

Radway Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Radway Parish Council Held at Radway Village Hall, Radway, Warwickshire On Thursday 16th January 2020 At 8.00pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public, CLLR FEILDING (Stratford District Council (SDC)), CLLR WILLIAMS (WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (WCC)) and MR I WILSON (Clerk).

1 Apologies

No Apologies had been received.

2 Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

3 Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes of the November OGM (previously circulated) were agreed and accepted by the Council.

4 County Council Report

CLLR WILLIAMS report is attached to the minutes. CLLR WILLIAMS highlighted that the County Council budget for 2020/21 would be considered on 16th February 2020. The County Council was proposing an increase of 2% on the Council Tax for 2020/21. He also drew attention to the County Health and Wellbeing Fund grant, which requested bids from community groups by 2nd February 2020.

The meeting discussed recent flooding in the village, the state of public footpaths and the responsibilities of WCC. CLLR WILLIAMS confirmed that he would request that County Highways jet wash and clear all drains, including the flooded area flo at the cart wash. CLLR WILLIAMS requested to be copied into correspondence with County Highways.

5 Matters Arising

- (i) Flooding – Issues causing flooding now raised with County Highways for action. CLLR WILKINS to investigate the cost of additional flood warning signs.
- (ii) Playground boundary – CLLR STEPHENS had obtained a quote to provide trellis along the fence to raise the height of the fence so that the playground is less obtrusive to the neighbour. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would fund the recreation ground side of the fencing at a cost of £580 and CLLR STEPHENS would arrange this with the fencing contractor and the neighbour.
- (iii) Replacement bench Tysoe Road – An £800 quote to provide a concrete base for this had been received. The meeting discussed how regularly this bench would be used and whether this would be value for money. It was **agreed** not to proceed with the quote but to reinstate a bench by the cricket

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ground where it had originally been located without a concrete base. This would utilise a grant of £500 which the PC has been given some years ago.

6 Public Participation

A resident asked for an update on traffic calming schemes being considered for the village. It was noted that this would be covered under Parish Council Reports (item 7 (a))

7 Parish Council Reports

(a) Traffic Calming - CLLR SMITH-VINCENT reported that WCC were quoting £2500 for 'dragons' teeth' to be painted on the road. The councillors felt that the natural bends in the road were more effective in slowing traffic, so the dragons' teeth would not be progressed. It was agreed that the existing signage throughout the village should be brought up to standard as some signs were barely legible including "SLOW" on the roads. Warning signs to slow because of horses should also be considered. It was noted that WCC would fund improving existing signs but additional signage has to be funded by the PC. The case for further signage could however be supported by information from community speed watch. It was **agreed** that CLLR SMITH-VINCENT would pursue these suggestions with WCC to determine cost and feasibility for future consideration.

(b) Parking – Noted that new and existing laybys in the village never appear to be fully used. It was **agreed** to consult again on parking in the village at the next public meeting to receive feedback on residents' views on the recent parking changes.

(c) Playground – CLLR STEPHENS report is attached to these minutes. The following were highlighted:

- Positive feedback from residents regarding the new roundabout
- Insurance to be updated to reflect the itemised items in the new playground
- Teething problems with new equipment have been rectified by the supplier
- **Agreed** not to provide further seating in the playground at present, given the extension of village hall's patio and the relocation of the picnic benches
- Groundworks required to repair the grass in the playground to be considered in spring when weather improves
- Recommend 5% of total asset value being budgeted for playground maintenance. It was therefore **agreed** to budget £1600 per annum for playground maintenance, starting with 2020/21 PC budget.
- PC contractor is quoting £112 per quarter for inspecting the playground. It was **agreed** that councillors will inspect the playground each month and the external annual inspection should be in accordance with PC

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insurer requirements

- Fund raising and grant applications now planned to cover shortfall in funding for the playground project

