

# RADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019** in the village hall, Radway at **8.00pm**

**Present:** Cllr Johnson, Cllr Feilding, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Wilkins.

**In attendance:** 12 members of the public

**Apologies for absence** – none.

**Declarations of Interest** – none.

**Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2019** – the minutes were proposed and agreed

## **Questions from the public:**

The chair opened this item by making a statement of declarations of interest. That the councillors consist of a current and past teacher and parents and grand parents who all use or have used the recreation ground. In so doing they do not have an overriding interest above that of any other resident and therefore no declaration is required.

The chair advised attendees that the principle of an upgrade had been approved long ago and it is the detail of that upgrade which is now under discussion for which the council are seeking further views.

The chair introduced the recreation ground working group with a brief description of the revised plan. That being of the orientation of the plan and the reduced pieces of equipment. She thanked this dynamic group for taking this project forward and invited questions from the public to the working group.

Plans had been circulated before the meeting and displayed on the village noticeboard to inform the public.

Phase 1 is the 'toddler' area. This will be adjacent to the village hall without intruding onto the green. This area can be used in conjunction with the hiring of the village hall.

Comments from the public where answered by members of the group:

Q - The fence – the original plans showed a powder coated metal fence

A - This had been changed to a rustic style fence which is more in keeping with the village.

Q – Will the fence be attached to the fence of Walnut Thatch?

A – It was confirmed that the fence will NOT be attached to Walnut Thatch.

Q – Will the bench be removed?

A – The bench may be moved to another part of the recreation field or replaced if the move is unsuccessful.

Q – The roundabout is used by a wide range of ages, is it going to be replaced?

A – The roundabout will be kept and moved to a more appropriate area on the recreation ground. As it's a popular piece of equipment this will be included in the phase 1 part of the project. If the roundabout is damaged in the move a replacement will be in phase 1.

**Other questions from the public:**

A concern from the 3 residents of King John's Lane about the proposal of a camp site in Glebe Field.

The residents will be putting in an objection for the following– it's a narrow, no thru' lane with unspoilt views; there's potential of noise from campers, possibility of rallies which would increase the number of campers; concern over the water supply to the site; increase in traffic and risk of accidents; the owner wouldn't be on-site to deal with any issues/emergencies; impact on the environment; no amenities in the village, therefore increase in traffic leaving the site for shopping etc.; concerns over installation of a chemical waste unit; there is already a camp site in the vicinity which is not active at the moment.

A member of the public raised a question about the Coronation and Jubilee trees on The Green.

**Action** – JJ to check with archives and find out where they are positioned.

The councillors noted the views of the public and discussed under matters arising and correspondence during the meeting.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:**

Recreation ground proposal was discussed. .

The councillors have fully informed themselves of the revised plan and known associated costs and implications.

Consultations have been ongoing with all interested parties.

The Parish Council would like to thank the working group for their outstanding work on this project, including the fundraising and technical expertise of the project.

The roundabout passed the annual inspection earlier in the year, it's valued at approx. £2,221 and it's not a toddler specific piece of equipment.

It was agreed to keep the roundabout and to relocate as part of phase 1. The spindle would be saved if possible, if not a replacement spindle would be found.

It was agreed to approve the plan of revised orientation and reduced pieces of equipment as submitted, subject to any planning and any issues highlighted from a topographical survey.

This enables the working party to move forward and get fixed quotes for the work and pieces of equipment.

**Report from District Councillor** – due to the upcoming elections in May, the council is currently in 'perda'. There won't be any planning decisions until after the elections. Orbit has agreed to mow the grass every 2 weeks.

Priority areas if re-elected – to bring parishes together for information sharing, including a discussion with the police commissioner and improvements in broadband; invite Orbit to a meeting to discuss properties – this is already underway and JF is pro-active in getting works done.

Orbit has sold the garages to a London Company and the area can't be changed into a car park.

**Action** – MJ/JF to contact the company who now own the garages.

**Report from County Councillor** – no report received

**To receive correspondence**

A letter had been received requesting sale of part of village green.

The PC voted that it has no desire to sell any village greens.

It was agreed that the PC would like to propose to extend the lease to 7 years from December 2020 and can see no reason why this renewal should not continue for the benefit of the inhabitant of the property.

Costs would be discussed at a later date.

Survey results received by email accepted.

Storage for pc lawn mower – a note would go in the newsletter asking for a willing volunteer to store the lawnmower a small rent could be paid.

It was also agreed to increase the frequency of mowing the recreation field.

Clerk vacancy – it was proposed and agreed that the PC. would clerk themselves.

Internal Audit requirement – it was proposed and agreed to appoint the same person as previously.

Glebe Lane campsite – the objections from the residents were discussed. It was agreed to object to this. **Action** – MJ to follow this up with a letter of objection.

**To receive planning applications:**

19/00859/TREE The Grange – no objections

**Received:** cheque for recreation ground fund from Waitrose Ltd £182.00

**Financial Report/Administration:** to be carried forward to the next meeting.

**Action** – MJ to follow up changeover of bank account.

**Passing of any accounts for payment** – none.

**Closure of meeting** – 9.10pm.