

Radwinter Parish Council

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Minutes of **Radwinter Parish Council meeting** held on Monday 30th September 2024, at Radwinter Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Richardson, Cllr Halls, Cllr Gerhard, Cllr Duck, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Rains, Cllr Tayler
2 member(s) of the public

Minutes

24/79 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Rains, Cllr Boyden, Cllr Foley

Resolution: Accept apologies of absence.

Proposed: Cllr Richardson **Seconded:** Cllr Halls

24/80 Public Forum

One member of the public brought to the attention of the council the fact that 4 cars appear to be parking in the village hall car park overnight, one of which has been registered as SORN. Village Hall byelaws prohibit overnight parking. Arms Houses to be written to with a reminder of byelaws and request for removal of vehicles.

One member of the public advised PC that they live in a thatched, listed property and are having issues with renewing property insurance due to height of chimney being below 1.8m. They felt this was something the planning dept should bear in mind and a discussion took place with Cllr Tayler.

24/81 Members' Declarations of interest

None for this agenda.

24/82 Approve appointment of new Parish Clerk

Appointment of Julie Pledger as Parish Clerk and RFO, and adding to Barclays Bank mandate approved.

Proposed Cllr Halls **Seconded** Cllr Davidson

24/83 Minutes

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th July 2024 as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Halls **Seconded:** Cllr Davidson

24/84 District & County Councillors Reports

(APPENDIX A)

Cllr Taylor reported the following:-

- Local Plan consultation for Reg 19 closes 14/10/24. Please comment on relevance to this community.
- Appeal made by Radwinter Hall following rejection of retrospective planning application.
- In his role as Chair of Pams Place, Thaxted Cllr Tayler reported that use of the facilities is open to Radwinter Residents and he was looking at transport options with Uttlesford travel. Cllr Tayler to draft something to be publicised on Radwinter Google group

24/85 **Clerks Report**

No report this meeting, except to say that Cllr Gerhard had successfully been able to authorise bank payments.

24/86 **Action Tracker**

None tabled.

24/87 **Finance**

Cllr Richardson reported that the audit per AGAR requirements was now complete. One issue to deal with going forward.

Payments list as circulated prior to the meeting was approved, including reimbursement to Cllr Richardson for a couple of expenses he had settled personally over the summer period.

Cllr Richardson to set up payments and Cllr Gerhard to approve.

Proposed Cllr Davidson **Seconded** Cllr Hall

It was noted that a number of invoices were expected within the next few weeks for wildflower seeds (approved at a previous meeting) and for the Neighbourhood Plan expenses in relation to the recent exhibition.

24/87.1 **Budget 2024/25**

No budget was available for review

Cllr Richardson & JP to review position ahead of next meeting

24/87.2 **Review any grant applications**

None received.

However application is expected from Recreation Ground and WI in next few weeks.

24/88 **New Planning Applications**

UTT/24/2098/HHF| Proposed installation of replacement acoustic cabinete and 2 no. Air Source Heat Pumps. | Coules Barn Walden Road Radwinter Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2SP
Expiry date 26 September 2024

UTT/24/2065/LB| Proposed internal alterations, replacement of windows, screen and doors. | Coules Barn Walden Road Radwinter Essex CB10 2SP
Expiry date 26 September 2024

UTT/24/2081/FUL| Change of use from holiday let to residential annexe for Bendysh Hall with associated works | The Workshop At Bendysh Hall Ashdon Road Radwinter Saffron Walden CB10 2UA
Expired 12 September 2024

**UTT/24/2021/LB|Retention of internal alterations (re-ordering), windows doors and rooflights replacement, and brick and flint work mortar repairs|The Old Mews Newhouse Farm Walden Road Radwinter Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2SP
Expired 8 September 2024**

**UTT/24/1903/FUL|Proposed conversion and change of use of existing C2 domestic garage outbuildings to E(b) cafe with food store room/cold room and bakery plus F2(a) Yoga studio. Construction of new domestic C3 garage and plant room outbuildings. New photovoltaic panels and airtsource heat pumps, field gates, fencing and new carpark for commercial use.|Coules Barn Walden Road Radwinter Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2SP
Expired 5 September 2024**

Above all reviewed but it was noted deadline for comment had passed.

