

**Radwinter Parish Council - Minutes of the Meeting 16th
January 2012
Held in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.**

Present:

Cllrs M Halls (Ch); V Boyden; E Duck; K Thompson, K Moore with the Clerk, R A Jones in attendance, and with C/Cllr S Walsh, D/Cllr S Howells, J Briggs, S Hargreaves and D Walker

Public Session:

Messrs Hargreaves and Walker discussed the Sports Pavilion Project. They thanked the PC for the work and funds in undertaking the obtaining the Outline Planning Consent for a pavilion which meets the requirements of the FA and EWCB. There is now a considerable amount of work to do in both obtaining funds and finalising the design and location. This will be done by the Pavilion Working Group under the Chairmanship of Dixie Walker. It was agreed that he will submit a Framework document to the next PC meeting.

The work of James Briggs with the 'Radwinter Times' was discussed. The steady change to email distribution was confirmed. He had received £10 from John Whitehead towards distribution costs; it was agreed that he should give it to the Clerk to return with a letter of thanks. The information received from the police for Neighbourhood Watch has been found to be excessive, and consent was given for the canceling of this insert unless particularly relevant.

He informed the Mtg that he had been distributing a Welcome Letter to new residents on their behalf. It was agreed that this should continue. Clerk to be sent a copy.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence:

Cllrs Graves & Shoolheifer, both unwell. In the absence of Cllr Graves, Cllr Hall took the chair. He extended a welcome to Cllr Duck after her long absence following her injury.

2. Minutes of previous meeting of 28 November:

Having been previously circulated they were taken as read. An objection was raised by Cllr Moore regarding item 5(A) stating that he had objected to the size and location of the pavilion. It was pointed out that his objection had been noted even though he had failed to attend the meeting. He did not consider this adequate; he was asked to put his objection in writing. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded Cllr Halls, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising not otherwise covered:

None.

4. Reports from County & District Councillors:

A report was received from C/Cllr Walsh and was circulated by email. He then reported on further economies being made and the restructuring of Hways. He was told of the present poor service being received.

D/Cllr Howells reported on the Local Development Framework Consultation. In this, future house building would not only be in the 2 towns but also in 6 lead villages. He hoped that any other development would be within the existing village envelope. He had seen the Radwinter proposal which he thought was large.

5. Other reports:

(a) Sports Pavilion:

Following the obtaining of Outline Plg consent, the matter has been referred to the pavilion working group for further action - see above. The Chairman signed a letter to John Ready thanking him for his help.

(b) Community Plan:

Andrew Taylor has advised that consultation on the Local Development Framework (Local Plan) will start on 20 Jan. We are clarifying the position in regard to our plan; it is understood that Radwinter is not included as part, and that representation will need to be made to ensure that it is part of the final Local Plan published in June. Bidwells are proceeding with some preliminaries, but are held up by Mrs Rayment.

6. Finance

(a) Statement at 28/12/11:

Current Account (Co-op Bank) £17,161.99; Reserve (SWBS) £25,000.00. The RFO reported that he had discussed the matter with Andrew Cohen who thought that if funds permitted more should be put into reserve. It was therefore agreed to increase the Bond by £10,000.

(b) Current position and signing of cheques:

Receipts: interest £6.42. Payments: Cllr K Thompson £14.30 (185 - Meeting); Viking £37.19 + £40.14 = £77.33 (186 - Office - includes replacement for C/No 179 not rec'd); R Jones £67.03 (187 - expenses); S Graves £21.00 (188 - RBL wreath - already acknowledged); M Halls £34.99 (189 - Xmas tree).

The payment of all accounts was approved and cheques signed.

(c) Other financial matters:

An Account has been opened with Saffron Walden Building Society for a 1 year 2.5% Corporate Tracker Bond and £25,000 invested. It was agreed to increase this by £10,000 (see above)

ECC have advised that £1925.71 has been paid for grass cutting for 2011.

7. Review of Action Schedule:

Confirmation of any activity by Hways is still awaited. See Action Sheet.

Attention has been drawn to potholes in Walden Rd and Wimbish Green lane.

A request has been received from Wimbish PC for support for a speed limit in Maple Lane. Letters from residents have been received backing this and also for a 20 mph limit. It was agreed that a joint approach for a 30mph limit should be made, and renewed pressure for a speed limit in Water Lane.

The white lining of the car-park was aborted due to weather. We are trying to set a new date.

8. Other matters for review:

(a) Garden waste:

UDC have confirmed that a green skip will be provided fortnightly wef 7 April. Hempstead PC have also confirmed that they will pay 1/3 cost.

(b) Diamond Jubilee:

The role of the PC for the celebrations on 4/5 June was discussed. It was agreed to set up a Jubilee Group to work with Plow 2 to provide a similar function to that of the 2011 Royal Wedding; Cllr Boyden to lead, together with Cllrs Duck & Halls.

The 'Big Lunch' organised by James Briggs for Sunday 3 June was noted.

9. Planning

(A) Approved:

UTT/0970/10/LB - Bradburys Stocking Green: remove concrete render and replace with lime wash; remove timber & leaded light windows & install secondary glazing; replace tiles - L Reid (allowed after appeal).

ENF/316/11/D - The Old Bakehouse, Church Hill: new black cladding & entrance in Conservation Area

UTT/1666/11/FUL - Sports Pavilion, Rec Ground - Radwinter PC.

UTT/2022/11/FUL - The Plough PH, Sampford Rd - demolition of existing wing and replacement with 1½ storey extn with increased accommodation - PMJ properties

UTT/2213/11/FUL - The Gables, Walden Rd: erection 1 storey side extn, new porch & boundary wall with gates - D Liddell (amends UTT/1497/09/FUL)

(B) Action withdrawn

UTT/1025/11/FUL - Homestead Cottage, Ashdon Rd: erection garden blg - withdrawn by UDC

(C) Circulated:

UTT/2270/11/FUL - 7 Maple Lane - ground, 1st/2nd floor extn - J Gribbin - closed for comment 5 January UTT/2396/11/FUL) - Potash Farm, Hempstead Road: 2 storey side extn -

UTT/2397/11/LB) - P Spencer (agt R Moses) - closed for comment 4 Jan 12

UTT/2460/11/FUL - Cowlass Hall Farm - change of use from Agricultural to mixed - Mrs C Cowell - Closed for comment 6 Jan

(D) Other:

A consultation road show on LDF will be in SW Town Hall Tuesday 7 Feb 10am - 8pm

The Clerk attended an NALC/CPRE Planning Road Show in Gt Dunmow on 11 January. The emphasis was on Neighbourhood Plans and the Community Right to Build.

10. Correspondence

(A) Meetings:

Wens 25 Jan - EALC: roles & responsibilities course - Dunmow 9.30 - 12.30 (£40)

Fri 27 Jan - SLCC Mtg Braintree 2pm (Clerk to attend)

Thur 16 Feb - RCCE: gardening in a dry county - Writtle College - 7.30 Free

Wens 29 Feb - EALC: Parish Council led Neighbourhood Planning - 9.30 - 4pm
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Wens 7 Mar: EALC - Cllr trg day - Dunmow 9.30 - 3.30 (£60)

Thurs 15 Mar: EALC - Law & procedures Course - Dunmow (£60)

Wens 28 Mar: EALC - Council finance course - Dunmow (£60)

EALC have sent details of a short form in-house training day for Councils @ £255

(B) Correspondence:

7 Dec - Clerk email ECC Nick Blackall re local bus services, supported by Cllr Duck & J Thompson; ack 16/12

9 Jan - Letter English Housing re re-sale property in Ashdon. Notices displayed.

A circulation pack was left with Cllr Shoolheifer.

11 Other matters, including items for next agenda:

None

12. Next Meeting:

Already arranged for Monday 12 March at 7.45pm in the village hall.

NB - No details have yet been arranged for joint Parish Meeting/VHC AGM in April.

James Briggs has requested that the dates of Meetings should be prior to 24th of month to fit in with 'Radwinter Times' publication. This was not thought necessary.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm