

**MINUTES OF AN MEETING OF RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM, RADLEY ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

**PRESENT:** J Standen (in the chair), Cr Crowley, Henderson, Howard, Johnston, Pasquire, Platts, D Standen.

**In attendance:** PCSO Clare Smallbone, 1 member of the public and the clerk

**171/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cr Platts

**172/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**DISPENSATIONS:** None requested.

**173/13 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

Mr Graham Steinsberg briefed the Council on SCRAP. The group's aims were to have station parking charges removed and it was opposed to parking restrictions in any form. Response to a petition had been very high and a dialogue had been opened with the Managing Director of First Great Western.

Councillors asked whether they might support parking restrictions for safety reasons.

The Council **RESOLVED** that it was happy to support the group's aims.

Standing Orders were suspended so that Police Matters could be discussed at this point.

**174/13 POLICE MATTERS:**

Cr D Standen suggested that it was unwise for the recent Neighbourhood Update to state that the police are undermanned in the area.

Councillors had noticed that cars had been ticketed and notices had been posted. PCSO Smallbone would try to start her shift earlier so that she could speak to drivers as they were parking. She was aware of the problem of cold callers on the mobile home parks and would like to make Pebble Hill a "Smartwater" site. She would make colleagues aware that metal thefts were an ongoing problem.

Councillors raised vandalism at Radley Lakes, illegal riding of motorbikes on Thrupp Lane and flytipping which was a particular problem on Thrupp, Sugworth and Sandford Lanes. PCSO Smallbone was encouraged to make use of the shop noticeboard and the village website.

**175/13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013:**

Corrections:

164/13b): Russell Matthews was no longer chairman of the *committee*.

164/14b): [Tarmac] stated that this would not increase the capacity of the plant but *made no mention of whether* this might increase production and would not make any contribution to mitigate the effects such as for road improvements.

The minutes were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chairman.

### **176/13 CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT:**

- (a) **POLICE MATTERS:**  
The Council received the December Neighbourhood update.
- (b) **PLANNING - ENFORCEMENT:**
  - (i) Foxborough Road: The Officer asked whether the Council considered it expedient for him to proceed with enforcement action.
  - (ii) Longmead Lake: No application had been submitted so the owner should remove the container.
- (c) **HIGHWAYS:**
  - (i) Bus shelter new end panels would be installed shortly.
  - (ii) Litter bins: The Vale was reluctant to add any more bins to the contract for the area and had suggested that the Council might review whether the existing ones were in the most useful locations.
  - (iii) Radley Station Parking: Correspondence had been passed to councillors. OCC had outlined the timetable if a consultation on parking restrictions were to proceed.
  - (iv) Recovery Vehicle parked on Foxborough Road: It appeared that this had been resolved and one of the neighbours had kindly undertaken to make good ruts.
  - (v) Sugworth Crescent: Letters to residents were drafted for sending out in the New Year.
  - (vi) Sandford Lane: It was **RESOLVED** that Radley and Kennington should write jointly to the Vale asking for litter and fly-tipping to be cleared.
- (d) **FINANCE:**
  - (i) Budget and Financial report: The CTRS grant and the tax base would be confirmed on 13<sup>th</sup> December.
  - (ii) Donations: The Football Club had not settled the bill with Radley College so the Council would pay £300 of the bill direct to Radley College. The clerk had explained that in future years if the Council was minded to make a donation, it would prefer to do in a manner which allowed VAT to be reclaimed.
- (e) **CONSERVATION:**
  - (i) Land at the Bowyer Arms: This was ongoing
  - (ii) Bylaw: The new byelaw was drafted and would be publicised it in the new year.
  - (iii) Litter bin, Foxborough Road: A new lid had been ordered and the Vale had reiterated to the street cleaning supervisor the importance of replacing lids properly.
- (f) **THRUPP LANE ISSUES:**
  - (i) Notice had been received through Friends of Radley Lakes notice that the Inquiry was to be held over two days on the 18 and 19 March 2014 at Abingdon Guildhall. The Council would ask to be registered as an interested party.

### **177/13 PLANNING MATTERS:**

- (a) **NEW APPLICATIONS:** None.
- (b) **OTHER APPLICATIONS:** None.
- (c) **VALE DECISIONS:**  
White Horse Tennis and Leisure Centre: Withdrawn: Cr Johnston assured the Council that the new application would take into account that County might put in a haul road from Thrupp Lane in the future.

### **178/13 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- (a) **PRECEPT:** It was proposed by Cr Crowley, seconded by Cr Tomlinson and the Council **RESOLVED** to set a precept for the 2014-15 year of £51,948. This would maintain the Band D council tax at £60.07 for the second year. Cr Johnston did not

take part in the vote.

(b) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

It was proposed by Cr Johnston, seconded by Cr Howard and **RESOLVED** that the Council should make payments as itemised:

765	Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	1,000.00	LG Act 1972 s142
766	South and Vale Carers	Donation	250.00	LG Act 1972 s142
767	Radley PCC (Radley News)	Donation	300.00	LG Act 1972 s137
768	Radley College (Donation to RYFC)	Donation	300.00	LG Act 1972 s137
769	Mrs J E Dymock	Net Salary (December)	1093.70	LG Act 1972 s112
		Village cleaner (January)		Litter Act 1983
		Mileage		LG Act 1972 s111
770	Mrs J E Dymock	Expenses (December)	50.00	LG Act 1972 s 111
771	HMRC	PAYE & NI	156.49	LG Act 1972 s112
772	OCC	Pension contributions	249.16	LG Act 1972 s112
773	Mr D Standen	Petrol expenses	11.83	LA (Members Allowances) England)Regs 2003
774	MRH Services	Demolish bus shelter	1337.18	LG (Misc. Provisions Act) 1953 s4
775	Bus Shelters Ltd	New shelter Pebble Hill	5075.51	“
		Shelter repair		
776	British Gas Business	Electricity supply pavilion	92.11	LG (Misc Provisions) 1976
777	ST Grounds Maintenance	Empty playground litter bin	50.00	“

**179/13 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

(a) **DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

- (i) Cr Johnston expected that the Vale would move two budgets and predicted that the majority party would propose no change to the Council Tax.
- (ii) The County was expected to move into Abbey House early in the New Year.
- (iii) A major rethink was expected of the developer's proposals for Botley

(b) **COUNTY COUNCIL:** Cr Johnston reported that:

- (i) Much work was going on on the budget and officers were costing the options at present and the cabinet's recommendations would go to the Council on February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- (ii) A draft Minerals and Waste strategy would go to the cabinet on January 28<sup>th</sup> and it was still on track to be in place by September 2015. It was felt that this was a sufficiently short time scale to pre-empt any speculative applications.

**180/13 HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

(a) **RADLEY STATION PARKING:** Dealt with above.

The Council would look carefully at any proposed parking measures that concerned

- safety.
- (b) **FOOTPATH CLOSURE:** Noted: Temporary Closure of Footpath/Cycleway – beneath the Kennington Roundabout (A423) – Southern Bypass, Oxford 6th January for an estimated 13 weeks.
  - (c) **BAGLEY WOODS ROAD:** Cr Johnston reported that the road was due to reopen at 12pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.
  - (d) **RADLEY RAIL BRIDGE:** The Clerk was asked to enquire whether there would be the opportunity to put in a temporary parking order on the bridge approach while Network Rail carries out changes to the parapet.

**181/13 THRUPP LANE ISSUES:**

- (a) **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC:** None
- (b) **PLANNING:** It was noted that the Coal yard had changed hands and the proposed uses might require Change of Use.
- (c) **RADLEY WETLANDS CENTRE:** Nothing further.
- (d) **MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN:** Above.

**182/13 CONSULTATION:** OCC School transport: The Council resolved that it could not comment as proposals no longer affected Radley.

**183/13 CORRESPONDENCE:** The Council noted items of correspondence.

- (a) **FOR ACTION**
  - (i) Oxfordshire European Structural Investment Fund Strategy consultation: Noted
- (b) **FOR INFORMATION:** The following was noted.
  - (i) Vale News - November 2013 (emailed)
  - (ii) Message from Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group: Public Meeting - 7 January 2014, 6.30pm, Oxford Town Hall:
  - (iii) Paul Sandford: Garden Cities of the C21
  - (iv) Community Governance Review
  - (v) Rural Services Network Weekly Email News Digest
  - (vi) OALC Members Update November/December (emailed)
  - (vii) Rural Communities:
  - (viii) TVERC newsletter - Winter 2013 (emailed)
  - (ix) SLCC News bulletin
  - (x) Oxfordshire PAT testing - certificate
  - (xi) ORCC: Community-Led Neighbourhood Planning Conference

**184/13 MATTERS FOR REPORT:** None

**185/13 CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

Signed.....Date.....  
(Chairman)