

RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Community Hall, Lewis Road, Radford Semele, on Monday 26th November 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr S Sabin (in the chair), Cllr D E Chater, Cllr B Friar, Cllr A T Hitchcox, Cllr A E Malin, Cllr Mrs J P Malin, Cllr H E J Marriott, Cllr Mrs N Northey and Cllr J Sudbury

In attendance: -

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr B Follett (holidays), WDC Cllr M Doody (indisposed) and WCC Cllr W Redford

2. **Declaration of interests:** None

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting on 29th October 2018**

The Minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr Marriott and seconded by Cllr Friar (subject to a small amendment to paragraph 6.4.)

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Council meeting on 29th October 2018**

1. The Clerk had prepared a draft letter to WCC Traffic Dept with proposals for traffic management in the Village. It was AGREED that the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Clerk would finalise the format of the letter which would have annexed to it sketch plans of the roads under consideration in the letter. Cllr Redford had volunteered to assist on the final drafting.

Action: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Redford & Clerk

2. There had been delay in this Council taking charge of the pump from The Lodge; it appears that this had been down to absence on holiday of the A C Lloyd operative concerned with that. It was AGREED that Cllr Marriott would approach the operative with a view to an uplift of the pump to Cllr Marriott's premises and he would raise with A C Lloyds the management of the hedgerow around the land formerly occupied by The Lodge. The Clerk also is to send an email to A C Lloyd Homes to focus their attention on this.

Action: Cllr Marriott & Clerk

3. Arrangements for the installation of the rubbish bin outside the shop were in hand.

4. Arrangements for the showing of two films at the Community Hall are in hand; the success/outcome of these showings to be monitored.

Action: Cllr Chater

5. **Warwickshire County Council – update report**

In the absence of WCC Cllr Redford, there was no report.

6. **Warwick District Council – update report**

In the absence of WDC Cllr Doody, it was reported that he had made enquiries into the caravan which has been parked for a long period in the lay by in the main road but had not made any progress. (Cllr Marriott had had a brief conversation with the occupant of the caravan) The matter is to be reviewed.

Action: Cllr Marriott & WDC Cllr Doody

7. **Financial Matters**

1. The Clerk had tabled a bank reconciliation statement; the balance on the investment account was £24,280.67 and the balance on the operating account was £24,641.45.

2. A number of payments were approved – proposed by Cllr Sudbury and seconded by Cllr Mrs Malin.
3. The cheques were duly were signed.
4. Cllr Chater, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke to a spreadsheet which the Finance Committee had prepared and which he had circulated prior to the meeting. It was RESOLVED that the figures in the spreadsheet be adopted, the budget forming part of the forthcoming precept application (including identification of the projects mentioned), an increase in the financial level of the Precept to take account of the significant increase in housing in the Village. It was further resolved that an additional element reflecting the RPI should not be included in the Precept application this year. This was proposed by Cllr Marriott and seconded by Cllr Northey. The Clerk is to prepare and file the Precept application accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

8. Correspondence

1. The Clerk had received confirmation from Dave Barber, Head of WDC Planning Dept, that he will talk to the Council on 28th January 2019; Cllr Sudbury volunteered to prepare a sheet of questions, observations and figures with which to challenge the Planning Dept. The questions are to be put to Mr Barber on his visit. **Action: Cllr Sudbury**
2. The Clerk had received a circular note from WALC concerning suicide bereavement support in Warwickshire; the report originated from Coleshill but was intended to be taken into account by local councils in Warwickshire.
3. The Clerk had received confirmation that getting the grit bin filled in Overtons Close was in hand. It was noted that there was a need to refill the grit bins at The Greswoldes and at the end of Lewis Road. **Action: Clerk**
4. The Chairman and the Clerk reported on correspondence with WCC concerning FORGE action on footpaths. The position was unsatisfactory and it appeared that WCC had assumed that the approach from FORGE was in conjunction with this Council.

9. Current Planning Matters

1. Communications have been received from WDC Planning in Sept stating that activity at 56 Southam Road did not constitute any planning breach and from WCC stating that they were investigating the title to the property to ascertain the correct boundary line between the property and the highway. It was AGREED that the Clerk should continue to pursue the matter. **Action: Clerk**
2. The Clerk had received a note from the Head of Planning Dept that he was looking into the case of 4 St Nicholas Terrace; it was noted from another matter that the case officer identified in the note has now left WDC. The Clerk will pursue this matter. **Action: Clerk**
3. 4 Williams Road – planning approval had been granted.
4. Further plans have been presented to WDC by Bovis; the current position is unsatisfactory and reconsideration of plans by the Planning Committee is being dealt with under post consent directions but it appears that Bovis are having considerable difficulty. The position is to be monitored.
5. The current application for The White Lion concerns reconstruction of the beer garden and the installation of a wall of significant height; an objection has been received by the adjoining property owner and objection on traffic grounds by WCC. It was AGREED that Cllr Mrs Malin would lodge an objection on behalf of this Council. **Action: Cllr Mrs Malin**
6. The application in respect of 57 Lewis Road was considered to be satisfactory.
7. A recent submission with reference to a site in The Valley has been received; the address is described as “Street Record”? It was AGREED that Cllr Sabin will resubmit on behalf of this Council the previous objection to the site. **Action: Cllr Sabin**

10. Update on Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Friar reported that the draft Plan had been reviewed on 4th November 2018 with assistance from the officer at WDC who is the case worker. Some modifications had been assisted with by Kirkwells. It is expected that the confirmed Plan will be presented in February 2019 for consultation with the public. The cost of this will be borne by WDC.

11. Review of Playing Field

1. Cllrs Sabin and Marriott reported there had been flooding a week or so ago which had been referred to this Council by a member of the public. Cllr Marriott had carried out ground works and had discovered leakage from the drain which runs across the Playing Field which was susceptible tree incursion and subsidence. In the long term it may be necessary to replace it. The present matter had been resolved.
2. Cllrs Marriott and Cllr Hitchcox had revisited the goal mouth and reinforced the new goal posts with concrete. The Clerk and Cllr Hitchcox confirmed correspondence with the Football Association concerning funding for the part cost of the goal posts (as previously discussed). The Clerk is to confirm to the FA that the matter can be concluded. **Action: Clerk**
3. In the absence of Cllr Follett there was no further development on the external play equipment by way of the e-facilities for adults.

12. Respect Public Footpaths Campaign

There was nothing to report and this matter is now to be left off the Agenda for future meetings.

13. Update on Scout Hut project

There was nothing to report.

14. Update report on Sports and Social Club Matters

Cllr A Malin had nothing to report.

15. Update report from Community Hall Committee

1. Cllr Chater said there had been an issue on insurance because of the need to tighten up on the conduct of children's parties. There had been incidences of organisers not taking into account that the requirements of underwriters these days are stricter than in the past.
2. An approach had been received by the Hall Committee for funding assistance to the Social Club for the installation of a disabled toilet which had been under discussion for some months. The estimated figure for the cost of £25,000 had been put forward although it could be this cost was on the high side. The position is to be monitored. **Action: Cllr Chater**

16. Update on School Matters

There was nothing to report.

17. Community Infrastructure Levy

There was nothing further to report pending the visit of Dave Barber on 28th January 2019.

18. A.C.V. for the White Lion Public House

The Clerk reported that the application to make The White Lion Public House the subject of an A.C.V. had been filed. There had been no further outcome on that and the Clerk tabled a copy of the application for the Chairman's file.

19. Any Other Business

1. The Chairman was pleased to report that this year's village Poppy Appeal had so far raised £2,040.52.
2. Cllr Marriott reported that he had had a further approach from Cllr Steve Palmer of Offchurch Parish Council about the lack of progress on considering the construction of a footpath between Offchurch and Radford Semele using the defunct railway viaduct over the canal. The point was made that without the cooperation (and probably financing) of British Rail, it was unlikely that any viable footpath could be achieved. Cllr Marriott emphasised that the core point is that the viaduct is unsafe and if it was to be used by pedestrians it would require considerable work to put it in a safe condition. It was AGREED that Cllr Marriott would respond to Cllr Palmer accordingly.

Action: Cllr Marriott

20. Date of next meeting: 28th January 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.39pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

Counter signed.....

Date.....

Clerk to the Parish Council