

PARISH OF RADNAGE

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON Thursday 16th November 2023 AT 8 PM AT RADNAGE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Chair, Cllr Darren Ungless, Vice Chair Cllr Jez Lofts, Cllr Keith Mathews, Cllr Cris Everett, Cty Cllrs Carl Etholen, Shade Adoh and Clerk Ms Lisa Stibbs.

There was a large number of members of the public present.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllr Hurrell and Cty Councillor Robert Carrington

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC SESSION (10 minutes total)

The Chairman agreed that the public session could be included in items 8 and 9

MEETING REOPENED

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

None received

3. Acceptance and signing of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th September 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2023 were approved as proposed by Cllr Mathews, seconded by Cllr Everett, and agreed by all as a true and accurate record. The Chairman, Cllr Ungless, signed and dated the minutes.

4. Project Updates:

Village Hall:

The Village Hall Car Park entrance/extra spaces are being used. However, this area is now churned with mud as it has been so wet. Cllr Ungless will seek quotes for some scalps/hardcore to be put down in this area to keep the ground stable. Cllr Ungless will also request quotes to have the lower branches of the conker trees cut back in order to free up more parking space in that area.

Roof Leaking – Clerk has tried several times to speak to Jason regarding the roof repair which we already have a quote for but has not had a reply. Cllr Ungless agreed to try to contact him as well.

Paul from APS Plumbing has fixed the flush in the disabled toilet but does not want to be involved with the moving of pipework in the roof and increase lagging to prevent pipes freezing again. We had a different boiler engineer out to fix the boiler on 4th November, Robert Webb who has said that he will supply a quote for this work.

The posts blocking the entrance to the field need draining. The wood expands and they are then difficult to remove/put back. This will be an ongoing problem as currently the weather is so wet.

The lighting on the driveway has been carried forward from previous meeting and will be looked into further after our budget meeting later this month.

Clerk has arranged for a Fire Risk Assessment for the village hall as the previous company have never supplied one. Date TBC but will be early December. Clerk will also check what work needs to be done regarding Disabled emergency exits in the main hall and small hall.

Terms of Hire and costs at the Village Hall need to be re assessed for the New Year. Clerk will discuss further at Budget Precept meeting.

The Defibrillator at the village hall has had new pads and is working. This will need to be checked regularly.

Playground, Play Area:

The new benches on the playing field need to be moved to the playground but will need to be taken over by trailer and it was agreed that the ground is too wet to drive over at the moment so will be postponed until the Spring.

The Annual Playground inspection by The Play Inspection Company has taken place in October. Two items of play equipment were highlighted as medium risk – The main bar on the swings and the circular swing on the Playfort. Cllr Ungless will look at these. Clerk will liaise with Sovereign to do the future inspections as they are offering a good deal. Cllr Ungless has done the monthly check and has nothing to report

Cllr Ungless will look at Disabled access onto the playground to ensure there is enough space for wheelchair access. This has been carried over from the last meeting.

Recreation Ground

Dog Waste Bins - Clerk to contact Bucks Council for another black wheelie bin as dog waste can now be collected in the black waste bins.

5. Planning

a) To note planning decisions:

- Case Ref: 23/06889/FUL – Bluebell Cottage, Green End Road – Application for: Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension **Application withdrawn Sep23**
- Case Ref: 23/06860/FUL – Rustlings, Bottle Square Lane – Application for: Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension **Application withdrawn Oct 23**
- Case Ref: 23/05274/FUL – The Old Rectory, Church Lane – Application For: Householder Application for insertion of 1 x window to east elevation and 3 x dormer windows to north in connection with creation of additional habitable accommodation in roof space. Construction of single storey extension to north. **Application permitted Oct23**
- Case Ref 23/05099/FUL – OS Parcel 8524, Bottom Road – Application for; Construction of single storey detached storage and tack room building **Application permitted Oct23**

b) To consider planning applications

- Case Ref: 23/07214/FUL – Sapperton, Green End Road – Application for: Householder application for proposed renovation of existing bungalow including new external render, window and door openings, new roof and roof tiles, new rooflights. Proposed photovoltaics to front facing roof pitch. New replacement garage and small adjustment to position on the site. New outbuilding construction to replace existing outbuildings.
- Case Ref: 23/07425/CLP - Shepherds Gate Green End Road, Radnage - Application for: Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of new single storey rear extension, new patio to rear and side of the house and new soakaway for surface water drainage

All of the above Planning Application(s) (section b) were considered and discussed by the Parish Council at this meeting. The comments from the Parish Council can be found on The Planning Portal <https://publicaccess.wycombe.gov.uk/>

c) Awaiting decision:

- Case Ref 23/05185/FUL – Boundary Farm, Sprigs Holly Lane – Application for: Construction of hay barn, stable and menage, all for equestrian use.
- Case Ref 23/05283/FUL – Boundary Farm, Sprigs Holly Lane – Application for; Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and construction of replacement detached dwellinghouse (alternative scheme to pp 21/08384/FUL)
- Case Ref: 23/06000/FUL – The Mash Inn, Horseshoe Road – Application for: Change of use of the existing restaurant with guest accommodation, associated single storey detached outbuilding and land (use class E(b) to form 1 x 5 bed detached dwelling together with parking, outbuilding and hard/soft landscaping to create residential amenity space (use class C3)
- Case Ref: 23/05895/FUL – Land between and to the Rear of Ashridge Farm Cottage and Barn, Green End Road – Application For: Temporary use of land for the siting of a mobile home, office and store (part retrospective)
- Case Ref: 23/06353/FUL – Land West of Bella Vista, City Road – Application For: Erection of horse stable and material store.
- Case Ref: 23/06663/FUL - Pophleys City Road Radnage - Application For: Householder application for erection of new outbuilding following demolition of 7 existing structures
- Case Ref: 23/06659/FUL – The Crown, City Road – Application for: Erection of extensions to the existing pub and letting use and use of car park for internet car sales for a temporary period of three years

d) Planning Control – including Stokenchurch Parish cases / Green Lane

6. Buckinghamshire Council

Radnage School -Road safety recommendations were discussed at County Council.

Recommendations: Feasibility Study. An Informal Consultation study would move to a Statutory consultation which could cost up to the region of £50k. Will need to look into funding for this (possibly match funding)

Signage for the road could be comparatively cheaper. Or road markings (Dragon's Teeth)

Cllrs could make a formal bid to Community Board for an Informal Consultation or for Signage. This could then be investigated further. There is a full board meeting on the 23rd November at 6.15pm at Princes Risborough. Action groups will give a report on that date.

A Housing Strategy Consultation opened on the 8th November. This is a draft strategy for comments and closes on the 18th December. This will ultimately be a Bucks Local Plan.

Bucks County Council also have a £1.8million support fund providing grants for food, welfare etc. Cty Cllr Etholen will forward a link to the Clerk regarding this.

Zero Tolerance for Utility Companies. Bucks County Council now have a zero tolerance policy for breaches in roadworks, particularly regarding length of time traffic lights are still in place after the work has been completed and the very high volume of work currently being carried out by Thames Wat

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 Hurrell, seconded by Cllr Ungless, and agreed by all. As at 31st October, the Business Account held a balance of £20,241.26 representing interest of £18.62 for the last month, and the Treasurers Account a balance of £17,925.38

- b) To review and confirm payments for October/November 2023 (Appendix 1).

The payments for October/November 2023 were approved as proposed by Cllr Ungless, seconded by Cllr Everett and agreed by all.

8. The Crown

Update The meeting was re-opened to the Public for this section as a special item. There was a brief discussion about Planning Application 23/06659/FUL. No decision has been made on this application at this time. Cllrs Ungless, Hurrell and Mathews will meet separate to this meeting to discuss further.

9. The Mash Inn

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10. Speeding/Road safety

Cllr Ungless is involved with Speedwatch initiative and will ask for volunteers to help with this in the New Year. Other points concerning speeding are covered under item 6.

11. Allotments & Pasture

Hedges inside allotments in Green Lane have been cut.

12. Grass and Hedgecutting Contract

Glynn cut the grass at the War Memorial and tidied the hedge. Greg Burge, on behalf of Radnage Royal British Legion made a fantastic job of tidying up the memorial area and painted the gate in his free time in time for Remembrance Sunday. The Councillors were very grateful for Gregs hard work.

Unfortunately, the road closure was not implemented (even though Bucks County had notified the road closure) and traffic went down City Road during the Remembrance Parade. Clerk will look into this to ensure that this does not happen again in the future.

13. Burial Ground

An inspection is now overdue at the burial ground. This will be done after the new Roles and Responsibilities list is completed.

14. Wards Pond

Overflow pond at Wards Pond will be dredged and the overhanging trees cut back. A quote from Village Tree Surgeons for £995 was agreed along with £440 digger hire and days labour. This was proposed by Cllr Lofts, seconded by Cllr Ungless and agreed by all. Clerk will contact Bucks County Council to clear the drain at Wards Pond. It was agreed by all that drainage there should be checked annually.

Clerks Matters – including late received correspondence.

- a) A new water meter for the village hall is needed as Thames Water have broken it while fixing the water leak there.

Clerk to contact Castle Water/Thames Water to ask for a new one.

- b) The projector is no longer working very well. It was agreed by all that the Parish Council would not replace it as it is hardly ever used now.

c) There was some confusion regarding the height barrier key at the village hall. The Clerk will ensure all hirers know how to open the height barrier in the future. The gate notices need to be moved to the inside gates from the main entrance. Clerk will do this.

- d) Pre Budget and Precept Meeting – Date was agreed for 22nd November at Radnage Village Hall at 7.30pm.

e) The Parish Council were asked to check the timer on the security lights at the village hall as Green Lane residents thought that they may be staying on too long. Cllr Ungless checked them and they appear to be fine. This will be monitored for any further complaints.

f) Cllr Lofts resignation. Unfortunately, Cllr Lofts tendered his resignation from The Parish Council at the end of this meeting. He has agreed to continue with the project at Wards Pond and the siting of the new Defibrillator that he has worked on up until now.

Cllr Ungless thanked him for the work he has done for the council and his work with the volunteers and his very positive contribution in a number of matters for Radnage Parish Council.

14. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of The Parish Council will be held Thursday 11th January 2024 at 8pm at Radnage Village Hall.

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

There was a request for the flag to be taken down at the hall which was noted. Cllr Ungless will action. Nothing further was discussed and the chairman closed the meeting at 21.20

Signed

Chairman: *Darren Ungless*

Date: 11th January 2024

Meeting dates for 2023

Wednesday 22nd November Budget and Precept meeting

Meeting dates for 2024

Thursday 11th January 2024

Thursday 14th March 2024

Thursday 9th May 2024 AMPC & PC meeting

Thursday 16th May 2024 AMP meeting

Thursday 11th July 2024

Thursday 12th September 2024

Thursday 14th November 2024