

RADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday, 11th January 2016 at 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs: M. Johnson (Chairman) (MJ), J. Feilding (JF), J. Jackson (JJ) and P. Wilkins (PW). Also present County Cllr. C. Williams (CW) (from 7.55pm), C. Hill (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

District Cllr. B. Dalla Mura (BD) (illness).

2. Declarations of Interest

MJ declared a pecuniary interest in item 11(d) as a member of her family is the recipient.

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (November 2015)

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to this meeting. It was agreed that they represented a true record of the meeting and were signed by MJ.

4. Questions from the public

A resident spoke about the note in the newsletter regarding the Methodist church. He said that he is not in a position to make a proposal because there are too many unknowns. Can it be converted to freehold? Must it be used for Christian purposes? The resident suggested a bible school, retreat, historical idea associated with the church, gift shop, shop for the people of Radway. Could be a co-operative and people could buy shares. Christian centre with facilities for the village and a shop bought by the community.

7.55pm CW joins the meeting.

A resident asked about the parish plan. MJ said that it will be on the next agenda.

ACTION: February's agenda item.

A resident asked if anyone could speak about the chapel. MJ explained that there was a representative at the meeting but we only found out yesterday that they would be able to attend which is why it isn't listed on the agenda.

The representative said that the chapel was closed in 2014. The Methodist church would like to see the chapel sold and to be used. As far as he is aware there are no leases. He believes it is with vacant possession. It has been a chapel for 150 years. Valued in 2014 at between £50,000 and £60,000 but it will need valuing again.

MJ said she has received a suggestion of; a bed and breakfast for the less fortunate, religious retreat and art exhibition space.

The representative said that the pulpit remains.

PW asked if there would be a discount for the community. The representative did not know.

A resident asked about the work, which Orbit has started, at the top of the green when is it going to be finished. The Clerk agreed to follow up on this.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact Orbit Housing.

MJ thanked the representative for attending the meeting.

8.10pm the representative left the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:

- (a) Dog fouling; update on bins plus notices
MJ said that she has the notices. PW agreed to look at the notices and the best way of erecting them without causing issues with the grass cutting.
ACTION: PW to investigate.
- (b) Langdon Lane hedge
ACTION: February agenda item.
- (c) Street light in West End
MJ explained that the foliage is quite high and the resident has an issue with reaching it. It was agreed that MJ would suggest to the resident that we obtain a quote for them for cutting the foliage.
ACTION: MJ to liaise with the resident.
- (d) Langdon Lane parking
JF said that he has emailed Orbit regarding the garages. They will be meeting shortly to decide whether the garages are going to be sold off. It was agreed that the Parish Council would like notification if they are going to be put up for sale. They are planning to sell the land for social housing.
- (e) Highways issues; requested that County Highways monitors the cracks in Langdon Lane
The Clerk said that she has requested this.
- (f) Post and Rail Fence, sinking pipe and footway repairs; date for repairs requested
The Clerk said that she has not received a response to her email.
ACTION: The Clerk to chase.
- (g) Recreation field fence (quote) plus goalposts
JF asked if the lower goalposts should be removed. PW and MJ explained that they were purchased from fund raising by residents and so should be left.
ACTION: MJ to chase the quote for the fence.
- (h) Wikipedia entry update
A resident has kindly sorted this for us. MJ thanked the resident.
- (i) MOD trees update
The Clerk reported that she had received a call from the groundsman to say that he would be inspecting the trees on the boundary and, if necessary, arranging for work to take place.
- (j) Winter services in Warwickshire; request amendment to gritting route plus ensure that grit bins are full
CW explained that it is difficult to change the gritting routes. He advised the Parish Council to record the number of accidents on the Tysoe Road caused by winter weather conditions and they might assist in getting this road gritted.
ACTION: Newsletter item.
- (k) Radway History Project; feedback from newsletter
ACTION: February agenda item.

6. To receive reports from District and County Council

CW's report is attached.

The District Council has been told that they can have a one-off £5 council tax increase this year.

7. To receive planning applications

- (a) 15/04286/TREE - Ferndale House, West End
No comments or objections.

ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the Planning Department.

8. To receive correspondence

- (a) Langdon Lane skip on Orbit land
This was reported by a resident and it was agreed that MJ would investigate.
ACTION: MJ to investigate.
- (b) HSBC Kineton closure
Noted.
- (c) Notification reference 15/04251/TEL28 - opposite School House
Noted.
- (d) Parish Precept 2016/17
The Clerk confirmed that the figures have been incorporated into the draft budget.
- (e) Radway Methodist Chapel
MJ reported that the Parish Council has listened to a number of residents who have ideas for this building. JF suggested that councillors view the building to see whether all of the suggestions are possible. MJ to arrange a viewing.
ACTION: MJ to arrange a viewing.
- (f) Cart Wash
It was reported that there is a possibility that rubbish coming from the Grange is blocking the outlet pipe and causing flooding. It was agreed that MJ would contact the estate manager. CW said that he would arrange for some flood signs to be given to MJ.
ACTION: MJ to contact the estate manager. CW to arrange for flood signs.
- (g) Clean for the Queen (4th-6th March)
It was agreed that this should be passed to the social committee.
ACTION: MJ and PW to liaise with the social committee.

9. Financial Report/Administration

- (a) The following bank balances were reported:
Community Account; £13,425.36
Interest has been added to the Business Money Manager account.
- (b) New bank mandate
The form was signed and a copy is attached to these minutes.
- (c) To consider a request for funding for community activities (section 137)
PW explained that a Village Christmas Party had been held and the Parish Council had been asked if they would pay for the cost of the hall. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund this. It was also reported that a Village Christmas Childrens' Party had been held. The Parish Council agreed to fund the hire of the hall. MJ to find out the cost. MJ thanked residents for arranging these events.
ACTION: MJ to find out the cost for the hire of the hall for the Village Childrens' Christmas Party
- (d) Bank Reconciliation
This had been circulated prior to the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes.
- (e) To agree payment for mower storage

Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should pay for a third of the cost of the hire of the garage and that this should be backdated to April 2014. The Clerk to liaise with our contractor to find out the cost of the garage.

ACTION: The Clerk to liaise with our contractor.

- (f) Request for mower to be serviced
Councillors agreed that the mower should be serviced before the new cutting season.

ACTION: The Clerk to ask our contractor to arrange this.

10. To set the 2016/17 precept and agree the budget

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting a draft budget. JF proposed that we accept this budget with a 2% increase on the precept, seconded JJ and carried unanimously. A copy of the draft budget is attached to these minutes.

MJ did not take part in item 11.

11. Passing of any accounts for payment

The following accounts were proposed for payment by PW, seconded by JJ and carried unanimously:

- (a) Mrs. C. Hill - gross salary (Dec and Jan) - £228.08
- (b) Clerk's expenses (Oct-Dec) - £21.48
- (c) Grant Thornton - external audit fee - £120.00
- (d) Mr. G. Johnson-Briscoe - cleaning the bus shelter (Dec/Jan) - £22.00
- (e) Round and About Publishing - newsletter - £15.00
- (f) Mrs. L. Vincent-Smith - reimbursement for hire of hall - £22.00

12. Closure of meeting

Next meeting to be arranged.

MJ closed the meeting at 9.05pm.