

## PARISH OF RADNAGE

### A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 AT 8 PM (ONLINE VIA ZOOM)

**Present:** Councillors: Chairman Cllr Mr Robert Nikiel, Cllr Mr Tony Eden, Cllr Darren Ungless, Cllr Jez Lofts, County Cllr Carl Etholen, District Cllr Shade Adoh and Clerk Ms Lisa Stibbs.

There were 2 members of the public present from 20.00hrs.

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence received from Cllr Everton Merchant.

#### MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC SESSION

- There were 2 members of the public present for the meeting.

*There was a brief discussion on planning matters especially regarding new build at 22 Green Lane which has been commented on by residents. Cllr Etholen informed the Parish Council that he was aware that this had been reported to building control and that action, by way of a site visit, was expected. The Parish Council agreed that we would signpost members of the public to the planning portal if they want to register any similar objections in future. Also, it was asked if we could put the location of our Defibrillators onto the local noticeboards.*

#### MEETING REOPENED

#### 2. Coronavirus / Covid-19

Currently in full lockdown since 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Cllr Etholen forwarded the presentation from the latest County Councillor briefing. Updates on all Covid related news is available on the Radnage.net website, including information regarding latest testing centres locations, latest news on the vaccination rollout as well as the latest Covid infection cases in all areas in Buckinghamshire. All information and links are signposted on the website including a link for Stokenchurch Community transport who are able to assist Radnage residents with transport to the Town Hall for their vaccinations. Cllr Lofts has volunteered to be a vaccinator and he also mentioned the ZOE app for daily check in whether or not you have symptoms. This App also provides real time information regarding the number of cases in each area etc. Cllr Lofts will forward details of the App to the councillors.

**ACTION: JL**

#### 3. To receive any disclosure of pecuniary interests by Members relating to items on the agenda.

No disclosures received

#### 4. Acceptance and signing of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 via Zoom.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were approved as proposed by Cllr Lofts, seconded by Cllr Eden, and agreed by all as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed and dated the minutes in full view of those present.

#### 5. Report on progress on items in the previous minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council not otherwise included in this agenda. Nothing additional to report

#### 6. Planning

##### a) To note planning decisions:

- Case Ref: 20/06899/FUL - 4 Pitchers Cottages, Bennett End Road – **AMENDED APPLICATION** for: Householder application for demolition and replacement of the existing garage to form a side extension (extension for comments agreed to 11<sup>th</sup> December) Application Permitted
- Case Ref: 20/06861/FUL – Bluebell Cottage, Green End Road – Householder application for construction of detached garage. Application Permitted

##### b) To consider planning applications

- Case Ref: 20/08418/FUL -Bella Vista, City Road - Householder application for construction of two storey side extension, alterations to fenestrations and creation of in/out drive No Objections
- Case Ref: 20/08432/FUL – 11A Green Lane – Householder application for construction of replacement aluminium greenhouse on concrete footings No objections

As usual, Parish Council comments to include statement regarding preferred routes for construction / works vehicles.

c) Awaiting decision:

- Case Ref: 20/08091/FUL – Red Kite Farm, City Road -APPLICATION for: Conversion of existing barn to 2 bedroom residential dwelling with associated internal and external alterations
- Case Ref: 20/06322/FUL - Bowmore, Bottom Road - Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension with pitched roof and rooflights.
- Case Ref: 20/06861/FUL – Bluebell Cottage, Green End Road – Householder application for construction of detached garage.
- Case Ref: 20/07027/FUL - 27 Green Lane - Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, front porch extension and internal alterations.
- Case Ref: 20/07221/FUL – Land Opposite Radnage House, Green End Road – Application for partial conversion of existing stable barn to create first floor living accommodation incorporating 1 x 2 bedroom for staff of Radnage House Riding School with external alterations, installation of stairs to ground floor and alterations to existing roof including construction of new roof to existing stocks.

d) Planning Control – Stokenchurch Parish cases / Green Lane. Nothing to report.

## 7. Finance

a) To receive a report from the RFO

The Clerk had circulated the latest budget summary and no questions arose from this. Acceptance of it was proposed by Cllr Nikiel, seconded by Cllr Ungless, and agreed by all. As at 31st December the Business Account held a balance of £31,095.83 representing interest of £0.26 for the last month, and the Treasurers Account a balance of £27786.19.

b) To consider annual review of Budgetary Control (Bookings Clerk & Clerk)

This needs to be done before the next internal audit. Cllrs Nikiel and Merchant to check Budgetary Control with the Clerk. Date and place to be agreed.

**ACTION: RN, EM & CLERK**

c) The Clerk has emailed the Precept Request for 2021-22 to BCC (unchanged at £29032.00)

d) To review and confirm payments for January 2021 (Appendix 1).

The payments for January 2021 as previously circulated were approved as proposed by Cllr Nikiel, seconded by Cllr Eden and agreed by all.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## 8. Village Hall

To receive an update on Village Hall matters:

- Closed until further notice.
- Oil bund needs repairing but will need more work than originally expected. A builder will need to assess what additional work will need to be done. Cllr Lofts suggested this may be a good time to look at alternative heating if the costs of repairs were likely to be high. i.e Air Source Heating possibly. This could be viewed as a more sustainable/greener method. Cllr Lofts will look into options. **ACTION: JL**
- Driveway: Cllr Nikiel has been in touch with the company (AAA) who originally quoted and will chase up. **ACTION: RN**
- VH Management; As there is nothing happening with regards to the Village Hall, there is nothing further to report

## 9. Risk Assessment / Open Spaces

To review items needing attention.

a) Monthly inspection report on the Children's Playground; Cllr Ungless has checked the playground. Everything is OK. All items have been reviewed from last annual report

b) Children's Playground Signs: Look into reposting signs in the playground that were originally put up after reopening from the first lockdown.

**ACTION :CLERK**

c & d) Recreation Ground and Dog fouling;

Everything appears to be in order although one of the benches near the big gate will need replacing in the near future.

Dog Fouling: Situation appears to be improving. Poo bins are being emptied by Cllr Ungless. **ACTION: DU**

e) Burial ground report and update;

There are no problems here at present. The compost bin is two thirds full and will need to be emptied soon. As we share clearing it with the church, Cllr Nikiel will check whose turn it is to empty the bin **ACTION: RN**

f) Bus shelters and noticeboards:

Roof on the bus shelter in Green End Road is leaking. Cllr Ungless has asked for quotes for a replacement of the roof and the seat. Clearance around this bus shelter and the removal of Ivy and other plant growth will also help to reduce the damp. Cllr Ungless will have a closer inspection to see what work needs to be done and will assess how much

growth needs removing and ask Glyn for a quote. Cllr Ungless will also check if we need all the noticeboards. Bookshelves have been purchased (Chapel Bus stop) and there is a 'childrens corner' in the bus stop opposite the school. It was discussed that there could be some polite sign requesting that only books, boardgames and puzzles are donated to the bus shelter.

**ACTION: DU**

g) War Memorial;

Nothing to report. Cleaning to be looked at in the near future.

h) Chapel Pond;

Awaiting response from Tamsin. Cllr Nikiel to follow up.

**ACTION: RN**

j) The Common (access, use & parking)

No update was received as Cll Merchant was not present at the meeting.

**ACTION: RN & EM**

**10. Roles and Responsibilities.**

To agree councillor roles and responsibilities.

Cllr Nikiel will circulate a list to all the councillors.

**ACTION: RN/CLERK**

**11. Defibrillator**

A discussion was held as to the location of the defibrillators that we have in Radnage. Clerk will put on the noticeboards where they are located.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**12. Website and Facebook**

Information is being regularly posted on Facebook and website now.

**ACTION: ALL**

**13. Allotments & Pasture**

There is a new take up for the quarter plot and Green Lane Allotment clearance has mostly been completed but will need to be ploughed over. Clerk and Cllr Nikiel to go through the agreements we currently have on the allotments and grazing.

**ACTION: RN/CLERK**

**14. Buckinghamshire Council**

A reminder from Cllr Etholen that Grants for Businesses, December support closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. The Government have given £4.6 billion of lockdown grants to support business and jobs. Will need to make people aware of the support that is available. All details are available on the [grants.wyc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:grants.wyc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) website. Local Elections in May: Still awaiting updates as to whether or not they will go ahead as planned in May or be postponed until later in the year. The Government position is 'The Local Elections will still happen on the 6<sup>th</sup> May' Cllr Etholen and Cllr Adoh will be holding an 'open surgery on 26<sup>th</sup> January where residents can book a 10 minute slot and put forward any issues or concerns across on a 1-1 basis.

**15. Bledlow Ridge Recycling Centre**

Planning is going to appeal and are now awaiting results.

**16. MVAS**

MVAS working and in order. Cllr Lofts mentioned that the people from Radnage Stables were concerned about speeding along their road. Is there a possibility of moving the speed device nearer to the stables and have one on each side of the road? This isn't possible at the present time as Transport for Bucks authorise where they go and we would have to pay them to authorise this. Also discussed the possibility of TVP working with some volunteers to learn to use a radar to check for speeders. Check with TfB which signs we are allowed to put up, i.e Slow Down signs. It was also noted that CCTV is not a traffic calming measure but could allow people to identify speeders. However, the police would not be able to prosecute for speeding as there is no way to tell the speed the motorist is travelling at. Cllr Eden will order 100, 30mph signs and 30, 15mph signs (for Green Lane) at a cost of £1.70 each as part of RPC speed and safety prevention. These signs can be attached to resident's wheelie bins or posts around the village. The GLRA will discuss where along Green Lane to place their signs.

**ACTION: AE**

**17. Local Crime**

a) Fly Tipping: Nothing to report in the last month

b) CCTV / ANPR coverage of Radnage:

Tamsin has agreed to help with this and will discuss with Cllr Nikiel. Will need to look at the systems we have proposed in the past at the entrance into the village at City Road, coming in past Pophleys and possibly the other entrances into the village, Spriggs Alley, Bennet End Church and Hatch Lane.

**ACTION: RN**

**18. Clerks Matters – including late received correspondence.**

a) Wards Pond. Drainage of the road by Wards Pond needs attention. Particularly with all the wet weather recently. Clerk to speak to TfB about this and also The Radnage Common Road soakaway.

**ACTION: CLERK**

b) To note any correspondence received after the Agenda had been produced – nothing to report

c) Cllr Lofts is communicating with Airband with an aim to have Fibre to properties for all of Radnage. Airband have infrastructure to Pophleys Farm and Internet Plans should cost approximately £20 to £30 per month. Possibly RPC could run a survey for the residents of Radnage to see who would be interested in this idea. Broadband issues/ideas to be added to future Agendas.

**ACTION: CLERK/JL**

**19. Forthcoming Meetings and Attendees.**

'Open Surgery' 26<sup>th</sup> January with Cllr Etholen and Cllr Adoh

**20. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 8pm**, to be via Zoom (tba).

**PUBLIC SESSION** – (10 minutes in total) – Members of the public may be given a further opportunity to raise any matters of concern.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.10 hours.

Chairman's Signature: *R Nikiel*

Date: **10/2/21**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

Topic: RPC Monthly Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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