



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 5th March 2014.

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
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Not Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Not Present

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 to debate the business plan for the next 5 years including the budget for 2014-15. The amended plan proposed by Cabinet was agreed. The headline figures, include over £32 million of savings in the coming year (with £149 million to be found over the 5 year period of the plan) and a Council Tax increase of just below 2% for 2014-15. The current financial situation and demographic changes in Cambridgeshire means that we should be able to deliver the services needed by the local population.

I reported last month on the decision by Cabinet for the County Council to undertake a business plan about becoming a property developer and landlord of rented housing on Council land, including Newmarket Road, Burwell. A politically inspired call-in has thrown that earlier decision into doubt.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

Recycling rate update, nationally we have moved from 283 to 72 of local authorities, recycling 54% of our rubbish. Bin roll out is now complete.

A campaign has been launched to protect distinctive and historical buildings in East Cambridgeshire. There is a link on the council's webpage where you can read about the project and make nominations.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation and expects to provide a surplus during the financial year.

4 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings

Councillor Fielding attended Swaffham Prior Parish Council meeting to discuss the Solar Farm proposal.

4 (6) Play Spaces

The new net is now up and in full working order. **Councillor Dunnett** to follow up on a previously discussed item of the goal posts ground anchors.

4 (7) Rights of Way

Councillor Fielding reported that hedge cutting on the byway behind Ditchfield had left a lot of Blackthorn across the byway and path.

The byway 11 repairs near to the 24Acreas entrance were discussed, **Councillor Fielding** to contact Karen Champion, Public Rights of Way Officer to establish a project leader and time scale.

Complaints have been received with regard to the area around the entrance to Reach wood, which has become very rutted due to the weather and heavy vehicle use. It was decided to leave the area to dry out and discuss at a later date if required.

4 (8) Village Centre

There has been a renewed attempt to sell 100 club tickets.

There has been increased interest in cycling to Reach Fair and discussions are underway to establish a new cycle route from Cambridge for the Fair and to increase bike parking areas.

4 (9) 24Acreas Committee Report

Cricket – Parish Council agreed to the moving of the cricket nets from the playing field to the cricket ground. Burwell CC have asked if they may use the ground for occasional matches. These would be limited to 3 times per season; in return they will assist with maintenance and preparing the ground for the new season. Parish Council agreed with this proposal.

5. Archives

Old copies of Parish council minutes were discussed, **Clerk**, to check with past Clerks as to whether some of the older minutes were sent away for official archiving in Cambridge.

6. DS Smith Planning

This planning proposal was discussed. Parish Council object to the fact that the proposal doesn't fit with the agreed Burwell local/village plan. That is, that the land was set aside for industrial use only, to bring employment to the area. **Councillor Clark** to draft a letter of objection, to be forwarded by **the Clerk**.

7. Letter of Complaint

A letter of complaint had been received regarding the condition of a property in the village. As this is a private property and not dangerous, Council agreed that it was outside their jurisdiction, but that the situation would be kept under observation. **Clerk** to write a letter of reply.

8. Dog Complaints

There have been increased incidences of dog fouling around the village and also the occasional loose dog running around. It was agreed that a village email should be sent and a notice put in the village magazine reminding owners of their responsibility to clear up after their dogs and to keep them in a secure & safe area. **Clerk** to arrange.

9. 24Acreas Opening Event

The opening event will take place on Sunday 1st June, with a cricket match against the National Trust taking centre stage of the celebration. A meeting is being held to discuss additional events for the day.

10. Mowing contracts

The Parish council were happy with the new mowing quotes for YE 2015, including the addition of the 24Acreas requirements. **The Clerk** will inform the contactors.

11. Planning Applications

There were none.

12. Information Items

There were none.

13. Payments

Timberplay Ltd.	Playground expenses	£221.52
Paulredsports.	24Acres cricket expenses	£119.98

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd April 2014 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: