.

F/path 67 - in place of proposed kissing gate the tenants have installed a stile; Hways to be asked to inspect. The diversion at Maple Lane has been confirmed.

F/path 85 - The bank has been strimmed and treated for knotweed.

F/path 87 - 2 way-markers are scheduled to be installed; UDC have cut back overgrown hedge. The overarching tree from school is not our responsibility.

There is no news on the replacement for the crossroad signpost. We are to request a speed survey on Walden Road between the TAWS signs. Mrs Hockley at the school is to be contacted re 'safer journeys to school programme'

(b) Village sign:

On Saturday 16th July this was inaugurated by Mr Catton following an introduction from Cllr Graves. The Clerk sent photos and a write-up to the press and to EALC who were also present.

A congratulatory letter from Mrs Thompson was read.

(c) Present for retiring headmaster:

A discussion had been held with Mr Camp regarding a gift, but it was decided that the Council should obtain one itself. It was agreed to ask Mr Ian Simpson to paint an appropriate view of the school, which was shown to the Council who expressed delight with it. Cllr Shoolheifer to liaise with Mrs Hembridge regarding a presentation.

(e) Village hall:

Cllr Jarvis has attended to the damage to the ceiling in the corridor resulting from water damage as a result of blocked down pipes. To be repainted by R Anderson.

Cllr Shoolheifer attended a meeting of RVHMC and reported that they have an adverse cash flow. It was agreed that we should undertake the heating of the hall henceforth until the administration is transferred.

(f) Stocking Green:

The Clerk was instructed to prepare a lease to Mr Gerhard.

(g) Skips:

Following a complaint UDC are to be asked to clean the skips and tidy the surrounding area.

8. Other matter for review

(a) Walden Road Cottage:

Following the departure of Mrs Cass on 30th April the cottage was inspected and it was agreed that extensive refurbishment was necessary before it could be re-let. This was arranged by the Property Committee and involved a new heating system, a new kitchen and redecoration throughout. The front hedge has been removed and the front garden is to be rotovated and re-seeded. Back access to the car-park is to be re-opened. The planning requirements for car access are to be ascertained.

Following this work the cottage was re-let on a 6 month tenancy on 25th August to Mr Howland and Mrs Purcell.

9. Planning:

(a) Enforcements:

ENF/96/09/11 - The Old Cart Lodge Jenkinhogs Farm: advertised to let in breach of UTT/1976/03/FUL

(b) Circulated:

UTT/0970/10/LB: Bradburys Walden Road Stocking Green - replace concrete render with lime based render; treat timber frame; replace windows and install secondary double glazing. Replace concrete tiles on dormers with clay tiles. Mr L Reid.

UTT/1079/10/CLP: Woodside Radwinter End - Cert. of lawfulness for erection 1 storey rear & side extn - Mr & Mrs J Meyrick.

UTT/1284/10/FUL: Springfield, Wimbish Green Lane - erection of hay-barn: Dr H Brown.

UTT/1378/10/LB - Great Brockholds Farm, Wimbish Green Lane: conversion of barn to residential use - A Covey.

UTT/1430/10/FUL - 4b East View Close: conversion of garage and addition of 2 storey extn - M Thear.

UTT/1578/10/AG - Sellands Farm, Hempstead Rd: erection of open fronted barn - D Haylock.

No objections have been made to any of the above.

10 Correspondence

(a) Meetings

Tues 14 Sep - ECC West Forum Mtg - Ongar 10am (Ch of emergency services will be present)

Wens 22 Sep - UDC 23/8 notice of Chairman's quiz night 7pm.

Wens 29 Sep - EALC AGM - Dunmow 5pm

Sat 2 Oct - CPRE AGM - Copped Hall, Epping 5pm (Preceded by tour of Hall and tea from 2.30)

Thurs 14 Oct - UDC: multi agency Forum - UDC offices 7.30pm (regarding health welfare)

Tues 19 Oct - EALC: Chairman's trg day - Dunmow 10am

Thurs 21 Oct - Milton Children's hospice - open day

(b) Letters

3 Aug - Mrs P Rust of Wimbish has written complaining of overgrown hedges in Wimbish Green Lane. Landowners have been informed.

30 Jun - Mr David Axford of CSC Regeneration has written offering help in approaching Grant making Trusts for funds for projects. (NB fee payable).

1 Jul - email C/Cllr Walsh re funds for allotments (it is believed that this has now been withdrawn).

12 Aug - UDC info re Community Governance Review - it was noted that Radwinter is not affected.

ECC - notice of public consultation re concessionary fares

Circulation Pack: Handed to Cllr Boyden.

11. Other matters and items for next agenda;

At present Cllr Jarvis is holding a spare key to Walden Rd Cottage. It was agreed that AJ & KJ be issued with a key box and hold keys to Village Hall, Post Office, Hall Cottage, Walden Road Cottage and notice boards, for general access to Hall and emergencies.

The Council have entered a 'best council website' competition by EALC

12. Next Meeting:

Already arranged for Monday 18th October.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.