



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

### Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	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

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Fielding declared an interest in the forum for the members of the public

#### 1. Forum for members of the public

Several members of The Reach Riders Group attended the meeting. A discussion took place with regard to the insurance cover for the 24Acres. The Reach Riders have fenced an area within the 24Acres to provide a separate riding area. Over time small jumps and obstacles maybe put in place for fun riding. The Reach Riders would like the PC to take on this facility as they have the cricket pitch, tennis court and other leisure facilities within the village. The Pc are, in principle, in agreement with this, subject to The Reach Riders Group satisfying the insurance company requirements. **Clerk** to contact the insurance company to find out the additional cost of covering this and to establish what the insurance company would require in the way of risk assessments, maintenance and checks to ensure cover continued.

#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Matters arising from the last minutes

- A brief discussion took place regarding the power on the green installation. **Clerk** to chase up all necessary health and safety paperwork.
- The net had been removed from the goal post on the green.

#### 4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

Nothing to report.

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

Full Council met in October to consider a number of items. It was agreed to proceed with a 12-month trial to share a Chief Executive with Peterborough City Council. It was also agreed to offer the Freehold of the Cromwell Museum to Huntingdon Town Council, provided the building remains a public museum dedicated to the life of Oliver Cromwell. Council also received a report from Audit and Accounts Committee about the Cambridge Central Library. At the meeting if the General Purposes Committee, as well as the usual range of financial reports for consideration, it was agreed to proceed with the proposal to create a hub for County Archives in Ely to address the long-standing problem with the current accommodation.

I also attended: a business planning seminar for the Children and Young People Committee; sat on an appeals committee to hear 2 appeals regarding home to school transport; a meeting of the Staffing and Appeals Committee to consider a new pay structure for Council employees; a meeting of Voices Matter – the Council for children and young people in the care of the County Council; and a leaving party for Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive.

Proposals for savings in the order of £41 million in 2016/17 were published in October and have received widespread publicity. Further details and an opportunity to comment are available from the County Council website – [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk). The proposals will be discussed in Committees in November and December, with final proposals going to a meeting of full Council in February 2016.

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

No report supplied.

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

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation. Eon will give the PC a 4% discount for direct debit payments. *Clerk* to check that the PC is legally able to do this, and if so the PC will go ahead. Strict checks will be required to ensure payments are correct.

Councillor Cane would like to go on a training day, which will cost a maximum of £70. Agreed.

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

There were none.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Barston Drove and Straight Drove repairs were discussed; both Drovers are now in a very bad state. *Clerk* to contact CCC with regard to this and to try and arrange an onsite meeting to discuss.

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

A meeting had been held with the Montessori pre-school in Burwell who are keen to extend into Reach and take over from where Little Windmills left off. The meeting was very positive from both sides and we are hopeful that they will be operational in the New Year. The timing is subject to licences, OFSTED approval etc.

The AGM was held in September and we have lost 5 of our 12 Committee members and are actively seeking replacements.

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

Apple Day went well and was a great success.

A follow up is needed with regard to the management plan, *Councillor Thomas* to do this up.

The new culvert has been installed by the adjacent land owner and needs to be monitored, several councillors to have a look.

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

New dog guidance signs have been installed by The Woodland Trust. *Clerk* to investigate the installation of Dog Bins.

### **5. Clerk's Annual Review**

The PC were happy with the performance of the Clerk over the previous year. Payment hours have been increased to 26 hours per month to reflect the true amount of work required.

### **6. Precept YE2017**

The Clerk proposed a budget for the next financial year and following discussion and alteration this was approved by the Parish Council. Within this new budget it was agreed that the precept would need to be increased to £8,150. This is the first increase since 2010.

**9. Planning Applications**

Planning application 15/01199/FUL was discussed. The PC have no comment to put forward.

**10. Information Items/AOB**

George Gibson of The Dykes End had contacted the PC with regard to obtaining permission to enable a third party the use of the brewing facility of the Dyke’s end pub. The PC are in principle in support of this, subject to it only being during Mr. Gibson’s tenancy. When Mr. Gibson leaves, the brewing agreement will cease. **Clerk** to contact George Gibson and confirm these requirements in writing and/or in attendance at the next meeting.

The inspection cover is broken and dangerous on the corner of Great Lane and Delver Bridge. **Clerk** to report to Anglian Water.

An update to the street light changes was requested. **Clerk** to obtain an update.

**Clerk** to also, again, report the broken & dangerous street light outside Hill Farm, Fair Green.

**11. Payments**

CR Contracting – Mowing contract	£ 291.50
CAPALC – training	£ 25.00
Mead Construction – power on the green	£ 102.00 ) These two payments will be
D. Parr – Envico, power on the green	£1096.80 ) reclaimed from an ECDC
	grant on completion of this project.

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