



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 2nd May 2012

### Attendance

Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Present
Malcolm Brearley	Councillor	Present
Ross Clark	Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Not Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
David Thomas	Councillor	Not Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

### 1. Forum for Members of the Public

Three members of the public attended.

### 2. Election of Officers

Councillor Brearley was elected as Chairman, Councillor Aves as Vice-Chairman, Councillor Dunnett as Play Spaces Officer, Councillor Fielding as Rights of Way Officer, John Robinson as Parish Council representative at Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities and Councillors Harrison and Dunnett as Village Centre Officers. The position of Tree Officer will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

### 4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were reviewed and signed.

### 5 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

No payments were made during the previous month however a request for £2,000 of funding for the 24Acres project had been received. The Amenity Fund Committee were keen to provide some finance but asked for further information to be provided.

### 5 (2) County Councillor's Report

April started with a meeting of the Burwell Masterplan Working Party. This was another well-attended meeting, with many local people expressing a wide range of views on the future for Burwell. The meeting decided to instruct officers to further investigate 2 scenarios – a further 100 houses over the next 20 years or a further 350 houses.

The Appointments and Remuneration Committee met in April to confirm the temporary arrangement which sees Adrian Loades act as Executive Director for both Children and Young People and Adult Social Care for a period of 18 months. The Committee also agreed associated changes in responsibility for other Executive Directors.

### **5 (3) District Councillor's Report**

The building works at ECDC in Ely are progressing well.

ECDC has submitted a bid for £5M to deliver (a) a new wheeled bin recycling collection, including paper, glass, metal cans, plastics, cartons and cardboard to be collected fortnightly (b) a new wheeled bin collection for organics to include food and garden waste again to be collected fortnightly and (c) a fleet of new vehicles. Properties which cannot accommodate the new service will keep the existing service.

### **5 (4) Financial Report**

The Parish Council is in a financially stable situation and expects to increase its reserves during the current financial year.

### **5 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report**

No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

### **5 (6) Parish Council Members Meetings**

No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

### **5 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report**

**The Clerk** has yet to complete repairs to the rocking rooster.

### **5 (8) Rights of Way Report**

There was no report.

### **5 (9) Speedwatch**

There was no activity in the previous month. Four further volunteer have come forward making a total of six active members. **The Clerk** has organised training and it is hoped to conduct Speedwatch activity during May.

### **5 (10) Village Centre Committee Report**

The committee is very much focused on Reach Fair 2012.

### **5 (11) 24Acres Committee Report**

A draft lease has been received by the Parish Council and following negotiations a further draft will be provided by the NT. All is looking very positive at this time and the acquisition of funding is now underway.

## **6. Animal Intrusions into the Cemetery**

Fencing will be re-enforced by neighbours on one side of the cemetery but in a rural environment with muntjac deer around it was accepted that the cemetery cannot ever be entirely secure.

## **7. Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012**

The dates for the countrywide celebrations are from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The village will have a Garden Party which will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June starting at 2.00pm and finishing at around 7.00pm - food, drink and entertainment will be provided.

As part of this celebration, the Parish Council will take the opportunity to plant a Sweet Chestnut (*Castanea Sativa*) on the Fair Green which will take over from the current horse chestnut upon its demise. Within Reach magazine will cover the costs of procuring and planting the new tree.

In addition, an avenue of 60 lime trees will be planted on the Swaffham Prior road on its approach to Reach. Nick Acklam, who suggested this project and **the Clerk** are working together to make it happen. Planting will take place in October 2012.

## **8. Sewage Works Plans Update**

A new European Directive requires further sewage monitoring and Anglian Water have decided that pumping the wastewater from the current works in Reach to the larger site in Burwell is the most efficient and sustainable way to proceed. Work will start in June 2012 and will be completed in a 5/6 week period.

Whilst the sewage works at Reach will be closed Anglian Water still requires the site. **The Clerk** has asked a spokesman for Anglian Water to come along to a subsequent meeting to provide further details of what the site will eventually look like visually and what we can expect during the construction period.

**9. Trees on the Burwell Road**

A villager had expressed concerns regarding some trees on the Burwell Road which might prove a danger to houses and residents if they are not pruned. The trees are owned by Sanctuary Housing and **the Clerk** will get in touch with them expressing the villager's concerns and also asking what intentions they have for the land and asking them to tidy up the verge. **Councillor Alderson** has spoken to Highways regarding their responsibilities and will report back to the Clerk on their response.

**10. Planning Applications**

There were none.

**11. Information Items**

Councillor Brearley will represent the Parish Council at a new street light presentation.

The owners of the landing stage on the eastern side of the Hythe were identified and they have informed the Parish Council, that they intend to carry out repairs.

**12. Payments**

The Wildlife Trust	Annual Subscription	£36.00
D. Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing April 2012	£134.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6th June 2012 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website ([www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)).

Chairman:

Date: