



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 4th September 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	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. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Aves and Ward declared an interest in item 5.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

During the previous month £300 was granted for Royal Birth commemorative mugs and £200 for the 2013 Sport's Day.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report

An extra meeting of Cabinet took place "behind closed doors" to consider issues around the Guided Busway. Cabinet also met with the Senior Management Team to progress business planning following Government funding announcements in July.

The Constitution and Ethics Committee held a workshop to consider practical arrangements for moving from a Cabinet system to a Committee system in 2014. Various models are being worked up in detail for consideration in September and October.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

The new wheeled bins will be delivered during week beginning October 7th. The new black sack and recyclables collection will be on Thursday October 17th and the black sack and garden waste collection will be on Thursday October 24th.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation and hopes to break even during the financial year despite extra spend on a Local Highways Improvement and playground spend on a new net and potentially a new ladder.

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

Remedial actions regarding the play area have started with the entrance gate being repaired, the cutting back of foliage, spraying of the weeds and stabilising the handrail of one item of apparatus. Still to be done is replacing the netting and possibly the ladder on a further item and refurbishing the bench. **The Clerk** will also address the issue of the large goals on the playing field.

4 (8) Rights of Way Report

Councillor Fielding, Rights of Way Officer, had been in contact with Peter Duthie of Cambridgeshire County Council with regard to a number of issues. The replies from Mr Duthie (who has subsequently left the authority) were seen as unsatisfactory by the Parish Council and **the Clerk** was asked to invite a suitable representative of the County Council to a subsequent meeting.

A villager has complained about the overgrown foliage outside some properties on the Fair Green and the Swaffham Road. **The Clerk** was asked to bring this problem to the attention of the relevant home owners and ask them to remedy the situation.

The villager also commented on the overgrown hedges on the Dyke's side of the Swaffham Road which results in buses getting very close to cars parked on the opposite side of the road. **The Clerk** will bring this to the attention of the relevant authorities.

4 (9) Village Centre Report

There was no meeting in August - the Village Centre AGM will take place in September.

4 (10) 24Acres Committee Report

A bid made to Sport England for a manège was refused but the Parish Council was encouraged to reapply in October. Planning permission for the 24Acres has been applied for and good but slow progress is being made. Funding has been granted by the Forestry Commission for the woodland. The gate to the site is now locked and the noticeboard is ordered. The first tranche of grant money from AmeyCespa has been received so that the Parish Council is in control of the cash flow situation.

As regards the woodland, the Project Leader Nick Acklam has produced a draft plan which the Parish Council wishes to review with him and others. **Councillor Thomas** will organise a meeting of interested parties so that orders can be placed to allow planting in Nov/Dec 2013.

5. Great Lane Parking

A villager had complained about the parking of a number of vehicles on Great Lane. The Parish Council felt that since a number of building works were taking place simultaneously, this was simply a temporary problem and that no action needed to be taken. The Parish Council also agreed that while people are entitled to park on the byway they are not allowed to block it, just as on any other road.

6. Planning Applications

An amendment had been received for planning application 13/00364/CAC. This had been reviewed by the previous reviewers and the Parish Council decided that no further comment was needed.

7. Information Items

As regards the RaSP mast, a planning application has been received by ECDC and the Parish Council will be able to review it shortly.

A villager had commented that the Lode was becoming significantly narrowed and work needed to be done to remedy the situation. **The Clerk** was asked to inform the relevant authorities.

The design and financial arrangements for the Royal Birth Commemorative Mug were approved. **The Clerk** was asked to place the order.

The Clerk was asked to investigate a report that Darwin Airlines at Cambridge Airport had secured a number of further routes which may have an impact on the village.

9. Payments

John Reed	24Acres Fencing and Gate	£2,078.40
C R Contracting	Mowing August	£274.00
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Prospects Trust	Avenue of Limes Watering	£129.00
D. Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing August	£70.00
David Thomas	24Acres Orchard costs	£191.78
Balfour Beatty	Street Lighting Maintenance	£336.02
Metrosigns	Orchard Noticeboard	£828.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd October 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: