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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Radway Parish Council, Radway Village Hall, Thursday 28th of May 2026.

The meeting commenced at 8.21pm

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1. Apologies :

- a. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr. Malcolm Littlewood, Cllr. Chris Mills (due to attending other meetings).
- b. To consider acceptance of apologies. Apologies accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Simon Hooker, Seconded: Cllr. Colin Mathews.

Present: Cllr. Simon Hooker (Chair), Cllr. Penny Gardner (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Colin Matthews, Cllr. James Stephens, Clerk: Helen Hide-Wright. 1 members of the public.

2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests: Cllr. James Stephens declared an interest as the agent in planning matter 26/01023/FUL Magnolia Cottage.

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting:

- a. Ordinary Meeting 19th March 2026. Proposed: Cllr. Simon Hooker, Seconded: Cllr. Penny Gardner. Signed and dated by Cllr. Simon Hooker.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes and previous meetings:

- a) Replacement swing seats: Update: The swing seats have been fitted.

5. Public participation:

- Thanks were expressed to the Councillors for their work for the village.
- Flooding issues were raised including the issue of jetting. It was confirmed that the Highways Engineer had previously visited the village and reviewed draining for the village, including the area in question. It was confirmed that jetting will follow the schedule.

6. Councillor reports:

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

- Warwickshire Pension Fund Employee contribution set at 18.8% for next 3 years. The rate reduction was noted.
- Npower invoice IN15224426 £110.03 (Previous balance £17.98 Credit)
- Replacement defibrillator pads. Replacement pads will be ordered once the expenditure has been approved. **ACTION: Clerk to order replacement defibrillator pads. ACTION: Chair to add "What 3 Words" reference for the defibrillator and add this to The Circuit.**
- Co-option: No update.
- Community Defibrillator Training: The training was well received.
- Village Volunteering Day : The day was successful with many volunteers.
- Village Plan / Neighbourhood Development: See Annual Parish Meeting minutes dated 28th May 2026.

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

- Street Light at West End: There is an issue with supply. **ACTION: Cllr. Mathews will be take the issue up with the suppliers.**

(iii) Cllr Gardner (Parish Council Policies, GDPR and Green Issues).

- Parcel Locker Boxes: There was a limited response supporting this initiative.

(iv) Cllr Stephens

- Review of findings of KOMPAN annual inspection. ACTION: Cllr. Stephens will further investigate the findings.
 - Repairs and actions from annual inspection report. ACTION: Cllr. Stephens will further investigate the findings.
- 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: None.

(b) SDC Planning Applications:

Due to their declaration of interest, Cllr. James Stephens left the room during the discussions on application 26/01023/FUL Magnolia Cottage.

- i. 26/01023/FUL Magnolia Cottage: Erection of a 1.5m extension including a 0.9 metre increase to the roof ridge to provide a first-floor bedroom and ensuite.

RPC Comment: Support with conditions:

Radway Parish Council Supports this application, as the proposed plans are considered sympathetic to the form and character of the existing dwelling, Conservation Area and nearby listed buildings. The proposal is therefore considered to comply with CS8 and CS9.

Should planning permission be granted, Radway Parish Council requests that the following conditions be imposed:

Removal of Permitted Development rights, including rights relating to the erection of outbuildings and ancillary structure.

Restriction preventing the parking of caravans or motorhomes on the site.

Proposed: Cllr. Penny Gardner, Seconded: Cllr. Colin Mathews.

- ii. 26/01256/TPO Egge Cottage: T3 ash – reduce height by 4 metres. T6 ash reduce x 2 southerly limbs by 5 metres. Comment: No Representation. Proposed: Cllr. Simon Hooker, Seconded: Cllr. Penny Gardner.
- iii. 26/01267/TREE Egge Cottage: T2 Leylandii – reduce height by 5 metres, T4 Sycamore – reduce overhang by 3 metres, T5 – reduce overhang by 2 metres, T7 – reduce southerly overhang by 2 metres. Comment: No Representation. Proposed: Cllr. Simon Hooker, Seconded: Cllr. Penny Gardner.

(c) SDC Planning Decisions: 26/00109/TREE: Consent with conditions.

(d) Planning Comments submitted by RPC since our last meeting: 26/01137/TREE Languard House: RPC Comment: No Representation.

8. Correspondence: Housing Allocations Scheme Consultation
English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bill
Community Speed Watch
Have your say on Local Government Reorganisation in Warwickshire.
Consultation ends 26th March 2026.
9. Financial Administration a. Appendix C. Payments proposed : Cllr. Simon Hooker, Seconded :
Cllr. Penny Gardner.
Precept payment of £6,850.00 received.
- Financial Report: Appendix D.
- Grant Applications: Radway Cricket Club: - The grant application has been withdrawn.
10. Other reports and items for future agendas: None
11. Dates of Future Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm:
2026: 23rd July, 17th Sept, 19th November.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

Appendix A. Cllr. Chris Mills.

County Councillor Report

Radway Parish Council Meeting 28th May 2026

Raising of threat level to severe

The Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board are sharing this statement from Warwickshire Police on the raising of the terrorism threat level to severe.

Deputy Chief Constable, Ben Smith said:

“You will have seen in the news that the UK terrorism threat level has been increased from substantial to severe – meaning an attack in the UK is highly likely.

“This change comes following a series of recent incidents targeting Jewish communities in London, and our thoughts very much remain with all those impacted by these horrific attacks. “The raise in threat level will no doubt be a cause of significant concern. I therefore wanted to give some information and reassurance about what this means for us all here in Warwickshire.

“The change in the threat status is in response to those recent events and is a precautionary measure, not based on any specific threat.

“But we do all need to be vigilant.

“Warwickshire Police will continue to be visible in our communities, and will be working with partner agencies, local businesses, and faith groups to share information and advice on security, what to be on the look-out for and how to report any concerns.

“Communities defeat terrorism, and we are asking you, the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

“Your support is essential, and communities across the country continue to show they stand together against anyone who tries to divide them.”

If you do see anything that doesn't feel right, please report it via www.gov.uk/ACT. In an emergency, always call 999.

More information about what to do if you are concerned about the behaviour of someone close to you can be found on the <https://actearly.uk> website, including how to spot the signs of radicalisation and where to go for support.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/news/warwickshire/news/2026/may/raising-of-threat-level-to-severe--statement-from-deputy-chief-constable-ben-smith>

Strengthening local social care and health support

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has endorsed an £80.1 million plan to support residents to live healthier, more independent lives for longer. Find out more: The Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2026/27 continues to bring together NHS and council funding to make health and social care services in Warwickshire simpler to access, better coordinated and more focused on prevention.

Funding through the BCF directly supports older people, disabled residents and those with long-term or more complex health conditions by providing care and support closer to home.

This may include:

Help to remain independent at home for longer

Faster, better-coordinated support when people return home from hospital

Adaptations to homes that make everyday living safer and easier

Joined-up local services so individuals don't have to repeat their story or navigate multiple organisations

By supporting people earlier and in the right setting, the funding also helps to reduce unnecessary hospital stays and avoid long term care where it's needed. <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7621/cabinet-endorses-80-million-plan-to-strengthen-local-social-care-and-health-support-in-warwickshire>

Enhancing school facilities in Warwickshire

£1.66 million in funding has been announced to deliver improvements to safeguarding, accessibility, and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision within Warwickshire's schools. A £1.66 million addition to the 2026/2027 Education Capital Programme was approved at the latest meeting of Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet.

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The funding will be used to deliver improvements to safeguarding, accessibility, and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision, with a significant focus on reducing travel times for vulnerable students. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7626/significant-investment-agreed-to-enhance-school-facilities-and-specialist-education-provision>

Warwickshire SEND newsletter

The latest Warwickshire SEND newsletter is out now.

This month's edition includes updates on the new ADHD and Autism policy for Coventry and Warwickshire, and information on the support available for families waiting for ADHD assessments.

Read more: <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/send-may26-8833079?e=5782bec683>

Support available for families awaiting ADHD assessments

Parents and carers in Warwickshire whose children or young people are waiting for an ADHD assessment are being reminded that help and support are available without the need for a formal diagnosis. Warwickshire County Council and partners recognise that waiting for an assessment can be a stressful and uncertain time for families. Work is continuing across the county to improve waiting times, with partners committed to making progress as quickly as possible. In the meantime, families do not have to wait for an assessment or diagnosis for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), to access support. A wide range of advice, guidance and practical help is available, including: **Family Support**

- **Children and Family Centres** offer flexible support for families with young people aged 0-19 (or up to 25 years with additional needs).
- **IMPACT SEND Youth Forum** provides an opportunity for young people aged 13-25 years with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) to have their say and influence support in Warwickshire.

Advice and Signposting

- **Warwickshire Local Offer** - Here you'll find help, advice and information about the services available to support children and young people with SEND, from birth to age 25.
- **Warwickshire SENDIAS** - provides independent advice and support around various topics relating to SEND for children and young people aged 0-25 living in Warwickshire and their parents or carers.
- **Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice (WPCV)** - is an independent, parent carer led organisation for anyone with a child or children with SEND aged 0-25. WPCV ensure parent carers are involved when designing services for children, young people and their families.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7628/support-available-for-families-awaiting-adhd-assessments-in-warwickshire->

Cost of living webpages

Are you struggling with the increasing cost of living? Signposting and support is available here:

<https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/> For more information, visit the **Crisis and Resilience Fund pages** or call 0800

4081448 or 01926 359182.

Personal Assistant recruitment

Do you have the skills to be a personal assistant in the care industry?

Carers come from all ages and backgrounds, bringing unique experiences.

Check out jobs near you: Including Kenilworth, Leamington Spa, Shipston-on-Stour, Southam, Stratford and Warwick. https://www.penderelstrust.org.uk/rcrPA16.php?recruitment_region=West+Midlands

Child car seat check events

A new series of free child car seat check events are taking place across the county over the coming weeks.

All events are free, drop-in, and there is no need to book. Each session will run from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the following locations:

Thursday 28 May – ASDA Leamington Spa, Chesterton Drive, Sydenham, CV31 1YD.

Friday 29 May – Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgeway, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6YX.

Tuesday 16 June – Tesco Warwick, Emscote Road, Warwick, CV34 5QJ.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7643/free-child-car-seat-check-events-returning-across-warwickshire>

Funded motorcycle training gives riders a safer start

Warwickshire Road Safety Education Team, in collaboration with the Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency, is supporting new riders in Warwickshire to build safer riding habits. Learners gain an understanding of the Highway

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Code, how to anticipate the actions of other road users, and how to identify and respond to hazards early. Local trainers reported that learners arrived more confident, more aware of hazards and better prepared for practical riding.

Find out more about accessing RideFree Training: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7647/funded-motorcycle-training-gives-riders-a-safer-start>

Emergency contacts

Do you know who to contact in an emergency?

You can find your key contacts near you on the Warwickshire Resilience Forum website. Risks being: Industrial Accidents & Major fires, Cyber Attacks, Emerging Infectious Diseases, Extreme Cold Weather, Heatwave & Drought, Animal Disease, Loss of Gas or Electricity, Malicious Attacks, Pandemics and Flooding. Pick a risk and pop in your postcode at <https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/emergency-contacts/>, and find out who's here to help where you are.

Chris Mills

County Councillor

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Appendix B. Cllr. Malcolm Littlewood.

Ward Report and Ward Member Annual Report – Tysoe Ward.

Ward Report covering April 2026

Health screening events across Stratford District

Stratford-on-Avon District Council has joined together with the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT) to offer a series of health screening events for both men and women across the District.

The tests on offer cost £14 each, subsidised by the District Council and are:

- For men over 40 - PSA (Prostate Screening)
- For men and women aged 18 and over - diabetes and cholesterol

The next event takes place on Saturday 9th May at The Graham Adams Centre, Saint James Road, Southam, CV47 0LY

The accessible sport of padel coming to Stratford Leisure Centre

Everyone Active is partnering with padel centre operator PadelStars to construct the courts at the centre, which is run by award-winning operator Everyone Active and Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

The new padel courts will sit next to the existing outdoor courts, replacing the 2G Multi-Use Games Area. Customers will have access to three football courts and three padel courts by the end of the project. There will be two doubles courts for padel and one singles court.

Construction begins toward the end of May, with courts for matches and training expected to open by June.

Free memberships for people with Parkinson's in Stratford-on-Avon District

Free gym memberships are being offered by local leisure centres to people living with Parkinson's.

Stratford Leisure Centre, Southam Leisure Centre, Shipston Leisure Centre, Studley Leisure Centre and The Greig Leisure Centre in Alcester, run by award-winning operator Everyone Active in partnership with Stratford-on-Avon District Council, offer the initiative co-designed with the charity Parkinson's UK.

Now in its fifth year, the Everyone Active and Parkinson's UK free membership provides access to gym, swim and group exercise classes, as well as online Synergy Dance classes.

A free membership will also be given to up to three carers to provide additional support if needed.

Currently, Everyone Active supports 96 individuals in Stratford-on-Avon District with Parkinson's.

World Parkinson's Day, which took place on Saturday 11 April 2026, raises awareness of the progressive neurological condition that currently has no cure.

Parkinson's affects around 145,000 people in the UK and there are more than 40 symptoms, from tremor and pain to anxiety.

Being physically active can play an important role in living well with Parkinson's. Those living with the condition can find various activities, such as swimming, walking and dance, beneficial in managing their symptoms.

Clinical waste disposal

We are seeing an increase in **needles and other clinical sharps** being found in recycling and household waste bins. This is dangerous and puts residents and waste crews at risk.

Any clinical sharps such as needles, syringes and prick sticks boxed up to 1 litre can be taken pharmacies across the District.

Sharps boxes over 1 litre should be returned to your doctor's surgery.

By-election in the adjoining Ward of Bishops Itchington, Fenny Compton and Napton

For information purposes with the resignation of Cllr. Nigel Rock (LibDem) due to ill health the local by-election will take place on the 7th May. This will not have any direct effect on your Parishes but depending upon the outcome could change the political balance within SDC and change the membership of the working committees, especially for the minor parties and independent members. Good luck to all candidates.

Ward Member Annual Report

Is it already another year gone by, and what a year for Stratford on Avon District Council. My focus as Ward member has and always been on residents. I have been active supporting residents in their problems with Planning, Housing Associations, Severn Trent Water, and Highways (potholes etc.). I have attended as many Parish Council and Parish Meetings as I have been able to, in line with my Role and Responsibilities as your Ward Member. For those interested a full description of the role and responsibility of a District Councillor can be read at [Ward Councillor](#).

After the General Election in 2024, the new Labour Government started a range of democracy changes including Local Government reform abolishing County, District, and Borough Councils replacing them with Unitary Authorities (UA's). At the moment, these changes are planned to take effect after the next elections for the current Authorities in May 2027.

When SDC is abolished, a new shadow authority will be established. Wards are likely to disappear, and the old County Divisions, or close to those boundaries, replace them. This would reduce democratic representation significantly, so I think it is likely that the 'new divisions will

have two councillors, but this is yet to be determined. For Town and Parish Councils this will mean little change.

This change coincides with the need to produce a new Local Plan which was started before 2023 by SDC and Warwick District Council; known as the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP). The SWLP is now almost ready to be agreed and move to Regulation-19 by the end of 2026; the major step in its progress to planning and development policy. Sadly, in December of last year the current Local Plan – the Core Strategy – was found to be not fully up to date because an Inspector found that SDC’s Housing Land Supply was only 2.7 years and not the required 5 years.

This means that local communities have come under increasing pressure from housing developers who wish to build in our rural communities because of the higher housing value and increased profitability. Rural communities need housing to meet local needs, but these are not the dwellings that developers want to build necessarily. To help rural communities protect their settlements, I successfully put down a motion (seconded by Cllr. Anne Parry Wellesbourne North and Rural) to provide funding for Town and Parish Councils to bring up to date existing Neighbourhood Development Plans and help to fund new NDP’s. When ‘made’ an NDP has equal planning weight with the Local Plan and forms part of local planning policy.

At the same time as introducing Planning and Local Government Reform, the Government has required the new UA’s to come together to form Mayoral Strategic Authorities with populations around 500,000 with mayors. Strategic Authorities will take on the role of Police Authority, Fire Authority, and Highways and receive additional funding it is promised. The new Mayoral Strategic Authorities are supposed to geographically match with Police and NHS organisations, whilst at the same time looking to reduce the number of Police authorities significantly, so this latter responsibility is proving almost impossible to incorporate into strategy planning!

Our Ward has seen significant planning applications. Here are a few of the current proposals:

- 1,150 houses off Fell Mill Lane Honington
- Solar Farm proposal off Fell Mill Lane Honington
- Travelling Snowpersons’ Site proposal Pillerton Priors/Hersey

I will continue to represent all residents in the Ward to the best of my ability, and remain available to help, signpost and advise as well as I am able.

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Appendix C.

Financial Administration

Bank Balances at 30th April 2026

Deposit Account:	£ 26,418.35
Current Account:	£ 9.85
Total Balance:	£ 26,428.20

Payments made since the last meeting:	£ 3,050.08
Income received since the last meeting:	£ 6,997.31
Payments outstanding since last meeting:	£ 0.00

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

Radway Village Hall Inv 10 th April 2026 (29 th March & 28 th May)	£ 40.00
Zurich Insurance (1.6.2026 – 31.5.2027) Inv 554849895	£ 757.04
WALC Subscription 2026 Inv 1855	£ 157.60
Accounting Data Services (Newsletter Inc 10398)	£ 31.68
Sevenside Defibs & Training Ltd (Replacement pads)	£ 67.20
Clerk's Salary: May 2026	£ 377.44
Clerk's Salary: June 2026	£ 377.44
WCC Pension contribution May 2026	£ 89.00
WCC Pension contribution June 2026	£ 89.00
Working from Home Allowance May & June 2026	£ 52.00
Clerk's expenses –	£ 13.35

Invoices paid by Delegated Powers since last meeting:

Mark Tompkins: Invoice dated 2.4.2026: Strimming	£ 123.75
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Excel Spreadsheet detailing income and expenditure to 30th April 2026

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Appendix (C). Financial Report for Meeting 28th May 2026

RADWAY PARISH COUNCIL 2024 - 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

28 April 2026

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Precept	£6,850.00	£12,793.00
Bank Interest	£8.95	£300.00
SDC Council Tax Support Grant	£0.00	£0.00
Other Income	£0.00	£385.00
VAT Reimbursement	£0.00	£800.00
Community Grants	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£6,858.95	£14,278.00

Administration

Staff costs:

Staff Costs: Salary, NI, PAYE	(£430.99)	£3,800.00
Staff Pension: Employee & Employer Contributions	(£81.61)	£760.00
HMRC NDDS (This is not in the current budget Sho	£0.00	£200.00
Administration Expenses	(£30.25)	£412.00
Bank Charges	£0.00	£412.00
Audit Fees	(£350.00)	£650.00
Data Protection	£0.00	£35.00
Election Fees	£0.00	£0.00
Councillor Training	£0.00	£250.00
Subscriptions (WALC)	£0.00	£150.00
Insurance	£0.00	£750.00
Total Administration	(£892.85)	£7,419.00

Village Maintenance

WCC Street Light Maintenance	£0.00	£110.00
Maintenance Budget (Street Furniture)	£0.00	£200.00
Defibrillator	£0.00	£50.00
F N Pile Mower Service	£0.00	£500.00
Grass Cutting (& Flower Tubs)	(£123.75)	£1,400.00
NPower Electricity for Street Lights	(£92.05)	£1,200.00
Total Village Maintenance	(£215.80)	£3,560.00

Hall Hire & Playground

Hall Hire	£0.00	£110.00
Play Area Annual Inspection	£0.00	£190.00
Chambers Trust - Recreation Ground - Rental	£0.00	£250.00
Recreation Area Maintenance: Equipment & Grounds Maintenance	£0.00	£1,000.00
Total Hall Hire & Playground	£0.00	£1,550.00

Communications & IT Expenditure

Website	£0.00	£250.00
Newsletter / Information Sheet	£0.00	£320.00
Total Communications & IT Expenditure	£0.00	£570.00

Miscellaneous

Grants	£0.00	£750.00
Community Projects	(£402.00)	£716.00
Christmas Trees	£0.00	£125.00
Total Miscellaneous	(£402.00)	£1,591.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS

(£1,510.65)	£14,690.00
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Closing Period Bank Balances As At:

28 April 2026

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