



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 3rd December 2014.

Attendance

Michael Aves	Councillor	Present
Ross Clark	Vice Chairman	Present
Charlotte Cane	Councillor	Not Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Not Present
David Thomas	Chairman	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Not Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Not Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2. Forum for Members of the Public

Several residents attended the meeting.

Firstly, to discuss the cutting of Reach Wood meadow. After discussion it was agreed that in future the meadow would be cut to approx. 6in height at the end of September. It was also agreed that a management plan/committee was needed and that a further meeting should be arranged in the spring to discuss this and hopefully get some volunteers to take on this role. Councillor Brown suggested that The Community Payback teams may be able to help with the removal of the Ragwort etc.

Secondly, the upgrading of the street lights was discussed. Concern was shown with regard to the loss of the Heritage type street lights by the Green. **Clerk** to arrange for Balfour Beatty to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss the project.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were signed as correct.

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

A maximum payment of £500 had been agreed for the Christmas tree event. **The Clerk** to contact the Reach Fair Committee to establish when payment will be received from the 2014 fair.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report

I have been asked to represent CCC on a new joint CCC/ECDC steering group for Planning and Transport. The General Purpose Committee agreed, in principle, a loan to Arthur Rank Hospice to progress the new build in Cambridge. A post Ofsted celebration conference was held following the jump in 2 grades in the latest Ofsted report, being the first LA to do so.

Constitution & Ethics Committee agreed the format for a 12 month review of the move to committee structure.

The official opening of the new Burwell Fire station took place.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

The illegal Forty Acre Drove encampment was vacated on 28th November.

East Cambridgeshire has achieved the 3rd highest increase in recycling of all English authorities last year. A grant application has been made to the Government Recycling Reward Scheme. If successful it could result in £34,000 to £51,000 of additional income for ECDC.

Swaffham Prior School is awaiting the result of an application to the DoE for funding to re-roof the school.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation.

4 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings

There were no meetings this month.

4 (6) Play Spaces

The repair work is in the process of being carried out.

4(7) Rights of Way

The Environment Agency has put up a notice near the fishing pit regarding the gating of the under bank Drove to stop vehicles using it. Comments from the public are being asked for. In January they intend to produce a plan and will contact the PC.

The byway at the entrance to Reach Wood from the Great Lane track has become very damaged. **Councillor Fielding** to contact the farmer using the adjacent field, to ask him to try and limit any further damage to the byway.

4 (8) Village Centre

A copy of the October minutes had been received. **Clerk** to ask when the next meeting will be, if in December **Councillor Fielding** to attend.

4 (9) 24Acres Committee Report

No activity this month.

Councillor Clark to organise the screening of the container.

5. Dogs on the 24Acres

A complaint had been received with regard to owners not clearing up after their dogs. Following discussion it was agreed that **the Clerk** would get some signage to go on the gates to the site. This would state that it is a children's play area and that owners should clear up after their dogs.

6. The Cemetery

It looks like the deer are coming into the Cemetery via the back boundary hedge. **The Clerk** to obtain quotes to get this boundary fenced with galvanised netting. The situation will then be monitored.

7. Memorial Bench

It was agreed that the PC would request a payment from The Amenity fund for the purchase and installation of a solid oak memorial bench, and plaque, from the village, in memory of Rita Dunnett.

The bench will be placed within the woodland on the 24Acres.

8. Planning Applications

There were none.

9. Information Items/AOB

There were none

10. Payments

CR Contracting	£ 352.00
Conway Tree Specialists	£ 380.00
Nick Aklam	£ 12.00
Susan Bailey - postage	£ 13.65

The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday 7th January 2015 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: