

Minutes of Annual Parish Assembly of Parish of Radway

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Wednesday 1st June 2022, Radway Village Hall.

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The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

- 1 To Accept Apologies for Absence: Sophie Stephens & Peter Wilkins. Apologies were accepted by the meeting.

Present: Cllr. Tim Smith-Vincent (Chairman), Cllr. Penny Gardner, Cllr. Clare Rankin, District Councillor John Feilding, County Councillor Chris Mills, Clerk: Helen Hide-Wright. Three members of the public.

- 2 Approval of minutes 27 May 2021. Proposed: Cllr. Rankin, Seconded: Cllr. Gardner. Signed and dated by Cllr. Smith-Vincent.

- 3 Matters arising from the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting: Planning: Apple Cross: Application was withdrawn.

- 4 Parish Council Chairman's Report – Councillor Smith-Vincent. (Appendix A).

- 5 County Councillor Chris Mills. (Appendix B). Offered thanks to the Parish Council and Clerk.

- 6 District Councillor John Feilding Invited to Speak (Appendix C).

- 7 Issues of Particular Local Importance

The Core Strategy was raised with John Feilding with reference to housing development. It was clarified that Radway is not a local service village, it is classed as, "Open Countryside," and that this was most unlikely to change.

Listed buildings: A survey was undertaken in the 1970s. The listings are, in some cases, limiting their maintenance and development with environmentally friendly improvements such as ground source heat pumps, solar panels etc. Some buildings have been unable to integrate environmental initiatives because of being situated within the curtilage of a Grade 1 listed building when their building does not have the same listing.

Play area hardstanding project: It was explained that the aim is to have a new surface onto the existing concrete. There is an application for a basketball hoop and is hoped to obtain a piece of static gym equipment. These reflected the feedback from residents in the survey.

A question was asked about installing more picnic tables and/or planters, in the village.

Grass cutting was discussed with the grant from SDC explained.

Recognition was given to meeting the broader needs of residents such as accessible picnic tables and benches. The Parish Council undertook to look into this and grant funding for those facilities.

ACTION: Parish Council to investigate.

- 8 Other Matters Raised by an Elector of the Parish:

The meeting closed at 8.26pm.

Appendix A: Cllr. Smith-Vincent.

Parish Council 2021/22

Appointment of new parish Clerk - Helen Hide Wright

Recreation ground

Chestnut fencing, new park bench and pedestrian access to hard standing area.
Secured a Lottery Grant of £10,000 towards resurfacing the hard-standing area.

Improvements to King Johns Lane

Drainage, digging out the ditch and levelling. Jointly funded with WCC, Warwickshire Wild Life Trust, British Horse Society, and various local stables owners.

Pathways

Wood chippings distributed to improve condition of pathways and bridge over ditch on Tysoe Road replaced. Footpath resurfaced approaching The Grange.

Highways

30 mph repeater sign replaced as required and SLOW road signs repainted on Tysoe Road.
Potholes at the entrance to driveways filled.

Old Graveyard

Sycamore trees removed, park bench installed and membrane with gravel installed around the wall of old church now surrounded with the fragments of headstones.

Defibrillator - installed and training provided.

Radway Green group established to promote green issues and bee wax workshops held.

2022/23

Explore replacing existing street lighting with LED lights

Renovation of the hard-standing area in the recreation ground

Drainage on Langdon Lane

White road markings on Farnborough Road and Langdon Lane to be re-instated

Zanna McHale has agreed to redesign the Parish's website and undertake its day to day management.

Appendix B: County Cllr. Chris Mills.

County Council has had a very busy and successful year in supporting Adult Social Care with its biggest expenditure of more than £200m per year. A new Warwickshire school with Special Educational Needs (SEND) has now been built along with launching a new careers, skills, and apprenticeships initiative to give our children the best start in life.

The Council is actively supporting people with dementia and is working hard to raise awareness for people living with dementia in their families. In Warwickshire there are approx. 8,000 people who are living with dementia although many more people are affected by dementia, including those who are caring for people with this disease.

Warwickshire County Council continues to help local families and individuals facing hardship by allocating additional funding for families with children, other vulnerable households, and individuals to ensure that people who are struggling have the support they need for food and essential items and utilities

Support for families and individuals facing hardship

Additional funding had been allocated to every Council for families with children, other vulnerable households, and individuals to ensure that people who are struggling have the support they need for food, essential items, and utilities. Warwickshire's share of Government grant was £1.322m and the Council distributed an allocation of the Covid Local Support Grant to families eligible for benefits related free school meals and others in need of support over the period when schools were close for the summer of 2021.

