

RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Community Hall, Lewis Road, Radford Semele, on Monday 21st May 2012 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr D E Chater (in the Chair, Cllr Mrs J A Edwards, Cllr Mrs J Loveridge, Cllr Mrs J P Malin and Cllr H E Marriott

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1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr A J Malin, Cllr K Pickford, Cllr J M Whitehead and WDC Cllr Michael Doody

2. **Minutes of the Council meeting on 30th April 2012**

2.1 Clause 11.3 of the Minutes to be amended to include reference to a grant of £100 to be made by the Parish Council for an event on the Jubilee Sunday – called ‘Jubilee Praise’.

2.2 Paragraph 2.2 of the Minutes to be amended to state a decision was made to purchase one inner bin for the Playing Field.

2.3 Paragraph 5.3 of the Minutes to be amended to state it was agreed that Cllr Chater would draft a Parish Plan to be distributed to interested parties for consultation.

Action: Cllr Chater

2.4 Paragraph 13.4 of the Minutes to be amended to state that a decision was made to purchase another dog bin.

Action: Cllr Chater

3. **Police Matters**

3.1 There was no input from the Police apart from newsletters in the form of emails received by all in accordance with usual practice..

4. **WCC & WDC Matters**

4.1 In the absence of WDC Cllr Doody, there was no report.

4.2 The Clerk had chased up reference to WCC for the installation of double yellow lines at the junctions of Southam Road with Lewis Road and School Lane respectively. He had been advised that the application was still on file but due to cutbacks this matter had been put back to the budget year 2012/13.

5. **Matters Arising**

5.1 Cllr Marriott observed that the pile of rubbish at the rear of Dunbar House had been moved away from the footpath. The Clerk had written to the occupier of Dunbar House and this was an immediate response to his letter. He also had a reply from the occupier stating that the occupier had commissioned his gardener to move the material to ‘one side’. It was not clear what was meant by that but the inference is that the occupier recognises that it should not be on the footpath.

5.2 The Chairman said he had not heard further on the question of the police attitude to use of the CCTV outside the Post Office following a recent incident; it was agreed this should be pursued. The Clerk is to write to the Police to enquire as to the justification for the attitude taken. **Action: Clerk**

5.3 The Chairman enquired as to the current position concerning The Lodge. The understanding was that A C Lloyd were going to chase it up. This matter is to be reviewed on a future Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

5.4 Cllr Chater reported that, of his acquisition of 36 Jubilee mugs, he distributed 32 amongst the School, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts. It was agreed that the remainder be available for purchase at a price of £6.50 each. **Action: Cllr Chater**

6. Finance and Accounts

6.1 The operating account at the Bank currently has a balance of approximately £10,000 and the business investment account has a balance of approximately £31,200.

6.2 The Council approved a number of payments including £7,239 to the suppliers of the new bus shelter (as per their quotation).

6.3 It was agreed that a schedule of donations should be prepared so that these could be considered by the Council at their meeting in September each year. **Action: Clerk**

7. Correspondence

7.1 The Clerk had received an email from a resident complaining that the new bus shelter was a waste of public money. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a suitable reply to the resident after consultation with the Chairman. **Action: Cllr Chater & Clerk**

7.2 The Clerk had received notice from Warwick Community Forum of their next meeting on Thursday 28th June 2012 at Baginton Village Hall.

7.3 The Clerk had received a kind letter from Mr and Mrs Morrell expressing appreciation of the new bus shelter. They suggested that it could be used to display notices about local affairs.

8. Noticeboard

In the absence of Cllr Whitehead, there was no report. The Clerk had received an order specification from Greenbarns (as expected). This had been commissioned by Cllr Whitehead.

9. Bus Shelter

9.1 Cllr Chater referred to the completion of the bus shelter and its seating. Windows of toughened glass had now been installed.

9.2 There was considerable discussion as to whether a second bus shelter should be contemplated. WDC Cllr Doody had stated there was a potential grant of £2,000 available for such a project (from the Eastern Area Forum).

9.3 A petition with approximately 100 signatures had been received by Cllr Pickford seeking the installation of a second bus shelter in the vicinity of Church Lane.

9.4 The major issue is whether the likely expenditure could be justified by the effective use of the bus shelter; the obvious use is by the children travelling to Southam School but this may not always be the case. Most travellers seeking bus transport from the Village are travelling in the other direction to Leamington.

9.5 It was agreed that Cllr Chater would examine the facts again and review the position in the light of the petition when the matter would be further discussed by the Council. This item is to be placed on the next Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

10. Telephone box

Cllr Marriott stated that pending better weather no action had been taken as yet. With the onset of better weather, it was expected that a team of volunteers would be gathered together to carry out the refurbishment work. This item is to be placed on the next Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

11. Website

In the absence of Cllr Walsh, there was no report. It was agreed to put off discussion to a time when she was present.

12. Report from the Planning Committee

In the absence of Cllr Walsh, there was no report.

13. Report from the Playing Field Committee

13.1 There was a discussion about the report from PC King highlighting the need for repair of certain items of equipment. There was also the suggestion that equipment suitable for older children should be installed.

13.2 Cllr Marriott spoke to the condition of the equipment and what needed to be done. It was agreed that this issue is to be taken up by Cllr Marriott and Cllr Whitehead, particularly by the latter in the event of physical work being required.

Action: Cllrs Marriott & Whitehead

14. Report from the Finance Committee

There was nothing to add to what was stated above.

15. Report from the Sports and Social Club Committee

In the absence of Cllr A. Malin, there was nothing to report.

16. Report from the Village Emergency Committee

Cllr Edwards reported that there was nothing to report.

17. Report from the Community Hall Committee

17.1 Cllr Loveridge reminded the Council that question of the changing facilities is in the course of being reviewed by Cllrs Chater and Whitehead.

17.2 She reminded the Council that on the 14th July 2012 the Gnome Olympics is to take place as a charity fund-raising event for the Village as a whole. The Gnome Race is to start from the Community Hall.

18. Report from the Youth Club

In the absence of Cllr Whitehead, there was nothing to report.

19. Report from the School Governors

In the absence of Cllr Pickford, there was no report.

20. Any Other Business

(a) The Clerk said it was important to elect a Deputy Chairman of the Council to act on a regular basis and stand in for the Chairman as and when necessary. It was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries of suitable candidates.

Action: Clerk

(b) A list of Committees and representatives on outside bodies had been tabled. This is the same as the last year's arrangements. It was agreed that this should continue for the forthcoming year.

(c) It was agreed that donations should be made to the Brownies and Rainbows of £100 for each and to the Scouts, a sum of £200. It was agreed that donations of £22 to the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and £29 to the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England should be made. These sums are in line with payments made in previous years.

(d) It was agreed that all Councillors are to complete and sign a fresh Declaration of Interest for the forthcoming year (in the line with the agreed policy from last year).

Action: Clerk

21. Date of next meeting: Monday 25th June 2012

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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Chairman of the Parish Council