



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Michael Aves	Vice Chair	Present
Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	Not 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	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

3. Broadband Roll-out in Reach

Programme Manager Sarah Marsh, from Connecting Cambridge, attended the meeting to update us on the details of the roll-out of faster broadband to the village. BT will place a cabinet for fibre broadband on the corner of Fair Green and Burwell Road. BT have committed to a date of, by December 2016. Although, Connecting Cambridge are hoping for an earlier date. Residents will require a fibre broadband service to receive the faster speeds.

1. Forum for members of the public

A large number of residents attended to discuss a piece of land for sale on Great Lane. Although not a PC matter, the PC were sympathetic to their concerns.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Reach Festival

The events committee are proposing a Reach Festival to take place on the last Saturday of September, beginning in 2016. The village Green will be used along with the Village Centre, the Church, and the Pub gardens. They would like to use the playing field for parking. The PC gave its support to this event and asked to be kept up to date with the planning progress.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

6 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

Funding of £150 for the tree replacements on the Avenue of Limes and up to £200 for the Sports day event had been approved. A take up period of 6 months will be instated on any future funding that is approved.

6 (2) County Councillor's Report

August is traditionally a quiet month for meetings at the Council. I attended a meeting of the Staffing and Appeals Committee to consider the way forward following the resignation of the Chief Executive. I also attended a meeting of the Improvement Board for Children's Social Care, this Board monitors and challenges performance data for the Directorate. I had a training workshop for Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Spokesmen and also a meeting of Spokesmen for Children and Young People. I also attended a meeting of the Investment Review Group to consider the planning application for housing and sports facilities etc. off Newmarket Road, Burwell.

I also had a meeting with Burwell Sports Centre to discuss fencing associated with the expansion of Burwell Village College.

6 (3) District Councillor's Report

ECDC are presently considering a user charge for the public toilets that it manages. There is a questionnaire on their website should you wish to comment.

After the loss of a planning appeal in Witchford the Council has been found not to have an adequate five year land supply. This means that planning must assess an application in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. In practice this means there are no development boundaries around villages. The developer must still prove that the development is sustainable.

ECDC has put in a submission to the Local Boundary Commission for England which will reduce the number of District Councillors from 39 to 28. The proposal would mean the Swaffham Ward would become the Bottisham Ward with Bottisham, Lode, Brinkley, Westley Waterless, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior and Reach. ECDC and CCC have agreed to begin work on the Ely by-pass by October 2016.

The PC were concerned by the removal of the local plan from April and asked that Councillor Alderson keep the PC up to date with ECDC developments. Clerk to add to next months agenda.

6 (4) Financial Report

Nothing to report. The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation.

6 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings

There were no meetings this month. Councillor Boreham pointed out there was a potential problem of Ash dieback on the trees on the Hythe. Annual tree inspections were discussed along with a need to map exactly which areas and trees were PC owned. **Clerk** to investigate.

6 (6) Play Spaces

Nothing to report.

6 (7) Rights of Way

Councillor Fielding continues to contact CCC with regard to their plan to repair, Byway 11 (by the 24Acres), Barston Drove, and Straight Drove, by the end of September.

Councillor Fielding will contact CCC with regard to the fallen Willow tree in Pocket Park and also about the poor state of repair of Clunch Pit Lane.

6 (8) Village Centre

Minutes received with thanks. Nothing to report.

6 (9) 24Acres Committee Report

Nick Acklam has reported a loss of 11% of trees, plans are underway to replace those needed to meet our commitment to the Forestry Commission.

An Apple Day is being organised for 18th October, this will be an Orchard focused event.

Reach Riding Group plan to organise a working party to temporarily fence a one acre area for horse riding.

6 (10) Friends of Reach Wood

Nothing to report.

7. Dog Mess

Deferred to next meeting.

10. Planning Applications

There were none.

11. Information Items/AOB

The street light outside Fitzroy Farm is reported as dangerous; **Clerk** to report this to Balfour Beatty.
The speed of tractors through the village was discussed. **Clerk** to contact the farmer to ask that the drivers are reminded to drive with care and at slow speeds. A reminder letter will also be sent prior to next year's harvest.

12. Payments

CR Contracting – Mowing contract	£326.50
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The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday 7th October 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: