

RADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Radway Parish Council, Thursday 23rd of July 2026.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm
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1. Apologies :

- a. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr. Chris Mills, Cllr. Malcolm Littlewood.

2. Present: Cllr. Simon Hooker (Chair), Cllr. Penny Gardner (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Colin Stephens, Cllr. James Stephens, Clerk: Helen Hide-Wright, 2 members of the public.

3. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests:

Cllr. James Stephens: Planning applications 26/01369/LBC & 26/01368/FUL Hemp Cottage

4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting: Ordinary Meeting 28th May 2026. Proposed: Cllr. Penny Gardner, Seconded: Cllr. James Stephens.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes and previous meetings: None.

5. Public participation: A member of the public raised safety issues associated with two recent cycling events which came through Radway. Concern was expressed over the speed of the cyclists, in groups travelling side-by-side, at speed, with little to no awareness of pedestrians, vehicles and failing to observe appropriate behaviour at road junctions. **ACTION: RPC to write to event organiser to suggest the positioning of marshals, to ensure safety.**

6. Councillor reports:

- (i) Chair (Budget & Finance, Website/IT, Highways, Grounds Maintenance and Street Furniture).

- **RPC External Audit: Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2025/26 Form 2:** To confirm that RPC has been granted a Certificate of Exemption.
- **Co-option:** The vacancy remains.
- **Village Plan / Neighbourhood Development Plan:** No further update on the Village Plan. RPC will not be seeking to develop a Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- **RPC support for Radway PCC grant application to National Lottery Fund:** To confirm that RPC has submitted a letter of support.
- **Green Area Maintenance.:** The Parish Council will undertake a review following feedback from residents. **ACTION: The PC will review options for green area maintenance and present the details at the September meeting.**

- (ii) Cllr Mathews (Footpaths, Rights of Way and Street Lighting)

- **Street Light at West End:** National Grid has not yet responded to a request for information.

- (iii) Cllr Gardner (Parish Council Policies, GDPR and Green Issues). Nothing to report.

- (iv) Cllr Stephens

- **Review of findings of KOMPAN annual inspection** Review of findings and listing any actions required: To be reported to the September meeting.

- **Repairs and actions from annual inspection report** Review of findings and listing any actions required: To be reported to the September meeting.

- a. Reports from Ward Representatives of Warwickshire County Council (WCC): Chris Mills (Appendix A) and Stratford District Council (SDC): Malcolm Littlewood (Appendix B).

7. Planning

- (a) **SDC Planning decisions since our last meeting:** 26/01647/TREE: No Representation.
- (b) **SDC Planning Applications:** 26/01369/LBC & 26/01368/FUL Hemp Cottage: Increase height of chimneys at request of thatch roof insurer. Due to declaration of interest, Cllr. Stephens stepped out of the discussions.
RPC Comment: No Representation for both applications for Hemp Cottage. Proposed: Cllr. Simon Hooker, Seconded: Cllr Penny Gardner.
- (c) **SDC Planning Decisions:** 26/01267/TREE Egge Cottage: Consent with Conditions.
26/01256/TPO Egge Cottage: Consent for Arboricultural Work
26/01535/TREE Egge Cottage: Consent with Conditions

(d) Planning Comments submitted by RPC since our last meeting:

- 26/01647/TREE: No Representation
- 26/01023/FUL: Support with conditions

8. Correspondence: Housing & Homelessness Strategy, Warwick and Stratford District Council.
Closing date: 11th August 2026.

9. Financial Administration a. Appendix C.

Financial Report: Appendix D. Payments proposed : Cllr. Simon Hooker, Seconded: Cllr. Penny Gardner.

10. Other reports and items for future agendas: None.

11. Dates of Future Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm:

2026: 17th Sept, 19th November.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

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Appendix A. Councillor Chris Mills.

County Councillor Report

Radway Parish Council Meeting 23rd July 2026

Crisis and Resilience Fund

The Crisis and Resilience Fund offer emergency help with essential living costs for low-income households after a sudden financial shock.

To ask about support call Warwickshire's Local Welfare Scheme on 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359 182 (Mon-Fri) or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/crisisresiliencefund

FIS

Warwickshire's Family Information Service (FIS) provides information, advice and one-to-one support on issues including family relationships, finance, housing, parenting support and more. Learn more:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory-record/40/family-information-service

Positive changes coming to NHS Health Checks

Residents will continue to receive NHS Health Checks through their local GP practices. However, from 1 July 2026 the delivery of the service will be moving from Fitter Futures Warwickshire to Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Primary Care. The NHS Health Check programme offers eligible Warwickshire residents aged 40–74, who do not have certain pre-existing health conditions, a free health check every five years. The checks help identify early signs of conditions such as heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and kidney disease, enabling people to access advice, support and treatment to improve their long-term health and wellbeing. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7753/positive-changes-coming-to-nhs-health-checks-in-warwickshire-for-residents-aged-40-74>

Screentime for children

How does screen time affect my child's development?

Your child's brain develops rapidly before age 5 and thrives on play, conversation and connection. While screens are part of daily life, too much can affect sleep and development.

What content is better content?

Young children's brains are stimulated much more easily than adults', so they need content specifically made for them.

Slow-paced content: Slow-paced, predictable content is better for young brains. Fast-paced, over-stimulating social media-style videos may affect how young children learn to concentrate, so it's best to avoid them.

Choose safe content: Use parental controls to block inappropriate, harmful content. **Avoid social media:** Social media isn't made for young brains, so it should be avoided. **Avoid AI:** Don't let young children use AI toys, tools or chatbots until there's more evidence on how they affect your child. This includes devices or apps such as interactive robots, smart speakers or AI chat apps. For more info visit: <https://orlo.uk/wXQrh>

Warwickshire Police – We're Listening Campaign

Warwickshire Connected is a free messaging service brought to you by Warwickshire Police, where you can tell them about your priorities and be the first to hear the facts about any incidents and emergencies near you. Join today:

<https://survey.warwickshireconnected.com/Survey/REGISTRATION/985BF47BF2E1F338BE4B4D9712A944AD>

Private seller car buying scam warning

Warwickshire County Council is warning residents who are selling their cars privately to be alert to fraudsters posing as genuine car buyers. Anyone who has been approached by suspected fraudsters should report the incident to Warwickshire Trading Standards through the **Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline** on **0808 223 1133**. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7905/trading-standards-warns-of-car-buyer-scam-targeting-private-sellers>

Summer safety

Protect your skin by keeping an eye on your moles. Keep an eye out for changes to your skin. Check for: A new mole, lump, or growth Changes in size, shape, or colour of existing moles or freckles If you notice anything unusual, contact your GP. Early detection matters.

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Support for home heating oil or LPG

Warwickshire residents using heating oil or LPG may be eligible for support through the Crisis and Resilience Fund. WCC is working with Act on Energy to help households manage rising fuel costs. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7727/support-available-to-help-warwickshire-residents-with-heating-oil-and-lpg-costs>

Hybrid booking system at HWRCs

Warwickshire County Council has announced that a new hybrid booking system will be introduced across its Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs), coming into effect on Monday, 20 July 2026. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7866/new-hybrid-booking-system-for-household-waste-recycling-centres>

Councillors' Grant Fund – Final Call

Community groups across Warwickshire are being reminded that the deadline for applications for the refreshed Warwickshire County Council Councillors' Grant Fund 2026-27 is 5pm, Sunday 26 July. A key change for 2026-27 is the introduction of a maximum grant award of £5,000 per organisation. The new limit is designed to ensure funding reaches a wider range of community projects across the county. It reflects the fund's focus on supporting small-scale initiatives and recognises that the majority of applications already fall within this funding level. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7926/final-call-for-community-groups-to-apply-for-councillors-grants-deadline-26-7-5pm>

Free summer parking at Stratford Park and Ride

Visiting Stratford-upon-Avon? Take advantage of FREE parking offered by the Stratford Park and Ride this summer! Available from 1 August until 31 August. Read more:.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7895/explore-beautiful-stratford-with-free-parking-at-the-park-and-ride>

Chris Mills
County Councillor
Radway

Ward Report – Tysoe Ward.

Including the Parishes of Compton Wynyates, Halford, Honington, Idlicote, Oxhill, Pillerton Persey, Pillerton Priors, Tysoe, and Whatcote.

Overview of May and June

Last month I was able to signpost to health and social support programmes in the District; unfortunately, I am unable to repeat that positive dialogue this month. Since my last report much has become clear with regards to the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) and local Government Reform (LGR) and yet more confused. The SWLP continues to be developed and scrutinised by both District Councils. The Government was in recess over the Easter period and has seemed that the decision regarding the shape and form of LGR for Warwickshire is slipping backwards.

SWLP

Following the Planning Inspectorate advisory meeting (19th May), prior to the Joint Cabinet Meetings of Warwick District (WDC) and Stratford on Avon District (SDC) Councils on the 1st of June, the initial response by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS report) clearly highlighted flaws in the SWLP. The report highlighted issues with site viability due to requirements for Biodiversity Net Gain and Net Zero Carbon requirements that exceed legislative and Government requirements, and consequently the low level of Affordable and Social Housing possible. The Inspector also questioned how realistic the evidence base was regarding the anticipated supply of “windfall” sites within the Housing Land Supply calculations. Neither Authorities can show a Five-Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS) currently. SDC has adopted a “stepped trajectory” plan because of the considerable shortfall of site in the first three years. This approach has been criticised by the inspector, and this means a radical change to the plan and its priorities in the short run. The inspector also considered that the amount of “headroom”, or contingency sites was unrealistically low at 6.8% in SDC and 1.4% in WDC. The expected number is around 10%.

Allocation of both Gypsy and Traveller sites and Travelling Showman Yards requires clarification. There remain questions over allocations within the Greenbelt following changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and with regard to affordable housing allocation rates on those sites.

There remain questions over the funding of the Stratford upon Avon western Relief Road that would enable further development of the sites around the Long Marston Airfield developments. Highway funding details must be available before the next stage which is to submit Regulation 19. This is the test of deliverability of the plan and without firm answers to the above issues the SWLP cannot be delivered and therefore found to be unsound.

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5YHLS

As mentioned above, the 5YHLS is unmet in both WDC and SDC geographies. This is partially due to the changes to Housing Need calculations imposed by this Government, but also to a level of complacency on behalf of both administrations since 2024. The government did change the calculations, and the current 5HLS calculations have almost doubled the “local need” in Warwickshire and almost halved the need in the suburban areas of Coventry, Solihull, and Birmingham. In my mind this is unsustainable because to move from the urban/suburban centres will require new employment centres in South Warwickshire or an increase in commuting. Considering the lack of transport infrastructure in our districts, this is unsustainable and definitely does not make “Green Sense”. The plan for over 28,000 new homes could mean up to 56,000 new jobs in the period of the plan. The economic development plan alongside the SWLP does not seem to adequately address this question satisfactorily in my opinion.

The 5YHLS is very important. Without meeting the number, the Local Plan (currently the Core Strategy (CS) and possibly soon to be made the SWLP), neither plan could be considered to be up-to-date. This means that the “titled balance” referred to in the current NPPF (paragraph 11) applies and is balanced towards presumed granting of planning application. The current Local Plan is out of date as it relates to housing policies, locations, and numbers because of a lack of a demonstrative 5YHLS. The other policies in the current CS remain up to date and can be relied upon in determining planning applications. With a demonstrable 5YHLS the entire CS would be valid until 2031.

This also has implications for Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) where all but 5 of the ‘made NDP’s are themselves ‘out of date’ The good news is that the TYSO NDP is considered to be ‘up to date’ and can be relied upon. Albeit the ‘tilted balance’ remains a significant issue.

Regardless of which Local Plan is being considered, to avoid a development free for all in our District, we need to secure a demonstrable 5YHLS. This is the critical objective, and one we need to achieve to maintain and protect our part of the County and provide homes, environment, and employment for our children.

Unfortunately, it is not clear to me that all parties involved in these immensely important decisions for a generation have recognised this reality.

As I write, there has been an announcement that another by-election has been triggered by the resignation of the member for Kinwarton Ward. This is the third by-election announced since the middle of March the joint cost of which amounts to something just under £40,000. As a result, the Extraordinary Council Meeting set for the 8th of June has had to be cancelled as the Council is in Purdah and no political decisions can be made during that period. This means that Councillors will not have the opportunity to scrutinise

and debate the merits of the plan until mid-July. I will update you all if and as any significant changes occur.

Malcolm Littlewood

Stratford District Council Tysoe Ward Member

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Appendix C. Financial Administration

Bank Balances at 30th June 2026

Deposit Account:	£ 23,938.86
Current Account:	£ 448.09
Total Balance:	£ 24,386.95

Payments made since the last meeting:	£ 2,061.76
Income received since the last meeting:	£ 20.51
Payments outstanding since last meeting:	£ 0.00

Finance Report (Appendix B) and passing of accounts for payment at this meeting:

Accounting Data Services Ltd Inv 10485 Newsletter	£ 31.68
Accounting Data Services Ltd Inv 10523 Newsletter	£ 31.68
Radway Village Hall (Hire 7 th May (Defibrillator training & 23 rd July 2026)	£ 32.00
Mr Manwaring (Mowing April & June)	£ 397.50
F. N. Pile and Sons Job No WS33843	£ 563.60
F. N. Pile and Sons Job No WS34037	£ 201.96
Clerk's Salary: July 2026	£ 377.44
Clerk's Salary: Aug 2026	£ 377.44
WCC Pension contribution July 2026	£ 89.00
WCC Pension contribution Aug 2026	£ 89.00
Working from Home Allowance July & Aug 2026	£ 52.00
Clerk's expenses –	£ 13.35
Npower Inv IN15877818 (Paid by Direct Debit)	£ 70.61

Invoices paid by Delegated Powers since last meeting:

Mark Tompkins - Strimming	£ 42.09
FMF Contractors Ltd - Mowing	£ 150.00

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Appendix D.

RADWAY PARISH COUNCIL 2024 - 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

30 June 2026

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual 31/3/2025</u>
Precept	£6,850.00	£12,793.00	£12,793.00
Bank Interest	£29.46	£300.00	£312.48
SDC Council Tax Support Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other Income	£0.00	£385.00	£815.74
VAT Reimbursement	£0.00	£800.00	£3,660.99
Community Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£6,879.46	£14,278.00	£20,582.21

Administration

Staff costs:

Staff Costs: Salary, NI, PAYE	(£977.37)	£3,800.00	(£3,621.55)
Staff Pension: Employee & Employer Contributions	(£244.83)	£760.00	(£1,237.36)
HMRC NDDS (This is not in the current budget Shot	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00
Administration Expenses	(£104.10)	£412.00	(£514.99)
Bank Charges	£0.00	£412.00	(£4.25)
Audit Fees	(£350.00)	£650.00	(£552.00)
Data Protection	£0.00	£35.00	(£35.00)
Election Fees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Councillor Training	£0.00	£250.00	£0.00
Subscriptions (WALC)	(£157.60)	£150.00	(£146.00)
Insurance	(£757.04)	£750.00	(£707.48)
Total Administration	(£2,590.94)	£7,419.00	(£6,818.63)

Village Maintenance

WCC Street Light Maintenance	£0.00	£110.00	(£26.14)
Maintenance Budget (Street Furniture)	£0.00	£200.00	(£13,622.00)
Defibrillator	(£67.20)	£50.00	(£80.94)
F N Pile Mower Service	£0.00	£500.00	(£497.62)
Grass Cutting (& Flower Tubs)	(£315.84)	£1,400.00	(£1,732.58)
NPower Electricity for Street Lights	(£92.05)	£1,200.00	(£1,754.19)
Total Village Maintenance	(£475.09)	£3,560.00	(£17,713.47)

Hall Hire & Playground

Hall Hire	(£40.00)	£110.00	(£112.00)
Play Area Annual Inspection	£0.00	£190.00	(£205.71)
Chambers Trust - Recreation Ground - Rental	£0.00	£250.00	(£250.00)
Recreation Area Maintenance: Equipment & Grounds Maintenance	£0.00	£1,000.00	(£1,613.76)
Total Hall Hire & Playground	(£40.00)	£1,550.00	(£2,181.47)

Communications & IT Expenditure

Website	£0.00	£250.00	(£878.58)
Newsletter / Information Sheet	(£31.68)	£320.00	(£348.48)
Total Communications & IT Expenditure	(£31.68)	£570.00	(£1,227.06)

Miscellaneous

Grants	£0.00	£750.00	(£891.22)
Community Projects	(£434.70)	£716.00	(£3,600.00)
Christmas Trees	£0.00	£125.00	(£130.00)
Total Miscellaneous	(£434.70)	£1,591.00	(£4,621.22)

TOTAL PAYMENTS

(£3,572.41)	£14,690.00	(£32,561.85)
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Closing Period Bank Balances As At:

30 June 2026

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