

RADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 11th January 2017 at 7.45pm

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

1. Apologies for absence

County Cllr. C. Williams (business commitment).

2. To consider co-opting Clare Rankin to the Parish Council

Ms. Rankin explained that she is unable to accept this role, at the moment, due to time constraints. Another resident said that he was not happy that he had not been considered for this role. The Clerk explained that Ms. Rankin had expressed interest at a Parish Council meeting last year and that she was unaware of his interest. The Chairman said that we could consider him at the next meeting. The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council might want to consider advertising this vacancy again since there might be other residents who wish to be considered. MJ said that there are a number of new residents who might not be aware of the vacancy.

ACTION: February agenda item.

3. Declarations of Interest

MJ declared a pecuniary interest in item 9(c) as a family member is a recipient. PW declared a pecuniary interest in item 9(e) as a recipient.

4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (November 2016)

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 JF.

5. Questions from the public

A resident reported that the consultant employed by the applicant for the planning application on land on Langdon Lane has submitted a further response to the District Council.

ACTION: Councillors to look at the response.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

(a) Sinking pipe and footway repairs; update

JF said that the repairs have still not taken place. He believes drainage goes under the Langdon Lane site which the planning department are currently consulting on. The land from the garages to the road is owned by County Highways. It was agreed that we should ask CW if he could assist us with permission and funding for matting to enable parking.

ACTION: JF to speak to CW.

(b) Closed churchyard; fences (response)

JF reported that the District Council have visited the site but they did not contact us beforehand. They do not appear to want to maintain the fencing. There is an issue with debris being deposited on this land.

ACTION: JF to liaise with the officer who visited the site.

- (c) Play area; repairs to swings
The Clerk reported that Wicksteed have looked at the swings and say that they do not require repairs. They have advised that we regularly check the amount of movement. A resident volunteered to purchase the tool needed to tighten the bolts. The Chairman thanked the resident.
- (d) Village Hall Trustees
A representative from the Village Hall Trustees said that they would let the Clerk have the details of key holders.
- (e) Chambers Trust; new lease update
A resident reported that this is currently being updated.
- (f) Easier access to the Village Hall; costs
It was agreed that MJ would attend the Bumkins meeting to find out the difficulties being experienced by parents with pushchairs.
ACTION: MJ to attend Bumkins.
- (g) Enforcement issue on Langdon Lane update
ACTION: MJ/JF to take photographs of the rubbish.
- (h) Book launch update
PW reported that this would be on 25th February. Any profit would be donated to a fund for Parkinsons Disease in memory of Richard Gray. The Book Club would be asking a representative from the charity to attend the launch.
- (i) Reg Group
MJ proposed that we support this new group by funding, to a maximum of £130, the village hall for meetings. Seconded and carried unanimously.
ACTION: The Clerk to respond to the letter.
- (j) Recreation Group Working Party update
No new update.
- (k) Sand bin; size and cost
It was agreed that a note should be placed in the newsletter asking residents if they require any sand bags. The bags could be given to the residents. We would then need to liaise with the Village Hall Trustees regarding storage facilities for the remaining bags.
ACTION: Note to be placed in the newsletter.
JF said that he would speak to Patch Byrne regarding the flooding issues in the village.
ACTION: JF to liaise with Patch Byrne regarding the flooding issues in the village.

7. To receive reports from District and County Council

JF reported that our District Councillor has resigned.
JF read out the report from CW.

8. To receive correspondence

- (a) Broadband
JF reported that all of the phone lines have gone into box 4 which is near the church.
- (b) Footpath; King John's Lane
It was reported that the landowner is able to divert the footpath by 3 metres.
- (c) Precept

The Clerk reported that the information contained in this letter has been fed into the draft budget.

9. Financial Report/Administration

- (a) Bank balances
Community Account; £18,813.99
Interest has been added to the Business Money Manager account.

10. To agree the precept and budget for 2017/18

A draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was discussed and councillors agreed that due to the uncertainty with regard to the Council Tax Reduction Grant for future years the precept should be increased by 2%. The budget was approved and a copy is attached to these minutes.

MJ did not take part in payment for item (c). PW did not take part in payment for item (e)

11. Passing of any accounts for payment

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

- (a) Mrs. C. Hill - gross salary (Dec) - £115.18
- (b) Round and About Publishing - newsletter - £30.00
- (c) Mr. G. Briscoe-Johnson -cleaning the bus shelter (Dec/Jan) - £24.00
- (d) Radway Village Hall - section 137 - £550.51
- (e) Mr. P. Wilkins - reimbursement for Christmas trees - £141.00
- (f) Mrs. C. Hill - expenses (Sep-Dec) - £62.73

12. Closure of meeting

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 8th February, 2017
Meeting closed at 9.10pm.