

Radwinter Parish Council

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Minutes of Radwinter Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th December 2019

Present Cllr Duck

Cllr Richardson
Cllr Rains
Cllr Halls
Cllr Boyden

1 member of the public
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

19/249 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Fitch
Cllr Davidson
DC Storah
CC Walsh

19/250 Members of the public are welcome to attend the Parish Council meeting. Those wishing to speak or raise any issue are requested to do so at.

A resident was concerned about the proposed outline planning at Plough Ridge

19/251 Members' Declarations of interest

Recreation Ground Cllr Halls, Cllr Duck
Village Hall Cllr Duck

19/252 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 25th November 2019 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Richardson seconded Cllr Halls.

19/253 Clerks Report

The clerk reported she had been contacted by English Rural Housing Association with regards to the new tenant for 49 East View Close.

The Clerk had been contacted by Emma Barry S106 Monitoring and Enforcement Officer with regards to the open spaces land, on the new development at the rear of East View Close. The Clerk has sent them the PC's solicitors' details, so that the land can be transferred to the council.

19/254 District Councils Report

- Local Plan No Update
- Stansted Airport No Update
- Changes to Planning Committee processes No Update
- Corporate Plan The preparation of UDC's new Corporate Plan remains on-going.
- Planning appeal the appeal lodged against UDC's refusal of permission for the erection of three detached houses with garaging on land south of Walden Road at Maple End (ref. UTT/18/3460/OP) has still not been determined.
- **Planning application** ref. UTT/19/2972/OP, which is an outline application for the erection of 3 residential dwellings on land at Plough Ridge, Walden road, Radwinter, has been submitted.

19/255 County Councillors

- Share your views on next year's budget
- Stay well this winter
- Spread a little kindness this Christmas

19/256 Recreation Ground Update

19/256.1 Update on the Hedge at Hylas

Mr Sears is happy with the proposed solution in respect of the hedge. His only request is that the fence posts that are used are the concrete slotted fence posts which will then match in with the rest of the fence along the side boundary of the garage towards the front of the house. He will then renew those old fence panels to match in with the new fence.

19/256.2 Parking on the Recreation Ground Car Park

Council to discuss what action needs to be taken.

The Council felt that both the Village Hall, and the Recreation Ground booking clerks should liaise with each other. The Council felt that if there is such an event where there are a lot of cars, the gate should be open so that extra car parking can be used. The Council felt a joint calendar would be a good idea. The Council has no authority to enforce any parking laws. It was also suggested that if any hirers know that there will be a lot of vehicles, they should inform the booking clerks so action can be taken to make sure there is plenty of parking available.

19/257 Finance:

To agree the following payments:

19/257.1 Cathryn Carlisle – salary Nov

19/257.2	£121.71	SEE	Electricity	d/d
19/257.3	£25.00	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk Expenses	
19/25.74	£48.38	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	D/D
19/257.5	£57.59	BT	Telephone	D/D
19/257.6	£43.50	Outdoor Jack	Grass Cutting	
19/257.7	£496.80	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	

19/257.8 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
The Clerk to send out

19/257.9 Budget

The Council finance committee met before the meeting to discuss the Precept Setting for 2020/21 the Council agreed to set the precept at £18,230

19/257.10 Bank Account

The Clerk to send out personal forms Cllr Fitch, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Rains.

19/258 Recent Planning Applications:

UTT/19/2972/OP Outline Planning with all matters reserved except access for the erection of 3 no residential dwellings. Land at Plough Ridge Walden Road.

The Parish Council are opposed to the development at Plough Ridge for the following reasons:

1. The Parish Council continue to believe that 'ribbon development' on agricultural land outside the village envelope should be resisted. The location of 'Plough Ridge' is outside the village envelope, on agricultural land.
2. The covering letter to the application cites the recent grant of planning permission to 'Potash Farm' (UTT/19/2457/OP) as justification for the proposed development. But the circumstances are very different – in particular the 'Potash' development is on existing garden, not agricultural land.
3. The proposed access to the highway is dangerous, given the volume of traffic, especially considering the nearness of the Plough Inn (which makes the junction very busy).
4. The proposed access to the highway conflicts with the proposed car park access to The Plough Inn, for which planning permission has already been granted (UTT/13/2306/FUL).
5. The site appears to be being deliberately neglected in recent years, in an attempt to remove the LoWS designation (currently a barrier to development) since the site does not (now) meet the new site selection criteria. The Ecological Report (2017) notes that some plants are uncommon, that the grassland is 'notable', and that 'ecologically valuable habitats' exist on the site. The Parish Council note that an 'Updated Ecological Survey' is not accessible on the Uttlesford Planning website in respect of this application.

6. Despite the claims in the covering letter, Radwinter Parish Council considers there is no need for 'additional housing supply' of this kind, and that the scheme does not 'offer economic and social benefits to the village'. The scheme has no provision for low cost housing - all three properties will be unaffordable by younger couples and families – and the village does not need more houses when there are already a considerable number built but unsold 3 and 4 bedroom houses (such as are proposed at Plough Ridge).
7. The covering letter is misleading in suggesting that the plot is 'surrounded by buildings or road on all boundaries. In fact, two of the boundaries, whilst residential plots, are predominantly garden on the boundaries closest to the proposed development.
8. The Parish Council note that the plot is considerably higher than the surrounding land and believe it likely that building will cause flooding further down the road.

UTT/19/3004/OP Outline application with matters of appearance, landscaping and scale reserved, for the removal of existing structures and the erection of 2 no. detached dwellings with cart lodges and new access
 LOCATION: The Meads Roman Road the Parish Council has no objection

19/258.1 Planning Results

UTT/18/3460/OP Land south of Walden Road Appeal

19/259 Highways:

Flooding on the Walden Road at the bottom of Plough Hill Clerk to report

19/260 Stocking Green update

No Report

19/261 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

No Report

19/262 Neighbourhood Plan No update

19/263 Footpath Map No update

19/264 Welcome Pack No update

19/265 Consultations

19/266 Village Improvement

Ideas to be brought to the next meeting.

19/267 The Hundred Parishes

Council discussed the possible erection of an information board in Radwinter for Hundred Parishes, the council voted against having an information board.

19/268 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

19/269 Date of the next Meeting will be on 27th January 2020

19/270 Closed at 8.36pm

Signed..... Dated.....