It was also noted that Radwinter Hall holiday let retrospective planning application was rejected, but that an appeal had now been entered. Cllr Tayler suggested that Council should look at reasons for rejection and then consider comment. To be discussed at next meeting.

24/89 Recreation Ground & Pavilion

It was reported that the new contractor, Outdoor Jack, had taken over the cutting of the Recreation Ground.

Recreation Ground Committee have a number of events planned for the next few months.

Brief discussion took place as to whether PC should take over maintenance of recreation ground.

Cllr Richardson to follow up with Recreation Ground Committee. However, it was reported that the Recreation Ground Trustees are now fully aware of their obligations and will ensure that grant applications etc will be submitted in time in future.

Cllr Richardson agreed that the Recreation Ground was a valuable asset and was grateful to the Rec Committee for all they do.

24/90 Village Hall

Cllr Halls reported that work on the cupola restoration was complete and scaffolding was all down.

Discussion took place regarding Village Museum to be established in the old Post Office. Shelves to be fitted and then documents can be moved in.

Cllr Richardson to speak to P Fitch of the Mens Shed to see if he could assist.

Digitalisation of records had commenced but Village recorder was not able to continue.

24/91 Highways and Footpaths

24/91.1 Footpath 85

No update on Footpath 85.

24/91.2 Footpath cutting schedule

Cllr Richardson had obtained a schedule of cut dates for footpaths, but, when queried, UDC had confirmed they did not check work had been completed.

It was agreed that next year a cutting schedule would be requested and then the footpaths walked where possible to check.

PC to decide which footpaths were considered more critical and potentially initiate a second cut.

24/91.3 **Parking petition**

Cllr Halls confirmed that Cllr Boyden had not yet completed this.

24/91.4 **Speed Indicator Project**

Cllrs Davidson had received a quote from only one company, despite contacting five.

ElanCity was solar only and cost around £3000 each. Equipment will gather data regarding how many vehicles are speeding and at what time of the day. Data gathered bidirectional, can be down loaded to a mobile phone and used to report issues to UDC.

Equipment guaranteed for 2 years.

Permission needed from County Council to replace the existing, even if using same poles.

East end of village, no issues foreseen but Church end sheltered by trees.

It was agreed that £6,000 should be budgeted for the project.

Action: Cllr Davidson to get full cost and provide a proposal to the next meeting to progress the speed indicator project. The PC thanked Cllr Davidson for his work to date.

24/91.5 **Traffic Calming**

Highways say Calming system all okay, but that they would repaint the road. This not yet done.

24/92 **Stocking Green update**

Cllrs Davidson and Gerhard gave a brief update which included fact that a farm hand had damaged the road by not lifting the plough sufficiently when moving from field to field.

Cllr Gerhard to report on Highways website

24/93 **Land at the Rear of Gillon Way**

Cllr Richardson reported that Enterprise Residential in hands of the Receiver.

However, it appeared that the land may be owned by a different business. Cllr Richardson had contacted Miss Lee at Ensors, the liquidators, but had received no response.

It appears unlikely that the PC will now take ownership, and indeed cannot afford to without the S106 payment due.

Cllr Tayler asked for more details and confirmed he would take matters up with UDC Planning Enforcement. Cllr Richardson to be copied in.

24/94 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Richardson reported that no further meetings had been held, but the next was scheduled for 17 October.

Cllr Tayler asked if UDC had given much input and was told that a meeting with them is being arranged.

Cllr Richardson confirmed a draft plan would be produced by the end of 2024.

24/95 **Membership of Sub Committees**

HR Sub-Committee confirmed as Cllr Gerhard and Cllr Duck.

24/96 **Internal planning guidance review**

Cllr Richardson circulated the guidance previously established by the Council regarding whether it would comment on individual planning applications. It was agreed that this was still appropriate and re-adopted for the next two years.

Proposed Cllr Halls **seconded** Cllr Davidson

Cllr Tayler discussed his option on calling issues in. Planning welcome useful comments from PC's but it was suggested these should preferably be regarding a point of law.

24/97 **Matters to be Raised by Members for the next agenda**
Radwinter Hall planning appeal comments.

24/77 **Date of the Next Meeting**
Monday 28th October 2024

24/78 **Meeting Close** @ 9:10 PM

Signed.....

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