



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 1st July 2015.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Not Present
Michael Aves	Vice Chair	Present
Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
David Thomas	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Not Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

1. Forum for members of the public

Power to the village green

The project to provide power on the village green was discussed. It is possible to take power from a supply already running by the edge of the green; this will avoid the need to dig up the road to take power from the village hall. A solar facility would not provide enough power. The cost of the installation would need to come from funds raised specifically for this project. There will then be on going yearly charges. The PC was concerned that these running costs should not be borne by the PC.

The PC are in support of the project in principle, this will be added to the next meeting's agenda and costs will be further discussed.

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 report.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report

The Children and Young People's Committee met in June to consider a number of issues. These included: a decision to offer a short-term contract extension to 2 voluntary sector organizations to manage a number of Children's Centres; setting up a new School Improvement Board; establishing a policy for new faith schools; setting up a recruitment strategy for social workers; as well as the usual range of financial reports.

Constitution and Ethics Committee also met in June. Amongst other items it was agreed not to bring in a different petition procedure for parking restrictions.

I also attended a meeting of the Coram Cambridgeshire Adoption Board; a meeting of Eastern Region lead members for children's services, hosted by Norfolk County Council; and visited a number of potential sites for a new secondary school to serve North East Cambridge.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

No report.

4 (4) Financial Report

The changing of the named signatories on the PC bank account is taking longer than expected due to the need to remove some very old names from the account. The process is still on going.

4 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings

There were no meetings this month.

4 (6) Play Spaces

The safety report has been received. There were no points of immediate concern. The report will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

4 (7) Rights of Way

The state of certain byways was discussed in particular byway 11, at the 24Acres and Barston Drove. **Councillor Fielding** to contact CCC with regard to getting these repaired. **Councillor Fielding** to also contact landowners with regard to hedge cutting along Green Lane.

4 (8) Village Centre

Minutes received with thanks. Nothing to report.

4 (9) 24Acres Committee Report

A meeting had been held. All areas are moving on and growing well. There are no major concerns to report.

4 (10) Friends of Reach Wood

The Friends of Reach Wood group had held their first meeting. Following much discussion on all areas of the wood the following decisions were made. The meadow will be cut at a height of 6in, once a year in late Aug. or early Sept. with a bar cutter. Ragwort and thistle will need to be removed from the meadow by a contractor; a request will be made to the Amenity fund for this. The recording of notable animals, plants and birds is to be encouraged. SB will ask the WT if a place can be made available on the Reach wood section of their website to record this information. The poor access via Clunch Pit Lane was discussed; a request will be submitted to the Amenity fund to address this issue.

The next meeting will be held in November.

5. Local Government County Boundary Review

Councillor Brown stated that CCC would prefer a single representative for our area. PC are in agreement with this and would like the area to be smaller. **Clerk** to put the view of the PC forward to the review.

6. Cemetery fencing

It was agreed that the front boundary required fencing in an attempt to stop Muntjac deer. It was noted that the front fence requires painting and that this should be done prior to fencing. **Clerk** to enquire about painting and the type of net fencing to be used. A new quote for the fencing based on the appropriate type of wire netting will be obtained and then the fencing will be reconsider based on cost.

7. Weeds – playground, tennis courts and war memorial

It was agreed that the weeds should be sprayed, **Clerk** to arrange.

8. Dog Mess

Deferred until August meeting

9. Planning Applications

An application had been received. **Clerk** to put forward the PCs concerns to the planning department.

10. Information Items/AOB

Broadband – an email had been received regarding the timings of fibre broadband reaching the village. *Clerk* to arrange for the details to be included in the next magazine and for a Connecting Cambridge Representative to attend a PC meeting.

Local Highways Initiative Scheme – details had been received as to what speed reduction measures are available to be used on the Swaffham Road. Unfortunately the road is too narrow for most options. This only leaves improved signage and using additional lining. *Clerk* to contact the LHI scheme project manager and request these measure to be put in place at all three entrances to the village.

Flood Risk & Management – Councillor Boreham had completed a questionnaire on behalf of the PC.

11. Payments

CR Contracting – Mowing contract	£421.50
ECDC – Election payment	£100.00
FLP – Play area inspection	£ 72.00
CAPALC – Advisory board fees	£173.34
M. Allen – Refund	£ 78.75

The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday 5th August 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: