



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 5th June 2013

Attendance

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

1. Presentation by Dave White of ECDC on Recycling Changes

Dave White explained the rationale behind the changes which are being made to increase the amount of recycling which takes place in Cambridgeshire with the aim being to achieve 50% in the year 2020 (the District recycles around 37% at the moment). Where ECDC believes a house can accommodate them, wheeled bins will be provided, one for food and garden waste and the other for all other forms of recycling to include glass, plastics and paper products. The bins will be collected fortnightly, one bin one week and the other the next week.

Where a house cannot accommodate the wheeled bins the owners will continue as currently with black boxes and brown sacks. Where ECDC deem that the house can accommodate wheeled bins but the owner does not wish to have them, the owner will be expected to take the recycling to the local recycling centre.

Black sack collections will be unaffected by these changes.

2. Forum for Members of the Public

Three members of the public attended and two spoke regarding item 1.

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

There was no activity during the previous month.

5 (2) County Councillor's Report

It has been an "interesting" time at the County Council in the weeks after the election. You will be aware that the results left the Council in "no overall control", with the Conservative group having 32 seats, Liberal Democrats 14, UKIP 12, Labour 7 and there are 4 independents. At the Full Council meeting on 21st May, a new Leader of the Conservative Group – Cllr Martin Curtis from Whittlesey – was elected as Leader of the County Council. I was fortunate enough to be re-appointed as Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. Council also voted to move away from a Cabinet system and to go to some form of Committee system of Governance at the annual meeting in May 2014. Detailed proposals are currently being drawn up to show how a Committee system might operate. Cllr Kevin Reynolds was elected as Chairman of Council for the coming year and Cllr Sebastian Kindersley was elected as Vice-Chairman.

Cabinet met in May to consider a number of issues including a report into delayed discharges from Hospital; consideration of the County Council response to the East Cambridgeshire District Council Core Strategy and consultations on Community Infrastructure Levy.

5 (3) District Councillor's Report

Following the recent County Council elections the new administration seems committed to the planned Ely Southern Bypass as proposed.

There should be a new multiplex cinema in Ely by 2015. ECDC is also proceeding with the new swimming pool and leisure centre project.

Councillor Tom Kerby has been appointed as Business Champion and he is working with new and existing businesses to encourage growth and employment.

5 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation - with ECDC unexpectedly providing £188 in addition to our requested precept.

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

Councillor Dunnett and the Clerk reviewed the recent play spaces safety report and the Parish Council agreed on certain remedial actions which will be put instigated by **the Clerk**.

5 (8) Rights of Way Report

There was no activity to report.

5 (9) Village Centre Report

The Fair had been a success with approximately £6,000 raised.

5 (10) 24Acres Committee Report

A bid has been made to Sport England for a Manège – the outcome is awaited. Planning permission will be applied for on 10th June and our first income from the Big Tree Plant has been received. The cricket ground looks well and we are on schedule for the first match to be played against the National Trust in September. The Forestry Commission are being very positive regarding funding the Woodland.

6. Annual Audit Review

The Parish Council reviewed our Annual Return and approved it. Grateful thanks go to Roger Smith who acts as our Internal Auditor for no fee. **The Clerk** will send the return to the External Auditor.

7. Byway Restrictions

The Parish Council was concerned about the churning up of byways, especially during the winter months, by motorised vehicles. **Councillor Clark** will look into the process for applying for restrictions to byways and report back at a subsequent meeting.

8. Correspondence

A letter had been received from two villagers requesting that an amendment should be made to the Parish Council's April minutes. **The Clerk** will let the villagers know that the minutes, as they stand, are factually correct and that since they have been approved by the Parish Council and published on the website, no retrospective change is either necessary or possible.

9. 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 had looked into our options regarding this problem and it was felt that at this stage, no action should be taken.

10. Planning Applications

There were none.

11. Information Items

There were none.

10. Payments

Mead Construction	24Acres Archaeology Excavation	£168.00
C R Contracting	Mowing April and May	£320.50
D M Parr	Refund of Clerk's payments	£215.68

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd July 2013 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday and can be accessed from the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

Chairman:

Date: