



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013

### Attendance

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

In the absence of Chairman Councillor Thomas, Vice Chairman 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

There was no activity during the previous month.

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

Full Council met on 19<sup>th</sup> February to debate the Business Plan proposals recommended by Cabinet. Following a six hour debate the Cabinet's proposals for the plan for the next 5 years were approved.

An extra meeting of Cabinet was held in February to consider the tender documents for rolling-out Superfast Broadband across Cambridgeshire. Cabinet agreed to award the contract to BT and the contract should be signed over the next few weeks.

A meeting was held with ECDC officers to ensure that the Burwell Masterplan and Village Vision (currently out to consultation) are using consistent figures. I arranged for the Chairman of the Fire Authority and the Chief Fire Officer to address a public meeting in Swaffham Bulbeck regarding plans to merge Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck Fire Stations following the building of a new Fire Station and Training Facility on Reach Road, Burwell.

Minister for Schools, David Laws MP, visited Cambridge. I met him at CRC and took the opportunity to press our case for fairer funding for Cambridgeshire schools and also to address the thorny issue of home to school transport for those attending the planned University Technical College.

#### 4 (3) District Councillor's Report

No report was provided on the day. The following was subsequently provided.

The new waste collection service will be rolled out over a 10 week period from September to November 2013.

The council has decided not to introduce parking charges in Ely.

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

The Parish Council is in a financially stable situation and expects to provide a substantial 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**

Councillor Fielding attended a meeting of the National Trust and provided minutes for distribution to councillors.

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

There was no activity to report.

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

There was no activity to report.

#### **4 (9) Speedwatch**

There was no activity during the previous month. A new Speedwatch Officer is being sought.

#### **4 (10) Village Centre Report**

The main focus of activity presently is on the forthcoming Fair.

#### **4 (11) 24Acres Committee Report**

The cricket pitch and orchard are now fully funded and the orchard trees have been planted. Funding for the Woodland will come from the Forestry Commission but prior to this an archaeological dig will take place in April. It is hoped that the 2,900 woodland trees will be planted towards the end of 2013 and the manege constructed during late summer 2013.

### **5. Buildings of Local Interest**

ECDC would like to identify such buildings which currently do not have any protection (they are not listed or in a conservation area). Councillor Alderson will attend the next Neighbourhood Panel meeting and report back to the Parish Council at the April meeting when this item will be discussed again.

### **6. Dog Bins Requirement**

Two villagers had commented on the need for dog bins. The Parish Council felt that dog owners who do not use the current bins were unlikely to use designated dog bins. It was felt that further education was needed.

### **7. Land Registration**

This item was deferred until a subsequent meeting.

### **8. Salt Bin Positioning on Great Lane**

The Parish Council reviewed the options and came up with a suitable location which **the Clerk** will communicate to Highways. The Clerk pointed out that salt bins are placed on two paving slabs and should they subsequently need to be moved, this is easily accomplished.

### **9. Village Sign Refurbishment**

The village sign was deemed to be in need of repair. John Holmwood had a look and will carry out the necessary work during the summer months, free of charge. **The Clerk** was asked to contact him and put a plan in place which would include delivering the sign to his house for the work to be done. **The Clerk** will also look at the refurbishment of the base of the sign in due course.

### **10. Village Vision Plans**

This item was deferred until a subsequent meeting.

### **11. Planning Applications**

There were none.

### **12. Information Items**

A mooring request for one day a week for a limited period was granted.

Village mowing contracts for the coming financial year ending March 2014 have been agreed and **the Clerk** will put these in place.

Positioning of the cricket net and surface requirements was an item deferred until the next meeting.

GOBA have proposed an annual payment to the Parish Council of £200. The Parish Council felt a higher figure was more appropriate and asked the Clerk to respond to GOBA along these lines.

It was noted that the number of deer in Reach has increased significantly and this issue will be added to the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting.

**10. Payments**

Suffolk Acre	Insurance	£754.23
EEAOP	Orchard Trees	£1,020.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 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](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)).

Chairman:

Date: