



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

### Attendance

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

### 1. Forum for Members of the Public

None present

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

### 4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

No activity this month.

### 4 (2) County Councillor's Report

Full Council met on 24<sup>th</sup> March. The main items for consideration centred around recommendations from the Constitution and Ethics Committee (which I also sit on) about the new committee system. These included agreement to reduce the number of members on committees from 17 to 13, which will reduce the cost of the system. A number of motions tabled for debate were referred back to the relevant committees

General Purposes Committee met to consider the usual range of financial reports. An issue of local interest at GPC involved the renewal of the lease for Burwell Community Sports Centre. Following some debate it was agreed unanimously to offer a new lease for 25 years at £1 p.a. – a very pleasing result. I also had a meeting of the Children and Young People Committee in March. The recent consultation on the early help offer was the main item, and it was agreed in light of significant responses to the consultation to not restructure the sensory support services, a good example of members listening to the views of those concerned.

Other meetings attended included: the next steps improvement board; seminars regarding mental health, building a new care home, and the role of CCC in developing housing; a joint CCC/ECDC planning and transport committee; and briefing meetings with Directors for Children's Services. I also chaired a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board.

#### **4 (3) District Councillor's Report**

The Government inspector passed the ECDC local plan. The last stage is for the plan to be ratified at Full Council this month.

The planning committee passed the application by Turnstones for a multi-screen cinema on land near the Downham Road junction on the Ely by-pass.

At Rogers Road, Swaffham Prior the first two show houses are being built. Of the twenty houses, eight will be for the Community Land Trust. These should be ready from spring 2016.

#### **4 (4) Financial Report**

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation, and expects to provide a surplus at the end of the financial year. End of year figure are being finalised by *The Clerk*.

#### **4 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings**

There were no meetings this month.

#### **4 (6) Play Spaces**

The broken football nets will be removed and *The Clerk* will look into replacement costs. *Clerk* to organise the Annual inspection.

#### **4 (7) Rights of Way**

Councillor Fielding has been in further discussion with the Environment agency (EA) with regard to the under Lode bank. EA and CCC are in discussion as to the type of gates to be used to stop/reduce access. *Councillor Fielding* to discuss with CCC. Once gates are in position the EA will install signage stating that anyone causing any damage will be subject to substantial fines.

#### **4 (8) Village Centre**

No information available.

#### **4 (9) 24Acres Committee Report**

A meeting will be held to discuss the fencing of an area for horse riding.

#### **5. May AP & PC meeting dates**

Due to the Election the May PC meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The Annual Parish Meeting will be postponed until June.

#### **6. Mowing Contacts**

The village mowing contract was awarded to CR Contracting; this will include the cemetery mowing.

#### **7. Boat Moorings**

Following discussion it was decided that the Mooring contracts should be changed. These changes include,

- Long term moorings are for Reach residents only, and will usually only be for one boat.
- The PC will be able to give the boat owner one months' notice to end the contract.
- Costs will increase to £4 per metre per annum, with a £30 minimum. Prices will be reviewed each year.

#### **8. Planning Applications**

There were none.

## 8. Information Items/AOB

Councillor Cane supplied some informative articles with regard to the problem of dog mess around the village.

**Councillor Clark** to continue to obtain quotes for the replacement of all the orange street lights with white lights.

**The Clerk** to contact BB again, with regard to the two lights not working, at the Swaffham Prior end of Swaffham Road.

**The Clerk** to again, contact UK power networks with regard to the post and cable down on the Burwell Road.

## 9. Payments

Susan Bailey - stationary	£ 99.42
David Thomas – 24Acres hedge	£ 13.14
Susan Bailey – postage	£ 12.72
Woodland Trust – 24Acres hedge	£252.00
Clerk Salary	£607.92
Balfour Beatty – maintenance	£345.23
Broker Network Ltd – insurance	£600.29

The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)).

Chairman:

Date: