



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 3rd July 2013

Attendance

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

1. Forum for Members of the Public

One member of the public attended and spoke regarding item 6. He also mentioned the expansion of Cambridge Airport and the impact on Reach. The **Clerk** will look into this and add it to the agenda of a subsequent meeting.

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

Cabinet met on 18th June. I presented a paper seeking authority to build 3 new Special Schools over the next few years to cope with rising demand in the number of young people with Special Educational Needs. This was approved unanimously, with preferred sites identified as Littleport, Northstowe and the Huntingdon area. Cabinet also agreed our approach to bidding for a City Deal for the Cambridge area and also agreed to get involved in promoting the Green Deal for energy efficiency.

Business planning for the next 5 year period started in June, with a workshop with senior officers.

I spent a day interviewing candidates for the Service Director post for Strategy and Commissioning and a provisional offer was made.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

No report provided.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation.

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 – other than that documented in item 4 (8).

4 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

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

4 (8) Rights of Way Report

Councillor Fielding attended a recent Fen Bridleway Association meeting which was also attended by Peter Duthie of Cambridgeshire County Council. The Parish Council had alerted him to areas of hedges that need to be cut back – however no action had been taken. **Councillor Fielding** will photograph the delinquent areas and send them to Mr Duthie who will be asked to take the necessary steps to get the work done.

It was also reported that the process for restricting byways is a long, expensive one and the default is normally local repair. This topic will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

The question of the mowing of the Dyke was raised and the **Clerk** was asked to alert the relevant people in ECDC to the need for this work to be carried out.

4 (9) Village Centre Report

The Village Centre AGM will take place on July 17th 2013.

4 (10) 24Acres Committee Report

A bid has been made to Sport England for a Manège – the outcome will be known later in July. Planning permission has been applied for. Funding has been granted by the Forestry Commission for the woodland.

5. Byways Restrictions

This item was deferred until a subsequent meeting.

6. Local Highways Improvement Programme 2013/2014

The Parish Council's suggestion regarding improving the drainage of water from outside the properties 20-28 Fair Green has been accepted by the County Council. Further details of the actual work and the cost are expected over the coming weeks at which point the Parish Council will decide whether to proceed with the project or not.

7. Planning Applications

13/00364/CAC and FUL (Fitzroy Farm) was discussed and approved by the Parish Council subject to conditions which will be communicated to ECDC by the **Clerk**.

8. Information Items

It was reported that the pathway in the cemetery requires some clearance – this work will be organised by the **Clerk**.

The situation regarding the RaSP mast was discussed and the **Clerk** was asked to look into the situation and report back at a subsequent meeting.

9. Payments

Cambridge Restoration	24Acres Orchard costs	£707.04
C R Contracting	Mowing June	£320.50
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DMParr	April, May, June salary	£589.00
Prospects Trust	Avenue of Limes Watering	£129.00
Andrew Trump	24Acres Cricket costs	£375.00
D. Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing June	£140.00
Spearhead Turf	24Acres Cricket costs	£6,402.00
DMParr	24Acres Planning Permission costs	£192.50
David Thomas	24Acres Orchard costs	£556.17

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th August 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: