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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting 17th November 2022, Radway Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence:

Helen Hide-Wright (Clerk)

Cllr S Stephens

Cllr C Mills (Warwickshire County Council (WCC))

PRESENT:

Cllr T Smith-Vincent (Chair), Cllr. P Gardner, Cllr C Rankin, Cllr P Wilkins.

Cllr J Feilding (Stratford District Council (SDC))

2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests

a. Cllr T Smith-Vincent - 22/03004/TREE (The Hermitage)

b. Cllr T Smith-Vincent - Registered Green West End

3. Acceptance of Minutes

- Parish Council OGM 29th September 2022
 - Proposer Cllr P Wilkins, Seconder Cllr C Rankin
- Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 10th November 2022
 - Proposer Cllr P Wilkins, Seconder Cllr C Rankin

4. Matters Arising from the minutes and previous meetings

None

5. Public Participation

None

6. Parish Council Reports

(i) Chairman

a. Cllr Smith-Vincent presented the budget update, finances and payments for approval. Proposer Cllr P Wilkins, Seconder Cllr C Rankin **Appendix A: Finances**

b. Highways

- i. Extensive Flooding in front of entrance to Radway House on Farnborough Road on 17th November. Cllr Smith-Vincent contacted Geoffrey Hobday who visited the location on the same day. Sandbags were put out in front of the gates of Shakesfield. New drains have previously been installed so the problem may be further down. Investigations to be carried out.
- ii. Cllr J Feilding reported that there is a dip on Farnborough Road. Cllr Smith-Vincent to investigate.

(ii) Cllr Stephens – (Playground and Website)

a. Playground: Concrete area resurfacing is complete and the ball hoop has been

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installed.

- b. Playground inspections continue.
- (iii) Cllr Wilkins – (Grounds Maintenance, Street Lighting and Street Furniture)
 - a. Street Lighting - Cllr Wilkins has contacted the Street Lighting again asking for a lantern to be made available to enable Radway Residents to view before installation. To chase up in the new year.
 - b. Cable being installed by Voneous to improve internet service provided by them.
- (iv) Cllr Rankin (Footpaths, Rights of Way, Playground Inspections & Crime Prevention).
 - a. Email from Ratley PC has been received about the condition of Jacobs Ladder, which has still not been repaired. The steps and handrail need attention. Cllr Rankin has reported this several times to WCC. Investigate potential as a community based project.
 - b. Crime prevention - Cllr Rankin attended the meeting in September, there was nothing discussed that was applicable to Radway.
- (v) Cllr Gardner (Parish Council Policies and Green Issues)
Nothing to report.

7. Reports from Ward Representatives of Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and Stratford District Council (SDC)

Report from Cllr. Mills - **Appendix B**

Report from Cllr. Feilding

- a. District Council grants are available for residents whose salary is less than £30k per annum - Cllr Smith-Vincent to include this in the next village Newsletter.
- b. Cllr Feilding is having discussions with Orbit about grounds maintenance within Radway.

8. Planning Applications

- (i) SDC Planning decisions.
 - a. 22/00929/TPO Castle Wood Edgehill: Tree Preservation Order - Approved
- (ii) SDC Planning applications.
 - a. 22/01662/FUL The Glebe Field, King Johns Lane: Proposed change of use of stable to a holiday let: Pending consideration. Cllr Feilding informed the meeting that the Planning Officer will be refusing this application.
 - b. 22/03381/TPO Egge Cottage, Edgehill: Tree Preservation Order - no objection.
- (iii) Planning comments submitted by RPC since our last meeting:
 - a. 22/02935/FUL (Hardwick Energy, Anaerobic Digester) - Object.
 - i. Cllr Smith-Vincent to submit the objection.
 - ii. Over 800 objections have been received, 40 households within Radway.

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- iii. Cllr Feilding stated that Cotswold AONB are concluding their response and will be submitting 'strong objections' to the proposal.
- iv. Tysoe have employed a planning consultant and have asked neighbouring parishes for support for the cost. The anticipated cost to Radway is £100. This cost was agreed. Proposer Cllr P Wilkins, Seconder Cllr C Rankin.

- b. 22/03047/FUL (The White House) - No Objection
- c. 22/03004/TREE (The Hermitage) - No Objection - Approved

9. Village Hall

Trustees of the village hall have submitted a grant request of £447.75 for the annual insurance. This was agreed. Proposer Cllr P Wilkins, Seconder Cllr C Rankin.

10. Registered Village Greens - Westend

Request has been received to remove the wooden post and chain which borders the driveways at the top of Westend. Agreed Proposer Cllr P Wilkins, Seconder Cllr C Rankin.

There was is currently a post, by the driveway to The Grange on Westend, which originally had a sign stating "please do not park on the village greens". Agreed to reinstate this sign. Cllr Smith-Vincent to obtain quotes for approval by the Parish Council.

There has been damage to the Village Greens on Westend caused by work being carried out at The Old Methodist Chapel. Photograph evidence has been taken, proposed to repair this area once renovation of The Chapel is complete. Quotes to be obtained.

11. King John's Lane - Ground Works

Renovation to the lower part of the bridle path leading from King John's lane was completed last year. Donations from varies people were received to aid with this work. A request has been received from a resident to renovate the top of the lane. Cllr Smith-Vincent to contact those who contributed last year to see if they would like to provide further donations.

12. Website and IT Support

Cllr Stephens has proposes a contract with KM Computers to provide IT support at £35 per hour on an adhoc basis - Approved, Proposer Cllr P Wilkins, Seconder Cllr C Rankin.

Cllr Stephens is sourcing options for a new website hosting company.

13. Old Graveyard

The interpretation panel has been installed and the official unveiling was a great success with a large turnout of residents on the day. Major Mark Martin, RA, attended in full uniform.

The accounts need to be finalised however the spend is around £2427 including VAT, therefore £2126 less VAT. Cllr Smith-Vincent to claim the grants from Cotswold National Landscape and the Royal Artillery.

14. Bus Services to Radway

- a. Bus service to Banbury will not be reinstated
- b. Bus Service to Stratford is still running as before

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c. There is a volunteer driver program which costs about 45p per mile which is available.

15. Budgetary Proposals for 2023/24

- a. A 2% increase to the precept was proposed to cover the cost of increased bills such as power. Proposer Cllr P Wilkins, Seconder Cllr C Rankin.
- b. Cllr Smith-Vincent presented the precept and capital reserves for 2023/2024 for approval. Approved Proposed Cllr. Clare, seconded Cllr. Peter.
Appendix C - Precept and Capital Reserves 2023/2024

16. Village Christmas Trees

As in previous years in it proposed that the Parish Council purchase trees for the village green and for the church. Proposed costs are £70 for village and £30 church, the budget allocated is £170, Approved Proposer Cllr P Wilkins, Seconder Cllr C Rankin

17. Correspondence

Lighthorne surgery - all agreed to support this.
Dark skies questionnaire is being circulated by Cotswold AONB item to be put in the newsletter

18. Financial Administration

Cllr Smith-Vincent presented the revenue income & expenditure for approval. Approved Proposer Cllr P Wilkins, Seconder Cllr C Rankin.
Appendix D - Revenue Income & Expenditure 2022/23

19. Other Reports and Items for Future Agenda

It has been reported from a few residents that the new outdoor lights at The Castle Inn are intrusive. This is to be carried over to the next meeting for discussion.

20. Dates of Future Meetings:

Parish OGM: 19th January 2023 7.30pm

MEETING CLOSED 20:33pm

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Appendix A: Financial

Financial Administration

Bank Balances at 31st October 2022

Deposit Account:	£ 5,940.21
Current Account:	£23,042.74
Total Balance:	£28,982.95

Payments made since the last meeting:	£ 451.00
Income received since the last meeting:	£ 1,761.33
Payments outstanding since last meeting:	£ 0.00

Finance Report and passing of accounts for payment at this meeting:

Radway Village Hall annual insurance	£ 447.75
Old Graveyard - Mark Tompkins (installation of panel)	£ 105.00
Red Horse Vale Ltd (Post concrete)	£ 12.00
Accounting Data Services 8830 2 nd November 2022	£ 31.68
KM Computers re email syncing issues	£ 35.00
Sophie Stephens (HostPapa Services)	£ 129.60
Shelley Signs Ltd (Old graveyard)	£1,248.00

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Appendix B: County Councillor Chris Mills

County Councillor report Radway Parish Council 17th November 2022

Latest COVID-19

As Covid-19 cases are on the rise in the West Midlands, Warwickshire County Council are continuing to support our residents to reduce their risk of catching and spreading COVID-19

For further information, visit www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19

The Sure Start Maternity Grant

The Sure Start Maternity Grant is a one-off £500 payment to help with the costs of having a child if you re expecting your first child, or expecting a multiple birth and have children already, and you or your partner already get benefits.

Find out more: <https://gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant/how-to-claim>

Warwickshire SENDIAS Review

Residents views are being sought on the Warwickshire SENDIAS Service, which provides information, advice and support to disabled children and young people, and those with special educational needs and disabilities

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3357/tell-us-your-views-about-warwickshire-sendias>

Support Fund

£421 million has been made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need to help with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living. The objective of the Household Support Fund is to provide support to vulnerable households in most need of support to help with significantly rising living costs, specifically food, energy and water bills. This phase of the grant runs from 01 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 and Warwickshire has again been allocated £3.47million, which is being distributed through the existing Local Welfare Scheme.

Green Business Grants

Businesses can benefit from a new Warwickshire County Council grant scheme offering up to £20,000 towards the cost of installing energy efficiency measures.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3462/green-business-grants-supporting-a-greener-business-sector>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/costofliving> <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Cost of living Advice

There is a lot of support available for families in Warwickshire. Warwickshire s Family Information Service (FIS). You can contact FIS by phone on 01926 742274 or via email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk Family support workers are also available across Warwickshire Call the Family Support Helpline on 01926 412412 visit warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies Food and energy Help is available if you are struggling to afford food or pay household bills this winter.

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Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has also agreed a package of measures to relieve the financial burden on residents who may be struggling with rising living costs.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3430/up-to-4-5m-cost-of-living-support-package-for-warwickshire-residents>

Stratford Energy Support Fund/Energy Efficient Grant

£500 for households with children
£300 for households without children

Eligibility criteria

A gross annual household income under £30,000 **and** no savings **and** at least one of the following

- A long term diagnosed and treated health condition e.g., COPD
- Self-employed but unable to work/ income impacted by Covid 19
- Households with unmanageable debt
- Recently made redundant
- Pregnant
- In receipt of DLA or PIP
- In receipt of free school meals
- Grants for Boiler Replacements
- Grants for Boiler Servicing & Repairs
- Loft and Cavity Wall Insulation Grants
- Solar PV panels
- Loft insulation
- Cavity wall insulation
- External wall insulation
- Air source heat pumps
- Smart heating controls

This funding is available to residents living within Stratford upon Avon District (subject to eligibility and availability):

For more information call us on **0800 988 2881** or visit the website www.actonenergy.org.uk

Loneliness

Loneliness and social isolation affect around nine million people in the UK and contributes to a range of physical and mental health conditions. Walking, finding ways to communicate with others, befriending services and keeping a healthy daily routine can help. For support in Warwickshire visit warwickshire.gov.uk/loneliness

Reporting abuse

If you think that an adult with care and support needs is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect, contact Warwickshire County Council on 01926 412080.

Our adult social care teams can offer advice and support to the person and/or their carers and, where necessary, arrange appropriate services.

Depending on the type of abuse, you may wish to contact Warwickshire Police on 101. If it is an emergency, always dial 999.

Domestic abuse cost of living support

In recognition of the impact of cost-of-living concerns on victims and survivors of domestic abuse, Warwickshire County Council and partners are raising awareness of support.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3460/cost-of-living-support-for-those-affected-by-domestic-abuse->

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Adult Safeguarding

Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect.

At the same time, it is about making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted. This includes, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action.

Due to illness or disability, many adults may be unable to protect themselves from abuse. Adults with care and support needs include some people from each of the following groups:

older people, people with learning difficulties, people with physical disabilities, people with mental ill-health issues and people with a short or long-term illness.

The Council will make enquiries, or ask other agencies to make enquiries, whenever we think an adult with care and support needs may be at risk of abuse or neglect in Warwickshire.

For more support information on many topics, go to: Warwickshire County Council Homepage
www.warwickshire.gov.uk

What3words App when call emergency Services

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is launching an online campaign to raise awareness of What3Words in a bid to get more residents in Warwickshire using the app to provide emergency services with the location of a collision or emergency. What3words has divided the world into 3 metre squares and given each square a unique combination of three words – what3words address. For example, [///silver.label.smile](https://www.what3words.com/silver.label.smile) will take you to a precise 3 metre square for Warwick Castle.

If a collision or emergency occurs, callers can give the call handler the three words and this will help dispatch emergency services to the precise location. This is even more important in rural locations where it's even more difficult to communicate location accurately. The app gives the caller a simple way to describe precisely where help is needed, enabling responders to find and get resources to the scene as quickly as possible. It is hoped that this simple change, could help save more lives and reduce the seriousness of some injuries due to patients getting treatment more quickly.

The system works offline, making it ideal for use in areas with an unreliable data connection. what3words addresses cover the entire world and can be used in over 40 languages.

This is just one of many initiatives being developed by Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership to help achieve our target of a 50% reduction in those killed or seriously injured on our roads by 2030."To read more about our strategy and safe systems approach please visit our website: <https://warksroadsafety.org/our-strategy/>

Avian Influenza – Dead bird warning

Warwickshire County Council has issued advice to residents on what they should do if they find a dead wild bird.

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Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3472/avian-influenza-what-to-do-if-you-find-a-dead-wild-bird>

Chris Mills.

Kineton and Red Horse

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Appendix C: Precept and Capital Reserves 2023/24

Precept 2023/4

The precept for 2022/23 was increased by 2% giving a total of £12,060.00. At 31st March 2022 the total funds stood at £38,329.00, which included £10,000.00 from the fundraising for the recreation ground. As at the 31st October 2022 the total funds were £28,982.00 and I forecast the end of year position will be around £33,750 as a substantial VAT repayment will be claimed.

The inflationary pressure on our residents will be considerable in the coming year given that inflation is currently 10.1%. I therefore propose that the percentage increase in the precept is maintained at the same level as in 2022/23, that is 2%.

Capital Reserves 2023/24

The precept for 2023/24 will increase to £12,300, with the reserves being increased by a £4,000 during the year to £37,750.

The distribution of these reserves is as follows:

Playground equipment, repair/replacement	£4,000
Replacement mower	£2,200
Capital projects	£10,000
Parish Council election	£550
Flood prevention	£1,000
Street lighting	£12,000
General Reserve	£8,000
Total	£37,750

Tim Smith-Vincent
Chairman
November 2023