

# PARISH OF RADNAGE

## A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 AT 8 PM IN RADNAGE VILLAGE HALL

**Present: Councillors: Chairman Ms Elizabeth Fynn, Mrs Sue Jones, Mrs Helen Orchard, Mr Lew Perring and Mr Neil Raven and Clerk Mrs Gill MacKenzie.**

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

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Mr Robert Nikiel as a member of the public. Apologies had been received from Cllr Pitcher (ill health).

### **MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr Nikiel advised that he was interested in standing as a candidate for council at the forthcoming election and to observe the running of the meeting.

### **MEETING REOPENED**

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

Nil declarations were received.

### **3. Acceptance and signing of minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015.**

It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Orchard with all in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February be accepted as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed and dated the minutes.

### **4. Report on progress on items in the previous minutes not otherwise included in this agenda.**

No items were reported on.

### **5. Planning.**

The following planning applications were reported on:

- Bennett End Farm: Householder application for demolition, relocation and re-build of existing outbuilding (boiler house/store). There was no objection to this application.
- To note new application for Two Yews: Householder application for erection of detached double garage with hobbies/storage room in roofspace (alternative to pp-13/07438/FUL). There was no objection to this application.
- The Clerk advised that The Three Horseshoes planning application for the change of use from a Public House to create 1 x 5-bed detached dwelling, had not yet been decided on. However, she advised that The Three Horseshoes had been successfully nominated for inclusion on the List of Assets of Community Value that is maintained by Wycombe District Council.

In the event that the landlord wished to sell the land, they would be required to notify the council's Community Services section of this intention. The local community would then have an opportunity to express an interest in buying the land. In the event that an expression of interest being received within an initial six week period, a full six-month moratorium period would be triggered. During the six months the landlord would only be able to sell the property to a relevant community organization. They would not be under any obligation to accept offers made during

this time and at the end of the six months they would be free to sell on the open market. Full details about the Community Right to Bid and the List of Assets of Community Value were available from the council's website at

<http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/council-services/community-and-living/localism-and-the-big-society/community-rights/right-to-bid.aspx>

- Nutts Cottage: Householder application for erection of single storey rear extension to garage to form games room. No objection subject to assurance that there would be no breach in regulations concerning the increase in size to the floorspace.
- Jamaica House: Householder application for construction of single storey side extension (retrospective). No objection subject to technical assessment and consideration for immediate neighbours concerns.

## **6. Finance**

a) The Clerk reported that as at the end of February the Treasurers Account had a balance of £15,506.04 and the Business Account a balance of £29,966.39 representing £1.27 in interest. The monthly budget summary had been circulated raising no comments.

b) The payments for February 2015 were approved as proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Raven with all in favour. Cllrs Orchard and Perring undertook the signing of cheques.

## **Forthcoming Election.**

There was a brief discussion on the need to continue to encourage and enthuse the electorate to stand as candidates for the future council. It was reported that Mr Coggrave had agreed to be considered for nomination.

It was agreed to identify all the people already approached at a short closed session following this meeting to save duplication or potential embarrassment.

**ACTION: All**

The Clerk advised that she was planning to attend 2 meetings in the following week or so regarding election procedures and agreed to obtain clarification on some electoral related questions and to produce a simple time sheet.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## **8. Village Hall**

Cllr Jones reported that the replacement fire extinguishers had been ordered for a total sum of £250. They were due to be delivered and commissioned on Thursday 12 March 2015. The replacement electric extension leads had been purchased and installed in the Hall. Cllr Jones advised that the toilet refurbishment quotations were still awaited – the prospective builders had been chased for these.

**ACTION: SJ**

## **9. Radnage Charity (Poors Branch)**

Following some email correspondence with the Clerk of the Radnage Poors Charity Trustees asking for clarification of the process for appointing Parish Council representatives to serve as Trustees a response had advised that the present system dated back to 1961 with the Charity making recommendations to the Parish Council who support the appointment of individuals if they are considered to be 'suitable persons' to act as Trustees. It has also been advised that the Clerk to the Charity had written to the Charities Commission seeking advice and clarification to enable the Trustees to discuss the matter fully at their next meeting scheduled for early June. The Parish Council could therefore expect to receive the Charities full response in three months' time. In the meantime, the Clerk to the Charity had repeated his previous comments to re-elect Mr Guidery.

Councillors discussed the correspondence and it was agreed that the Charity should be able to assure the council that there was no legal responsibility involved in the council involvement and that the Charity be

asked to defer the nomination of a representative being elected until more information is provided in the promised full response in three months' time. The Clerk to the council was asked to respond to the Clerk to the Charity accordingly.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### **10. Open Spaces**

a) Cllr Raven reported that there had been no real change to previous Childrens Playground inspection reports. He asked the Clerk to advise which monthly reports were outstanding/missing from file.

**ACTION: Clerk**

b) Quotations and designs for the provision of seats/benches in the playground were reported on by Cllr Raven who recommended a company named Chic Teak who could supply 2 picnic tables (similar but differing in shape), which were being offered at a discounted price of £175 each, and 2 benches at a cost of £345.83 each (plus VAT) with free delivery, be accepted. It was thought that once received, Cllrs should consider some form of permanent fixings. It was proposed by Cllr Raven, seconded by Cllr Perring with all in favour to go ahead with the purchase from Chic Teak and that monies from the dedicated playground funds be used.

Cllr Raven advised that his investigations into the costs of updating signage in and around the playground were ongoing.

#### **11. Publicising Community Transport**

The Clerk advised that the postcards promoting the available Community Transport had been purchased and that these cards were going to be included in the April issue of Contact Magazine delivered to every household in Radnage. Lucy Green had also been given a small number to give to those whom she could identify from her survey of transport needs.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### **12. Clerks Matters – including late received correspondence.**

There was no late correspondence for consideration.

#### **13. Forthcoming Meetings and Attendees.**

It was pointed out that the council had not, to date, been advised in advance nor asked for a representative to attend Green Lane Residents meetings. It was noted that the council pays for 8 frontages onto Green Lane and that it was considered appropriate that the council be invited to attend in future. The Clerk was asked to let the committee know their wishes.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled for **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015** commencing at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr Nikiel advised that he was still interested in standing as a candidate for council and responded to Cllrs questions that he had been in the Wycombe area for the past 17 years with the last 2 years in Radnage. He lived on Green Lane.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:15 hours.

**Chairman's Signature:**

**Date:**

**Appendix 1**

**Payments approved:**

Cheque number 2755	SLCC membership £103.00
Cheque number 2756	Chiltern View magazines – Mar and Apr 2015 £72
Cheque number 2757	M P Ferguson Ltd – plumbing works £54.00
Cheque number 2758	Village Hall deposit return K Matthews £50
Cheque number 2759	Village Hall deposit return M Skidmore £50
Cheque number 2760	G MacKenzie –clerks salary and expenses for month of Feb 2015 £479.46
Cheque number 2761	Woodridge Cleaning Supplies £23.32
Cheque number 2762	The Print Shop – transport postcards £66.00
Cheque number 2763	HMRC – Tax due by 6 Apr £320.60
Cheque number 2764	S Jones – for purchase of replacement extension leads £10.88
Electronic transfer	Debbie White – Village Hall cleaning – February 2015 = £174
Electronic Transfer	J Wesolowski – VH cleaning and polishing floor – February 2015 = £40.00
Standing Order	C Eden – Village Hall Bookings Clerk – February 2015 £216
Direct Debit	Southern Electric monthly payment £68
Direct Debit	Sita UK - £tba