



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 1st May 2013

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	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

1. Forum for Members of the Public

No members of the public attended.

2. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected: Chairman – Councillor Thomas, Vice Chairman – Councillor Aves, Play Spaces Officer – Rita Dunnett, Rights of Way Officer – Councillor Fielding, Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities Officer – John Robinson and Village Centre Officers Rita Dunnett and Joyce Harrison. No Speedwatch Officer was elected due to lack of volunteers for this role from the village community.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

5 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

The only activity during the previous month was the payment by the Parish Council of £114.58 into the Amenity Fund as a repayment against subsequent sales of merchandise produced for the Diamond Jubilee Party.

5 (2) County Councillor's Report

In the run-up to the County Council elections on 2nd May, April has been relatively quiet at the County Council as purdah rules have applied from the beginning of April, meaning that many ordinary meetings will be taking place after the election.

Cabinet met and agreed an interim highways works maintenance programme for the next 6 months, whilst a new scoring system is being introduced to allow local members more say in prioritising work in local areas. It also agreed governance arrangements for the roll-out of superfast broadband across the County and an expansion of the Roundhouse Primary Scholl in St Neots.

5 (3) District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Alderson said he was working to promote greater use of the Swaffham Bulbeck shop and Post Office, trying to get potholes in Great Lane repaired and pointed out that ECDC are working to get the travellers encamped on Little Fen Drove removed.

5 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council is in a financially stable situation and expects to provide a surplus of over £1,400 from its core activities (this excludes projects such as the Avenue of Limes and 24Acres which are paid for by grant funding and donations) over the course of the financial year ending March 2013.

5 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report

No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

5 (6) Parish Council Members Meetings

Councillors Fielding and Ward attended the National Trust Liaison Forum Meeting on the 16th of April 2013.

5 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

Councillor Dunnnett attended a ROSPA training course on the 22nd April 2013 in Exning and our play spaces were inspected by ROSPA during April. **Councillor Dunnnett** and **the Clerk** will review the report during an on-site meeting and **Councillor Dunnnett** will report back to the Parish Council during the June meeting.

5 (8) Rights of Way Report

There was no activity to report.

5 (9) Speedwatch

A new Speedwatch Officer has been sought but with no success so therefore it was decided to disband this activity within the village.

5 (10) Village Centre Report

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

5 (11) 24Acres Committee Report

Funding for the Woodland will come from the Forestry Commission with an archaeological dig having taken place on April 21st. Since the dig did not discover anything of significance it is expected that funding will be confirmed. A bid has also been made to Sport England for a Manege – the outcome is awaited.

6. Byways Restrictions

It was agreed that the Parish Council should look at the possibility of restricting the useage by motor vehicles of some byways in the village. Discussion on this topic was deferred until the June meeting.

7. Deer Nuisance

A number of villagers had complained about the large number of deer which populate Reach and its surrounds – and the damage that they cause. **Councillor Clark** has investigated what might be done about this problem and will report back to the Parish Council at a subsequent meeting.

8. Planning Applications

There were none.

9. Information Items

There were none.

10. Payments

Exning Parish Council	Play Spaces Officer Training	£20.00
David Thomas	24Acres Orchard	£12.50
PlaySafety Ltd	Play Spaces Annual Inspection	£92.40
EON	Street Lighting Electricity	£331.28
CAPALC	Annual Membership	£125.38

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 5th June 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: