



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 5th December 2012

Attendance

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

In the absence of Councillor Thomas, Councillor Aves chaired the meeting.

1. Forum for Members of the Public

No members of the public attended.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

No report provided.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report

No report provided.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

ECDC are taking a number of actions designed to minimise the impact of the Ash Dieback problem.

District Councillor Alderson's comments on new recycling proposals are contained within item 9.

It is proposed to introduce car parking charges in Ely with the first hour being free, 70p for 2 hours, £1.00 for 3 hours and £1.50 for 4 hours. There will now be a formal 12 week public consultation.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council is in a financially stable situation and expects to provide a surplus over the course of the financial year.

4 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report

No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

4 (6) Parish Council Members Meetings

No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

4 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

There was no activity to report.

4 (8) Rights of Way Report

The Clerk confirmed that letters to landowners who had been delinquent in cutting their hedges would be sent in the very near future,

Following concern being expressed that dog owners using Reach Wood were not properly disposing of their dog's excrement, the Clerk has ordered posters which will be positioned by **Councillor Fielding**.

4 (9) Speedwatch

There was no activity during the previous month – it is expected that there will be activity during the current month.

4 (10) Village Centre Report

There was nothing to report.

4 (11) 24Acres Committee Report

The cricket pitch and orchard are now fully funded and it is planned to plant the orchard trees on January 12th 2013. A funding application for the Woodland had been sent to the Forestry Commission which has raised some potential archaeological issues. A meeting has been arranged for 12th December to discuss what needs to be done regarding this issue with the expectation that planting will take place at the end of 2013. It is also expected that funding for the Ménage will be in place during 2013.

5. Bus Speeds on the Burwell Road

There had been a number of incidents reported to the Parish Council regarding buses entering and leaving the village at excessive speed. **The Clerk** was asked to write to the bus company expressing the Parish Council's concerns.

6. Casual Vacancy

The Clerk confirmed that the process to replace ex-Councillor Brearley had started with notices being placed on the two noticeboards.

7. Local Highway Improvements Funding

Each year Cambridgeshire County Council puts some money aside for small projects to improve local highways and streets. The concept is that the local community will provide at least 10% of the cost of the project. The Parish Council chose the project of running surface water from Clunch Pit lane down to 20 Fair Green and **the Clerk** will send in the application.

8. Village Vision Status

The Parish Council had discussed a recent ECDC document which shows proposed changes to the Reach Development Envelope. These changes were supposedly due to minor anomalies and errors but they result in two parcels of undeveloped land being brought within the new envelope which goes against the village vision that Reach would continue to be an "infill only" village. The Clerk had sent a letter to ECDC expressing the Parish Council's concerns and subsequently a new map was received - with the two parcels of land now excluded from the Development Envelope. The Parish Council were satisfied with this outcome and no further action is planned.

9. Waste Collection Potential Changes

District Councillor Alderson reported that ECDC had won its £5M bid from central government to fund a new recycling service. The aim is to allow residents to recycle more of their waste and the project will begin either late 2013 or early 2014. The current brown sack and black box collection system will be replaced with (1) a new wheeled bin recycling collection, including paper, glass, metal cans, plastics, cartons and cardboard and (2) a new wheeled bin for organics to include food and garden waste. The wheeled bins will be collected fortnightly. The weekly black sack waste collections will be retained. As part of the implementation there will be a survey of all households to identify properties which will not be suitable for the new service – these homes will retain the current system.

There will be a meeting on Thursday 13th December in Swaffham Prior to which Reach Councillors have been invited. The aim is to better inform everyone on what is proposed and the implementation plan.

10. Planning Applications

Two new memorials in the cemetery were approved.

11. Information Items

Two instances of garden waste being disposed of in the village hedgerows were discussed. One was closed whilst the other will be added to the agenda for the January 2013 meeting.

12. Payments

Farm Forestry	Avenue of Limes	£1,131.78
David Thomas	Orchard Expenses	£1,021.74
Bury Turfcare	Cricket Pitch Expenses	£706.80
David Parr	Ashridge Orchard Trees	£106.16

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd January 2013 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).

Chairman:

Date: