

## PARISH OF RADNAGE

### A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 AT 8 PM AT RADNAGE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Councillors: Chair, Cllr Darren Ungless, Cllr Keith Mathews, Cllr Cris Everett, Cty Cllr Robert Carrington, and Clerk Ms Lisa Stibbs.

There were six members of the public present.

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cty Cllrs Shade Adoh and Carl Etholen,

The Chairman, Cllr Darren Ungless proposed co-opting Aidan Hancock to the Council which was seconded by Cllr Mathews. Declaration and Acceptance of Office has been received by the Clerk and Cllr Hancock was welcomed on to The Parish Council.

#### MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC SESSION (10 minutes total)

The bus stops are becoming cluttered with book donations. The plan to refurbish them with shelves has been carried over to next financial year due to funds.

#### 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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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. D DAY 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Beacon Lighting 6<sup>th</sup> June / Fun Day 8<sup>th</sup> June

Budget was approved for this years event. Proposed Cllr Ungless, seconded Cllr Everett and agreed by all. A meeting will be held next week with Clerk, Cllr Ungless and other volunteers.

#### 5. Project Updates:

##### **Village Hall:**

Following an H & S Fire Safety inspection at the village hall, the Clerk has had the Pat testing done, Fire Extinguishers have been serviced and/or replaced and is now waiting for the emergency lighting check which will be completed in April. The boiler will be serviced next week and a new air vent/grill will be ordered. The other observations re general tidying up of the cupboards, will be dealt with over the next few months. A list of these jobs will be covered voluntarily by the Councillors and The Clerk

Clerk will chase Jason regarding the roof repairs which have been delayed due to poor weather as this still has not been done.

Cllr Ungless has volunteered to look at/clean the guttering and repair rubber seals on the doors at the village hall with the help of the other Councillors who have offered to volunteer.

Several hirers in recent weeks have not locked the gate after leaving the village hall. Clerk to remind hirers to lock the gates at the end of their hire.

Driveway before the main gates. Branches will need to be cut back to make parking easier. Volunteers are needed for this. The parking spaces are quite muddy as we have had some really wet weather. Hopefully this will ease off as the weather improves.

##### **Playground, Play Area:**

Cllr Ungless will source someone to repair the swing seats in the play area following our recent inspection.

An inspection has been carried out by Sovereign. There are a few issues notably to have a padlock on the big gate and a small hinged gate at the top of the playground.

Sovereign have also quoted Cllr Ungless for repairs to the Play Fort but this is still under warranty and should not cost anything.

Disabled access onto the playground will be carried over to the next meeting. A donation has been offered for a new picnic bench to be set up in the playground and will have a plaque in memory of. Clerk will look up the supplier of the picnic benches brought last year in order for Cllr Ungless to order one.

##### **Recreation Ground**

Clerk has ordered a second black wheelie bin which is due to be delivered by the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

All village hall bins need to be painted as they keep going missing. Blue bin also needs 'Glass, bottles, cans etc' painted on as it is being filled with other types of rubbish. Clerk will arrange for one of the dog bins to be replaced as it is rotten.

Cllr Ungless will obtain quote to close up the gap at the corner of the recreation ground to stop children and dogs just being able to run out onto Common Road.

## 6. Planning

### a) To note planning decisions:

- Case Ref: 23/07765/FUL – Aura, Green End Road – Application for: Variation of condition 2 (plan numbers) attached to 21/08731/VCDN (Demolition of existing building and erection of replacement dwelling (alternative scheme to PP 19/07406/FUL) to allow alterations to internal layout, external appearance and design of carports). **Application Permitted 24/1/24**
- Case Ref:23/06663/FUL - Pophleys City Road Radnage - Application For: Householder application for erection of new outbuilding following demolition of 7 existing structures **Application Permitted 29/2/24**

### b) To consider planning applications

- Case Ref: 23/08117/FUL – Ashridge Farm, Green End Road – Application for: Householder application for construction of triple carport.
- Case Ref:24/05327/FUL – Shepherds Gate, Green End Road – Application for: Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension and terrace
- Case Ref: 24/05304/FUL – 48 Green Lane – Application for: Householder application for proposed replacement of the front door, garage door and front windows (part retrospective)
- Case Ref: 24/05286/FUL – Ashridge Farm, Green End Road – Application for: Listed building application for removal of paint to two internal fireplaces

***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 manege, 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: 23/06659/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 – Nothing to report

## 7. Buckinghamshire Council

Cty Cllr Carrington reported that Hatch End/ Green End Road will have surfacing work done in June/July this year

## 8. 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 Ungless, seconded by Cllr Mathews, and agreed by all. As at 29<sup>th</sup> February, the Business Account held a balance of £15,327.94 representing interest of £20.28 for the last month, and the Treasurers Account a balance of £5,829.80

### b) To review and confirm payments for January/February 2024 (Appendix 1).

The payments for January/February 2024 were approved as proposed by Cllr Ungless, seconded by Cllr Everett and agreed by all.

### c) To formally agree on appointment of Internal Auditor for 2023/24 Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Ungless, seconded by Cllr Mathews and agreed by all that the Clerk would contact Lucy Stupples to act as our Internal Auditor for the Financial year 2023/24. Clerk has arranged Internal Audit to take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

## 9. 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 yet been made.

#### 10. The Mash Inn

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#### 11. Speeding/Road safety

Speedwatch Initiative Speed survey – still do not have a date for this survey so this will be carried forward to the next meeting.

#### 12. Allotments & Pasture

Renewals are due 1<sup>st</sup> April. Clerk in the process of renewing of Tenancies and will notify the Parish Councillors of any vacant plots. Some plots at City Allotments are overgrown again. Volunteers required to help tidy them up. Cllr Ungless to speak to the school to see if they still want to keep their allotment plot.

#### 13. War Memorial

Nothing to report this month. But a comment was made regarding loose chains in the public session.

#### 14. Burial Ground

Inspection carried forward to next meeting. Cllr Ungless will revise the Roles and Responsibilities list.

#### 15. Wards Pond

The agreed work on the dredging and tree cutting at Wards Pond has been delayed again due to bad weather. Cllr Ungless and former Councillor Jez will be visiting Wards Pond and speaking with the residents at Wards House to try to resolve their problems going forward.

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

- a) **Volunteer Updates** -3000 snow drops have been planted at the Green End Road pond. Well done to all volunteers but especially Jane and The WI.
- b) Solar panel Defibrilator Unit to be placed at Bennet End in the triangle but still awaiting delivery.(delayed solar panel box)
- c) Off lead dogs and concerned resident.
- d) Overgrown weeds and thistles in inside of Allotments at Chapel
- e) Bottom Road flooding. Ditch has been cleared and the road is clear currently. However, may well flood again in heavy rain.

#### 14. Date of Next Meeting:

**The next meeting of The Parish Council will be held Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 TBC at 8pm at Radnage Village Hall.**

Parish Councillors to check their availability for the above date and advise the Clerk if Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May is more suitable.

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

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the chains coming loose at War Memorial. Clerk will check this. A question was raised regarding whether the Defibrilator at the school was only available during the school day and whether it was worth having another one that was more accessible at that end of the village.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10hours

**Signed**

**Chairman:** *D Ungless*

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

#### **Meeting dates for 2024**

**Wednesday 8th May 2024 AMPC & PC meeting TBC**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 AMP meeting**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024**