

# RADWAY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Radway Parish Council, Radway Village Hall, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

### 1. Apologies :

- a. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr. Clare Rankin, Cllr. Tim Smith-Vincent, Puffin Pocock.
- b. To consider acceptance of apologies. Apologies were accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Simon Hooker, Seconded: Cllr. Penny Gardner.

Present: Cllr. Simon Hooker (Chair), Cllr. Penny Gardner (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Colin Mathews. Cllr. Chris Mills, Cllr. Malcolm Littlewood. Clerk (Helen Hide-Wright). 1 members of the public, Cllr. Amanda Venables from Tysoe Parish Council (regarding Committee hearing for Applecross Farm).

### 2. Declarations of interests and consideration of dispensation requests: None.

### 3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting:

- Extraordinary Meeting 18 December 2024. Proposed: Cllr. Simon Hooker, Seconded: Cllr. Penny Gardner . Signed and dated by Cllr. Simon Hooker.

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

### 5. Public participation: None.

### 6. Councillor reports:

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

- Budget & Finance: Account balances were confirmed as checked. The recent VAT reclaim of £2,412.97 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 has been received into the Deposit account.
- Website/IT: A training manual is being developed in order that the PC can maintain the website.
- Benches on the Green and recreation ground: Orbit Homes has committed to replace the bench they took in error.
- Flooding: There have been further flooding issues. Some of the drains have been cleared, improving the drainage. Highways concluded that the drains were unable to cope with the volume of water. The recommendation is to keep the drains clear to maximise drainage. **ACTION: Cllr. Simon Hooker to report drains that require cleaning to the County Highways Engineer**
- Radway Information Booklet: The review has concluded.
- Lighting from MOD Kineton: A resident has reported problems with a newly installed light on the MOD camp which is shining 24-hours a day into residential properties in Radway. The PC has been in contact with the Camp and is seeking further information. **ACTION: Cllr. Chris Mills will raise the matter in the forthcoming meeting with personnel from the Camp.**

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

- Update on King John's Lane. After a delay due to weather conditions, the project is due to commence in the Spring.

- Update on grant application/s and grant funding. Funding continues to be sought.
  - Street Lighting: 7 of the 9 lights are working. Of the 2 lights that are out of service, one is not connected to power, the second light is rotten and not fit to attach cables to. The PC is investigating ownership of the pole with a view to its replacement. There are further issues regarding the cost of connecting power to the pole. **ACTION: RPC to investigate costs to install a replacement pole.**
- (iii) Cllr Rankin (Playground Inspections & Crime Prevention): A written report was read to the meeting:
- Playground inspection ongoing. Reports will be sent to the Clerk. Following the annual inspection report a couple of items may need addressing. They are not urgent and will be reviewed in February.
  - There is a Police/Councillor meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
  - Following a number of crimes in the local area, advice will be sought on coping with the issues.
  - Cllr. Rankin attended the zoom meeting with the police and crime commissioner re budget consultation. The notice of the consultation has been posted onto the noticeboard and completed by the PC. Cllr Gardner (Parish Council Policies, GDPR and Green Issues): The annual review of policies has commenced.
- (iv) Cllr Smith-Vincent (Highways): In a written report it was confirmed that the potholes that had been reported have been repaired.
- a. Reports from Ward Representatives of Warwickshire County Council (WCC): Chris Mills and Stratford District Council (SDC): Malcolm Littlewood Appendix A.

At a public meeting on Friday 10 January, Izzi Seccombe, leader of Warwickshire County Council took the decision to respond to Government in respect of preparedness to move forward with local government reforms. Following receipt of various correspondences on the subject and in person representation at the meeting, Izzi said:

"Taking all things into account and thinking about the longer term interests of Warwickshire and the need for us to be in a position to shape our future and not be done to, I am approving the resolution set out in the papers; that I, as the Leader of the Council respond to the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution signalling the County Council's willingness to be considered for delivering local government reorganisation and devolution to the Government's ambitious timeframe and recognising that, as a consequence, the Government may decide that it is necessary to postpone the May 2025 County Council elections.

## 7. Planning Applications

- (a) SDC Planning decisions since our last meeting: None
- (b) SDC Planning applications: Application(s) reference: 24/03232/FUL

Proposed : External wall insulation to the rear extension, roof replacement to the main terrace and extension with re-render to match existing, and solar PVs to the roof (part retrospective).

At : 3 The Green, Radway, Warwick, CV35 0UG

RPC Comment: No Representation. Proposed: Cllr. Colin Mathews, Seconded: Cllr. Simon Hooker. Signed and dated by Cllr. Simon Hooker.

Notification from Stratford District Council, allowing RPC to attend the SDC Committee Meeting which includes Applecross Farm 24/00009/FUL, arrived after the publication of the agenda for the meeting. It was concluded that a postponement of the Committee meeting would be sought in order to prepare.

(c) Planning Comments submitted by RPC since our last meeting: None.

(d) Planning Notices:

SDC Planning Decisions: 24/02847/LPD: Orbit Homes: Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development.

8. Correspondence – South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Preferred Options consultation (10<sup>th</sup> Jan to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025).

NHS Coventry and Warwickshire ICB Launch Public Consultation on South Warwickshire Community Rehabilitation Beds (Monday 6th January 2025, to Friday 14th February 2025).

Consultation on removal of hospital beds from Ellen Badger Hospital, Shipston on Stour. (January 6th to February 14<sup>th</sup>).

Consultation details will be published in the Radway newsletter.

9. Financial Administration a. See Attached

a) Update to lighting inventory. The Clerk has advised National Grid of the newly installed LED lighting in Radway.

A VAT reclaim has been submitted to HMRC for the period 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

Payments. Proposed: Cllr. Simon Hooker, Seconded: Cllr. Penny Gardner.

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

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

20<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Possibly commencing at 7pm to accommodate annual meeting/s), 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.**

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Appendices for Meeting 16th January 2024

## Financial Administration

Bank Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Deposit Account:	£ 17,493.74
Current Account:	£ 1,535.66
Total Balance:	£ 19,029.40

Payments made since the last meeting:	£ 16,301.04
Income received since the last meeting:	£ 56.28
Payments outstanding since last meeting:	£ 0.00

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

Accounting Data Services (February Newsletter)	£ 31.68
Zanna Consultancy & Design Inv 0291	£ 93.75
Radway Village Hall (Mtg 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025)	£ 14.00
Clerk's Salary: Jan 2025	£ 325.44
Clerk's Salary: Feb 2025	£ 325.44
WCC Pension contribution Jan 2025	£ 86.23
WCC Pension contribution Feb 2025	£ 86.23
Working from Home Allowance Nov & Dec 2024	£ 52.00
Clerk's expenses –	£ 44.60
NPower Inv IN12257613 (Paid by Direct Debit)	£ 486.66

**Invoices issued: SDC: Maintenance of Graveyard**

**Excel Spreadsheet detailing income and expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Appendix A. County and District Councillor Reports.**

**County Councillor report Radway Parish Council Meeting 16th January 2025**

**Quit Smoking in 2025**

Make 2025 the year you quit!

There's never been a better time

FREE stop smoking support is available for everyone living or working in Warwickshire aged 12+ this new year. In 2019, there were an estimated 74,000 deaths in the UK attributed to smoking this was a 3% decrease from 2018.

Start your smoke free journey today <https://smokefreecw.co.uk/>

**Warwickshire welcomes new Safe Accommodation Strategy for victim-survivors of Domestic Abuse**

In line with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, Warwickshire County Council and its partners has launched its Safe Accommodation Strategy. The strategy highlights the provision in Warwickshire to provide a safe haven for victim-survivors over the next three years. Find out more: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5865/warwickshire-welcomes-new-safe-accommodation-strategy-for-victim-survivors-of-domestic-abuse](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5865/warwickshire-welcomes-new-safe-accommodation-strategy-for-victim-survivors-of-domestic-abuse)

**Energy bill support available this winter**

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme is distributing funding from the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund to support people who may be struggling with energy bills this winter.

The Household Support Fund can provide short-term financial assistance in the form of a one-off voucher payment to meet an immediate need and help those who are finding it hard to manage the cost of their energy bills.

This supplements ongoing emergency support from the [Local Welfare Scheme](#) for residents in financial crisis.

Families and households in Warwickshire can apply whether they use pre-payment meters, pay by direct debit or on receipt of a bill. Residents are invited to contact the Local Welfare Scheme team for a confidential discussion about their situation. Call 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182 or visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

Learn more: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5860/energy-bill-support-available-this-winter](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5860/energy-bill-support-available-this-winter)

**Measles vaccinations**

More than 3 million unvaccinated children are at risk of catching measles.

in England, make sure you and your child are up to date with a free NHS MMR vaccination. To check if you or your child has had the vaccine, ask at your GP surgery. Go to <http://nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

**Flu vaccinations**

Flu is very infectious and easily spreads.

It's important to get your winter flu vaccination if you're eligible. Getting vaccinated every year will top up your protection and reduce your risk of severe symptoms. Check your eligibility via <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/keep-warm-keep-well/>

**Be better prepared for extreme cold weather**

Take a few minutes to learn how to keep your home running smoothly in cold weather. Find out how to prevent pipes from freezing, and more top tips at [www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/risks/extreme-cold-weather/](http://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/risks/extreme-cold-weather/)

**Improving school experiences for neurodivergent children**

Neurodivergent children and young people in Warwickshire are set to benefit from a new pilot which aims to better support them in the classroom.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5801/new-initiative-to-improve-school-experiences-for-neurodivergent-children-in-warwickshire>

**Becoming a childminder**

Could becoming a childminder be your new year resolution? Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to consider a rewarding career change that allows them to make a real difference in the lives of young children: childminding Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5819/make-a-difference-in-2025-become-a-childminder->

**Cabinet approves Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029**

On Thursday 12 December, Warwickshire County Council approved the Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029, a comprehensive five-year plan designed to address key challenges in services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

**New Destination Work programme**

A groundbreaking new programme – Destination Work - has been launched in Warwickshire to deliver intensive employability and skills support to economically inactive people aged 25 and over. The programme will provide intensive support designed to engage some of the hardest-to-reach people in our communities. Find out more:

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<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5806/new-destination-work-programme-supporting-people-into-employment>

## **Leamington Town Vision**

The transformation of Leamington Spa's town centre has taken a step closer after the draft Leamington Town Centre Vision was approved by Warwickshire County Council's cabinet. The Vision is a high-level strategic document aimed at guiding the future regeneration of the town over the coming decade.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5818/warwickshire-county-council-endorses-ambitious-vision-for-leamington-spa-town-centre>

## **Unitary Authority**

The Government published a White Paper on 16<sup>th</sup> December proposing Unitary Authorities throughout the UK. Izzy Seccombe has written to Jim McMahon, Minister of State for Local Government to signal willingness to be considered for delivering local government reorganisation and devolution in keeping with the Government's ambitious timeframe and recognising that, consequently, the Government may decide it is necessary to postpone the May 2025 County Council elections.

We now await the Government's response which we anticipate by the end of January. When we receive that response, I hope it will be clear on timescales and next steps.

Regardless of whether Warwickshire is in the priority programme for Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation, it is clear that the next few years will bring significant change.

Chris Mills

County Councillor

Radway

## District Council Report December 2024/January 2025

### 1. Ellen Badger – Rehabilitation Beds – Consultation

There are two potential options that are being consulted on to ensure these beds remain accessible, effective and sustainable. The options are:

**Option A – Three sites:** Distribute all 35 beds across **three** sites: Ellen Badger Hospital, Leamington Spa Hospital, and Stratford Hospital.

This would reduce the number of beds currently at Stratford Hospital and Leamington Spa Hospital and return up to 12 beds to the Ellen Badger site.

**Option B – Two sites:** Provide all 35 beds at **two** sites, Leamington Spa Hospital and Stratford Hospital.

The wards would remain the same current size at Leamington Spa Hospital and Stratford Hospital and there would no longer be any beds at the Ellen Badger site.

The Trust prefers the second option, i.e. NOT having beds at the Ellen Badger.

SDC have reserved some £1.5M to support the project that included the provision of a GP practice and the Rehab beds. Neither provision is certain. At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting prior to Christmas 2024 I asked the Portfolio Holder for Development if planning permission was granted for a site for beds, would the lack of such provision require a change of use and as SDC had supported the project for beds and new GP facilities and if neither provision was to be implemented then would any grant funding be withdrawn and he assured me that it would.

The original proposal was that rehabilitation beds would be a 'halfway house' for those in Shipston and area before returning to self-sufficiency so easing the bed shortage in the acute care sector and would also provide care in the community. Removing this facility from Ellen Badger not only flies in the proposal but would particularly impact on local families having to travel from the Shipston area to either Stratford upon Avon or Leamington Rehabilitation hospital an almost impossible return journey by public transport.

I therefore urge Parish Councils to advertise the Consultation and help as many as possible to participate.

<https://www.happyhealthylives.uk/integrated-care-board/your-voice/current-consultations/south-warwickshire-community-hospital-rehabilitation-bed-consultation/consultation-document/>

The survey can be accessed here:

<https://surveys.qaresearch.co.uk/WebProd/Interview/8U3338DPK0TGSHSQ8U300ASAWPOCJOYK>

Midlands has appeared to have ruled that option out but the Northern Boroughs seem to be in favour as does the Leader of SDC.

If Warwickshire moves in the van of authorities to a non-mayoral Unitary Authority, it can design its own destiny rather than have won imposed that does not have the priorities of residents at its heart.

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## Appendix B. Financial Summary Report.

### RADWAY PARISH COUNCIL 2024 - 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

30 December 2024

	Actual	Budget
<b>Receipts</b>		
Precept	£12,793.00	£12,793.00
Bank Interest	£264.71	£300.00
SDC Council Tax Support Grant	£0.00	£0.00
Other Income	£350.00	£385.00
VAT Reimbursement	£1,248.02	£800.00
Community Grants	£3,000.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£17,655.73</b>	<b>£14,278.00</b>
<b>Administration</b>		
<b>Staff costs:</b>		
Staff Costs: Salary, NI, PAYE	(£2,685.50)	£3,800.00
Staff Pension: Employee & Employer Contributions	(£978.67)	£760.00
HMRC NDDS	£0.00	£200.00
Administration Expenses	(£379.04)	£412.00
Audit Fees	(£552.00)	£650.00
Data Protection	(£35.00)	£35.00
Election Fees	£0.00	£0.00
Councillor Training	£0.00	£250.00
Subscriptions (WALC)	(£146.00)	£150.00
Insurance	(£707.48)	£750.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>(£5,483.69)</b>	<b>£7,007.00</b>
<b>Village Maintenance</b>		
WCC Street Light Maintenance	£0.00	£110.00
Maintenance Budget (Street Furniture)	(£13,622.00)	£200.00
Defibrillator	(£80.94)	£50.00
F N Pile Mower Service	£0.00	£500.00
Grass Cutting (R W Manwaring)	(£1,732.58)	£1,400.00
NPower Electricity for Street Lights	(£1,267.53)	£1,200.00
<b>Total Village Maintenance</b>	<b>(£16,703.05)</b>	<b>£3,560.00</b>
<b>Hall Hire &amp; Playground</b>		
Hall Hire	(£70.00)	£110.00
Play Area Annual Inspection	(£205.71)	£190.00
Chambers Trust - Recreation Ground - Rental	£0.00	£250.00
Recreation Area Maintenance: Equipment & Grounds Maintenance	(£1,613.76)	£1,000.00
<b>Total Hall Hire &amp; Playground</b>	<b>(£1,889.47)</b>	<b>£1,550.00</b>
<b>Communications &amp; IT Expenditure</b>		
Website	(£597.33)	£250.00
Newsletter / Information Sheet	(£316.80)	£320.00
<b>Total Communications &amp; IT Expenditure</b>	<b>(£914.13)</b>	<b>£570.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Grants	(£441.22)	£750.00
Community Projects	(£3,600.00)	£716.00
Christmas Trees	(£130.00)	£125.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>(£4,171.22)</b>	<b>£1,591.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>(£29,161.56)</b>	<b>£14,278.00</b>

### Closing Period Bank Balances As At:

30 December 2024

Current Account	£1,535.66
Deposit Account	£17,493.74
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>	<b>£19,029.40</b>