- (d) Website - CLLR STEPHENS reported that the appropriate updated policies were being published. It was **agreed** to link to the parish magazine and village social media pages to provide communication and publicity for events, consultation and information.
- (e) Trees and Hedges – Work on the hedge on Langdon Lane to be co-ordinated with the patio extension at the village hall.
- (f) Street furniture – CLLR WILKINS reported that the new bench by the cricket ground will be a recycled plastic bench with a commemorative plaque for the VE day 75th anniversary.
- (g) Street lighting –WWC has been contacted about the street lamp by the village hall which is not working.
- (h) Footpaths and Rights of Way – CLLR RANKIN reported that the water on the path by the cart wash and the tree on Jacob’s ladder had been reported to WCC (see WCC report).
- (i) Policies – Noted that CLLR GARDNER was reviewing all policies against best practice and the standing orders have now been updated.
- (j) Precept 2020/21 – It was **agreed** to raise the precept by 2% for 2020/21. This would provide the PC with £11,823.84. The budgeted spend for 2020/21 was just over £25,000, with the balance covered by allocated reserves.

8 District Council Report

CLLR FEILDING reported that he had contacted Orbit Housing Estates staff to report that the ash trees on the village green needed attention. Orbit may in future look to hand over green spaces to the Parish Council. It was noted that SDC was planning to increase charging to cover collecting green waste for 2020/21, this was a non-statutory service and income needed to be generated to cover essential services.

CLLR FEILDING reported that Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was currently consulting on 2020/21 budget and council tax. The proposal was an increase of 4.99%. It was noted that PCC was due for re-election in May 2020.

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9 Planning

(a) The following had been received since the last meeting:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date Valid</u>	<u>Consultation Expiry Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
19/03555/TREE	20/12/2019	20/01/2020	Langland House Farnborough Road Radway CV35 0UN	-T1 birch: remove. -T2 beech: reduce crown by 30%, 1-1.5 meters retaining crown spread 8 metres, crown thin 10%. -T3 beech: reduce crown by 30%, 1-1.5 meters retaining crown spread 7 metres, crown thin 10%. -T4 beech: reduce crown by 25% 1 meters retaining crown spread 6 metres, crown thin 10%. -T5 willow: pollard/reduce crown by 50% to reduce loading on main limbs. -T6 ash: Remove lowest limb overhanging garden.
19/03489/TPO	12/12/2019	13/01/2020	Edge Cottage Edge Hill Lane Edgehill Banbury OX15 6DJ	Trees within garden area : shorten back to growth points or remove lower lateral (side) limbs where they are overhanging or conflicting with growth of adjacent trees
19/03315/COUNTY	1/12/2019	19/12/2019	Hornton Quarry Edgehill Banbury OX15 6DX	Infilling of redundant quarry with inert demolition and construction waste to include temporary materials recycling facility and restoration to provide a mixture of residential park homes and recreational eco lodges (County Council Ref: SDC/19CM023)

(b) The following has been decided since the last meeting:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Decision</u>
19/03140/TREE	Castle Inn Edge Hill Lane Edgehill Banbury OX15 6DJ	Application for Tree Felling	Tree works approved

10 Defibrillator

It was noted that a resident was looking for any evidence around the efficacy of defibrillators in small rural areas. It was **agreed** to await this feedback to inform the PC's decision.

11 Old Graveyard

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would take on the grass cutting responsibility from SDC for 2020/21.

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12 Financial Administration

The following accounts were **agreed** for payment:

RTC Safety Surfaces (Playground)	£ 9339.60
Walton Stone (Village Hall)	£ 1797.07
Kompan (Playground)	£19048.60
I Wilson Salary and Expenses (November and December)	£ 433.00
WALC (Training)	£ 23.00
Tim Smith-Vincent (Church Christmas Tree and Village Lights)	£ 59.99
Village Hall Hire	£ 44.00

The Total PC Balance to be carried forward at 16th January 2020 was £13,393.75

13 Correspondence

The following were noted as having been received since the last meeting:

SDC – Consultation on Planning Guidance for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption

PCC – Consultation on Precept

WALC – Royal Garden Party Nominations

WCC – Health & Wellbeing Fund Community Grants

WALC – Disaster Plan

14 Any Other Business

The meeting noted that a litter picking day was planned for Langdon Lane.

15 Next Meeting

The next meeting is planned for 19th March 2020

MEETING CLOSED 21:55

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