Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Radway Parish Council Held by video conferencing, on Thursday 18th June 2020 At 8.00pm

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

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

1 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

2 <u>Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests</u>

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

3 Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes of the March OGM (previously circulated) were agreed and accepted by the Council, subject to an amendment on page 2 to reflect that VAT reclaims were outstanding for 17/18, 18/19 and the £8,000 claim submitted related to 19/20.

4 Matters Arising

- (i) Bench by the cricket ground CLLR WILKINS reported that COVID-19 restrictions wouldn't allow installation at the moment. However, he would place the order for the bench to be installed at a later date.
- (ii) Flooding CLLR SMITH-VINCENT remained in correspondence with WCC regarding flood issues previously identified. It was noted that the recent work by WCC had been carried out well with a lot of time spent in the village. Misaligned of pipes, collapsed drains and ditches in need of draining had been identified. Once it is established who is responsible for each of these the information can be shared with residents.
- (iii) Traffic Calming Nothing to report in terms of the scheme, but still looking to get signage upgraded.

5 <u>Public Participation</u>

One member of the public attended the meeting but no issues were raised.

6 District and County Council Reports

CLLR WILLIAMS provided a report (previously circulated) on behalf of WCC and CLLR FEILDING provided a report on behalf of SDC.

CLLR WILLIAMS reported that WCC were the lead authority for track and trace across Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull. It was noted that previous anti-social behaviour at Burton Dassett Country Park had been addressed and a booking system was now in place for the recycling centres open in the county. CLLR WILLIAMS would circulate more details of how to use the recycling centres at this present time. The Edge Hill quarry application, see item 8, was also referenced and

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CLLR WILLIAMS commented that this was unlikely to be approved.

CLLR FIELDING also referenced the quarry application as the developers were also in correspondence with SDC and would be seeking WCC approval later in the summer. CLLR FIELDING reported that SDC were seeking enforcement action through Environmental Health for the former, now overgrown, garden in Radway (see item 10). It was noted that SDC expected an £8m shortfall in income as a direct result of COVID-19, to compensate they had received approximately £1.6m in government grants. SDC had themselves distributed grants to local businesses and food parcels to the vulnerable during the pandemic, there had been 259 deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the District. SDC were now looking to re-open their offices at Elizabeth House in Stratford and had held a virtual planning committee in June.

7 Parish Council Reports

(i) Chairman

The latest budget report (previously circulated) included the Parish Council spend to June 2020, taking account of the VAT reclaim due for 2019/20 the reserves at just over £30,000 were in a healthy state to consider future projects.

(ii) Cllr STEPHENS – (Playground and Website)

Playground – looking at grants and further funding for phase 2 of the project, though most activity is currently on hold with the open garden fundraiser now postponed to 2021. Noted that the grass matt in the playground needed to be replaced by Kompan and that the concrete area needed weed spraying. CLLR STEPHENS to contact Kompan and the Clerk the weed spraying contractor.

(iii) Cllr WILKINS – (Trees, Street Lighting (see also correspondence item (viii)) and Street Furniture)

Streetlights – The light by the village hall had now been fixed at the moment WCC were only responding to emergencies

Trees – removal of the sycamore in the churchyard had been agreed and the three dead trees are covered under item 11.

(iv) Cllr Rankin (Footpaths, Rights of Way and Playground Inspections)

Footpaths had been cleared by residents and the Jacobs ladder had been reported to WCC for attention. The meeting discussed the increase in walkers during the COVID-19 lockdown and the need for more considerate parking. It was **agreed** to use on-line facilities to publicise where walkers should park in Radway whilst walking from the village.

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(v) Cllr Gardner (Parish Council Policies and Green Issues) – Nothing to report

8 Planning

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

Reference	<u>Status</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
<u>20/01246/TPO</u>	Pending Consideration	Castle Inn Edge Hill Lane Edgehill Banbury OX15 6DJ	-T1 sycamore - Crown reduce lateral branches by up to 3metres over property and shape to balance.
20/01216/TREE	Pending Consideration	Graveyard West End Radway	-T1 sycamore - Fell.
20/01073/FUL	Pending Consideration	The Holmes Farnborough Road Radway CV35 0UN	First floor extension and internal alterations to form additional bedroom

No representation was agreed for each of these applications

The Parish Council had also been asked for comments on the Edge Hill quarry application from Warwickshire County Council which had been resubmitted. It was **agreed** to support Ratley Parish Council objections as outlined in the previous application at the end of 2019.

(b) There hadn't been any applications decided since the last meeting.

9 <u>Correspondence</u>

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

- WALC Weekly News (Includes COVID-19 Guidance and Updates from NALC, SDC & WCC)
- 2. SDC Parish & Partners Briefing
- 3. Calor Rural Community Fund
- 4. Complete weed control Spraying Paths and Concrete Area (see item 7 above)
- 5. Cotswold Conservation Board Mowing of Roadside Verges (Guidance)
- 6. Open letter from Robert Jenrick (MP) Local Authority Emergency Funding for COVID-19
- 7. SDC- Local Development Scheme (Planning)
- 8. PKF Littlejohn Limited Assurance Audit Reporting
- 9. SDC Small Business COVID-19 Grants

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10 Former Garden

CLLR SMITH-VINCENT has been informed by SDC that this is not a planning matter. It is an enforcement issue for SDC environmental health (see item 6) and residents are also progressing private actions against the landowner. Noted that the hedgerow is overgrown again and causing an obstruction, it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would write to ask the landowner to cut this back. The meeting discussed compulsory purchase by the Parish Council and it was **agreed** to contact WALC for advice on this matter.

11 Tysoe Road Felling Dead Trees

CLLR SMITH-VINCENT has obtained quotes for work to fell three dead trees and the sycamore. The cost of the work by registered tree surgeon of £430 +VAT was **agreed**. The meeting also **agreed** £220 +VAT to grind out the root of the cherry tree and replace it with a field maple.

12 Radway Information Booklet (circulated separately)

CLLRs welcomed this publication and CLLR WILKINS offered to investigate costs of printing around 150 hard copies. A budget of up to £300.00 +VAT was **agreed** for printing. The Information booklet would also be available online.

13 Financial Administration

Radway PC balances at June 2020 showed £13999.53 in the current account and £9142.24 in the reserve account. The following accounts were agreed for payment:

I Wilson Salary and Expenses (March, April and May)	£	497.00
E-ON (Street lighting)	£	200.20
R Manwaring (Grass cutting – March, April & May)	£	337.82
Zurich Insurance (Annual Insurance)	£	459.52
WCC (Street lighting Maintenance)	£	96.78
Village Hall Hire January and March 2020	£	23.00
Sheerclass (Website hosting)	£	57.45

14 Future Items

It was suggested to put some information about the graveyard and village walks on the village website.

The next meeting would consider future capital projects to earmark some of the Parish Council reserves

15 Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting is planned for 17th September 2020.

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