COVID

Throughout the COVID pandemic the Council has protected and supported our most vulnerable residents and provided meal vouchers to support vulnerable families with an £8.2m investment to protect the elderly and vulnerable residents.

Help for residents to meet household costs through the winter of 2021/22

Central Government announced that a new £500m Household Support grant was made available to local authorities in England. The objective of the funding was to support those Warwickshire residents, who were struggling and needed immediate financial support in the winter months with food, water and energy bills.

Investment into services for the County's most vulnerable formed part of the Council's financial approach as it agreed its Medium-Term Financial Strategy

The County Council Tax was increased by 3.75% in 2022/23. This is to help fund many services such as:

- £10.1m in our children's social care
- £14.4m to protect our elderly and vulnerable adults.
- £1.9m to continue to support children and young people with disabilities placements to ensure they can access appropriate support within their communities.
- £2.8m to increase capacity in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Pandemic Recovery

In July 2021, businesses across Warwickshire benefited from a £140m cash injection to boost the county's post pandemic economic recovery.

Warwickshire County Council signed an agreement that the significant new fund was to stimulate the local economy, create jobs, support local businesses, and attract investment into the county.

The aim is to distribute £140m over the next five years, offering loans and other financial investments to existing and new businesses to help their long-term recovery and growth.

Warwickshire continues success in keeping young people in education, employment, or training.

A recent publication from the Department for Education (DfE) has shown that once again, Warwickshire County Council is one of the most successful local authorities in the country for ensuring 16- and 17-year-old residents are either in education, employment, or training.

Ofsted report

Ofsted published its report on the inspection of Warwickshire children's services which took place in November 2021. Warwickshire County Council were delighted to announce that the inspection team found the local authority to be performing well grading us 'good' in all areas. However, following the last inspection, the Council has implemented a wide range of measures to make sure that the needs of children in Warwickshire are better met.

Help To Buy Scheme for priority workers

Warwickshire County Council are also committed to providing Priority Worker Help to Buy Scheme to facilitate home ownership for priority workers who may not otherwise be able to move onto or up the property ladder.

Building safer communities

Investing with the police to make communities safer by adding a £1m funding for voluntary and community sector. Whilst enhancing the Fire Service to support local communities. Agencies across Warwickshire have secured £249k in funding from the Home Office's Safer Streets fund to increase safety on Warwickshire's streets.

Afghan refugees

Warwickshire expected to welcome 100 people into the County in 2021 as part of the National Home-Office Plan for Afghan refugees. Some of the families have been found homes and have been welcomed in the communities.

Ukraine

So far, 554 people have been matched with Sponsors in Warwickshire across 367 groups (e.g. family units). 233 sponsors in Warwickshire have offered accommodation. The Government has commissioned a charity, Reset, to deliver a matching service to facilitate sponsors and guests connecting. We have seen some Ukrainian asylum seekers arriving outside the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, and they have been temporarily accommodated in hotels. Warwickshire County Council is facilitating DBS checks for sponsors and all adults in the household.

Summary

Warwickshire County Council continually strives to look after its most vulnerable residents across the region whilst maintaining to deliver its services during these very difficult and troubled times brought on by the COVID pandemic and now the war in Ukraine

Appendix C: District Cllr. John Feilding

1/ Climate Change

Listed buildings and the need to alter the Core Strategy to allow these properties facilities to be brought up to the 21st century.

Energy: the need to provide a secure supply of electricity. Wind and solar panels do not guarantee continuous supply of energy. Therefore, alternatives means have to be found, e.g. small nuclear reactors. These are being developed by Rolls Royce and other manufacturers.

2/ The Merger, general comments re the failure of the merger were made.

3/ The green bins and other matters to do with refuse collection.

4/ Right of way Deffa this subject we're discussing this with the farming community and who were not keen to deal with matter.

5/ Planning in general and the appointment of a new head of planning, who is currently Head of strategic planning. Thus, bringing both strategic planning and planning under one Head.

6/ The Code of Conduct

7/ Self build properties and the work being done by the planning department. There is a certain amount of abuse by Building Contractors.

8/ Greenfield issues to do with old agricultural buildings.