

Radway Parish Council

Minutes of an Mid-Year Assembly of Radway Parish Council Held at Radway Village Hall,
Radway, Warwickshire On 17th October 2019 At 8.00pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: CLLR SMITH-VINCENT (Chair), CLLR WILKINS (Vice-Chair) , CLLR GARDNER, CLLR RANKIN and CLLR STEPHENS.

IN ATTENDANCE: MR I WILSON (Clerk) and 12 residents of Radway.

1 Chair's Report

CLLR SMITH-VINCENT went through the items discussed at the May Annual Assembly and asked for any other items the attendees would like to discuss (see other matters raised by electors)

2 Matters Arising

CLLR SMITH-VINCENT reported on matters arising from the May Annual Assembly and reported:

- Housing Needs Survey wasn't adopted by the Parish Council.
- PC reserves were now in line with national guidelines (between 50% to 75% of the precept)
- The application by the caravan club for a caravan park had been withdrawn.
- The pond was the responsibility of a resident.
- There had been an application for development of the garden on Langdon Lane, subsequently rejected by SDC on the grounds of Radway being a conservation area amongst other planning considerations. This was unlikely to change in the future. The Parish Council would discuss with SDC planners whether there were any further options to ensure that the land was kept up to a decent standard (eg: compulsory purchase).

3 Issues of Local Importance

Traffic Calming – Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Highways visited the village over the summer and the Parish Council had put forward their suggestions for village consultation via the Parish Magazine.

In short the cost of any major schemes would be prohibitive to the Parish Council and residents were not supportive of gateway schemes. The meeting discussed signage in the village and it was **agreed** that this was currently inconsistent and poorly maintained.

Further suggestions that may help with traffic calming included speed warning lights and speed gun, though WCC are not supportive of these and speed guns operated by the community are not legally enforceable, it was **agreed** that the village could perhaps fund in conjunction with other similar villages. The Parish Council would therefore work with WCC Highways and other villagers to:

- Ensure existing signs were in place and properly maintained;
- Review signage;
- Joint funding of speed guns; and
- Share speed warning signs.

Car Parking – Noted that the layby in Langdon Lane had been increased thanks to

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the County Councillor's grant fund and the meeting commended the dropped kerb for those needing disabled access. The meeting discussed how parking in the village created problems for access, particularly for buses. It was noted that yellow lines were not an option. However there were other suggestions to explore:

- Marking the bus stop on the road;
- Contacting the bus companies for suggestions; and
- Consulting with residents to identify alternative parking spaces in the village

Parish Plan – Instead of a parish plan, which isn't a legal requirement and would cost over £1200 to put together the Parish would agree a planning policy for responding to any future development applications. The meeting discussed the parish directory, last updated in 2006 and it suggested that residents should look to update this for new residents, with useful information. It was suggested that Ratley welcome pack was a good benchmark to use and that this should also be available on the village website.

Grass Cutting – The Parish Council had raise with Orbit housing cutting grass off Langdon Lane. It was suggested that the parish could take this on if Orbit provided a suitable contribution. The clerk would make enquiries with Orbit and investigate the legal obligations that Orbit had. It was confirmed that the Parish Council would look to have the recreation ground cut every week as opposed to the twice weekly cuts in the rest of the village.

Hedges – The hedge by the hardstanding had now been cut back and the Parish Council were looking at replacements

Replacement Bench – This had been approved by County Highways for Tysoe Road and would be on the other side of the road. The Parish Council were now looking to arrange installation on a concrete plinth. The benches on the recreation were now in need of repair.

4 Other Matters Raised by Electors

Adult Gym Equipment – will investigate further, but as a starting point will look at an outdoor table tennis table for the village

Old Graveyard – This needed maintaining properly. The Parish Council would contact SDC to see what could be done, including the Parish Council taking over responsibility. CLLR SMITH-VINCENT was also looking at funding for setting up an old graveyard society for the village, including the war graves commission. A notice for volunteers to look after the old graveyard as part of a society would be placed in the parish magazine.

Rural Crime – Parish Councillors had attended SDC rural crime forum in September, the focus was on commercial (farming) crime. However, the local police and SDC had now established dedicated officers to co-ordinate initiatives. It was **agreed** to invite the local police to provide a presentation at the next Annual Assembly.

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Green Waste – SDC are currently consulting on introducing a £40 annual charge. This consultation closes on 19th November and the Parish Council will advertise the consultation on the village website.

Flooding – The Parish Council are in contact with County Highways (Patch Byrne) over areas of concern and they have promised to investigate again.

Meeting Close 10:05 pm

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