



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 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	Not Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Not Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

### 1. Forum for members of the public

#### 5. Power to the village green

The costs of this project were explained, to include a box on the Green, an underground cable and an access point in the middle of the green. £1,500 has been requested from the Amenity fund (not yet agreed) and outside funding will now be investigated. Yearly running costs will be paid, upfront, each year by the Events team.

### 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

Funding had been approved £200 for the Ragwort removal in Reach Wood meadow and £250 for Reach Riders, towards the 24Acres site.

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

Full Council in July was dominated by discussing the County Council response to the Local Government Boundary Commission proposals to reduce the number of County Councillors. After much discussion a submission was agreed based on reducing the number from 69 to 63. As far as the local area is concerned this would see Lode being merged into the current division covering Burwell, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior. Council also agreed a motion asking the Audit and Accounts Committee to investigate issues surrounding Cambridge Central Library and the rejected proposals for an enterprise centre on the third floor.

General Purposes Committee also met to discuss a number of issues. One agenda item was the business case for the County Council to develop housing for rent off Newmarket Road, Burwell to generate an ongoing income stream for the Council. Other agenda items included: undertaking a strategic review of the County Farms Estate, the future of a number of buildings in Cambridge and the usual range of financial reports.

I also chaired a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board and attended meetings with the parent's charity Pinpoint and with directors and other spokespersons for Children and Young People.

The County Council is currently consulting all Parish Councils on proposals to turn off certain streetlights between midnight and 6.00am as a cost and energy-saving exercise.

Reach PC have received a decision from CCC that our streetlights will not be switched off at off peak times or dimmed any further.

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

As part of the Commercial Services Committee I undertook a site visit to Ely Country Park, which has achieved a green flag award.

I have also attended a seminar on housing and our council local plan.

At the full council meeting the Councils corporate plan 2015-2019 was discussed. This includes –

- Delivering a financially sound and well managed council
- Providing genuinely affordable housing
- Promoting the district as a fantastic place to live
- Improving local transport
- Improving infrastructure
- Encouraging new jobs by attracting businesses to the area

We also discussed a review of our local plan.

I have also been involved in several local issues; fly tipping, housing problems, a householder planning appeal and a high hedge boundary problem.

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

Nothing to 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**

Nothing to report.

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

CCC have informed Councillor Fielding that they plan to repair, Byway 11 (by the 24Acres), Barston Drove, and Straight Drove, by the end of September.

CCC have also informed Councillor Fielding that the PC are able to, following consultation procedures, close or change use of Drovers at certain times of the year. This would be at a cost to the PC.

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

No report received.

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

The wood has been inspected by the FC who found many trees to be dead and have said we need to mark these and replant over the winter to ensure the density reaches the contractual 1600 trees/ha. Nick Aklam is looking into this.

#### **4 (10) Friends of Reach Wood**

A large amount of Ragwort has been removed from the meadow in Reach wood. This is, however, still an ongoing issue.

#### **6. 24 Acres Insurance**

Reach riders have been looking into insurance for the intended riding area within the 24Acres site. It has been confirmed, by our insurance broker and the PC, that the Cricket club activities are covered by the PC insurance. This is because the Cricket club operates under the PC umbrella, and is not an affiliated club. But holds 5/6 matches over the summer with other local teams.

The insurance company have suggested that additional Risk assessment paperwork is produced for each match. **The Clerk** to liaise with the Cricket club committee.  
Riding is more complicated. **Councillor Fielding** to discuss with the Reach Riders committee to establish how they intend to use the land, prior to being able to ensure adequate insurance cover is arranged.

**7. Avenue of Limes**

There has been an approximate 25% failure rate of the tree in the Avenue of Limes project. Many lessons have been learnt and replacements would now like to be bought to fill in the gaps. There is a short fall of about £200 from the original fund for this project. The PC felt that this additional funding should be requested from another area rather than from PC monies.

**8. Cemetery fencing**

A quote had been received to add net fencing to the front railings, to help reduce Muntjac from entering the Cemetery. The rails are however in need of repair and repainting. **The Clerk** to investigate the cost of repainting or replacing the railings prior to any work going ahead.

**9. Dog Mess**

Waste bin collection to be investigated by Councillor Alderson. **The Clerk** to email Councillor Alderson.

**10. Planning Applications**

There were none.

**11. Information Items/AOB**

The PC had received notice from a resident that a footpath is being obstructed at the Amtrec site on Reach Road Burwell. The PC, whilst sympathetic to this, decided that this was outside the parish and that individuals are able to make formal complaints direct to EDCD.

**12. Payments**

CR Contracting – Mowing contract	£336.50
Susan Bailey – Postage	£ 14.04
Reach Riders group – withdrawal of funds	£ 70.00
Acacia Tree Surgery	£300.00

The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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: