



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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	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

There were none.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Fielding declared an interest in item 7.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

### 4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

Nothing to report.

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

No report supplied.

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

East Cambs. New ward arrangements for 2019 elections. We have applied to the local Government Boundary Commission for new warding arrangements that would reduce the number of District Councillors from 39 to 28, with a significant saving to council tax payers.

The Boundary Commission has now produced its draft recommendations. It is proposed to group The Swaffhams Ward with the parishes of Bottisham, Brinkley, Burrough Green, Lode and Westley Waterless. The new ward would be called Bottisham Ward and have two councillors. The commission will public its final recommendations on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

ECDC Lancaster Way Business Park Enterprise Zone. East Cambridgeshire will have its own enterprise zone (at Ely) from April 2016. All enterprise zones benefit from

- A business rate discount worth up to £275000 per business over a five year period.
- All business rates growth within the zone for a period of at least 5 years will be reclaimed by the local area, to support the Partnerships economic priorities and ensure that the Enterprise zone growth is reinvested locally
- Government help to develop radically simplified planning approaches for the zone. And Government support to ensure that superfast broadband is rolled out throughout the zone.

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

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation.

A discussion took place on the reclaiming of VAT. A protocol is required for all spending through the PC. To be added to the next meeting agenda.

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

There were none.

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

The playground gate is hanging off, **Clerk** to arrange repairs. Concern was shown regarding the state of the playground surface. **Councillor Boreham** to report back on the urgency of any repairs required.

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

Clerk had spoken to CCC regarding the poor state of recent repairs to local byways. Additional limited repairs will take place before the end of this financial year. A brief discussion took place regarding restricted byways, this, however, would have a cost implication.

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

Nothing to report.

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

A report on the woodland had been received from Nick Acklam

- We continue to comply with our contractual undertakings to the FC and do so without the need for further replanting this FY (there are 3150 viable saplings on site against our commitment to the FC to deliver 2900) but
- We are planning to replace all losses in early 2016, and can afford to do so whilst meeting maintenance costs in FY 16/17, principally footpath mowing. The replanting will be a subtly different species mix, reflecting what we have learned since initial planting. **Clerk** to check that planting to take place in Jan/Feb. time.

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

A website has been created, [www.wildreach.co.uk](http://www.wildreach.co.uk) this includes a brief video of the planting of the wood in 1994, and will be used to register plant and animal sighting within the wood.

#### **5. War Memorial base repairs**

It had been put forward to Council that repairs are required to the area around the base of the War Memorial. A proposal was given that a small team of residents should do this work with PC permission. Following discussion the PC decided that more information was required before a decision could be made. **Clerk** to ask the proposer to supply this information to allow further discussion and a decision.

#### **6. Reach LHI**

A long discussion took place including the points collated from residents emails received by the Clerk. It is disappointing to the PC that more options are not available, however the width of the roads has proved very restrictive, and speed limit changes are a long legislative procedure which criteria we do not meet. Therefore, the PC decided that the only part of the scheme that would be accepted was the work on the Swaffham Road. In light of the recent accident it was felt that this was better than having nothing.

#### **7. Insurance/Risk Assessments**

This item was postponed until the next meeting when the PC insurance representative will attend to give advice on managing risk procedure and answer questions. The insurance rep. will visit the village prior to the next meeting to look at various areas of concern. A discussion also took place regarding the need for councillors to declare an interest in certain situation.

#### **8. Dog Bins**

Dog bins are available at a cost of approx. £300; these are installed and emptied weekly, for free by ECDC, as long as they are located roadside. Initially two bins will be installed, one on Fair Green by Clunch Pit Lane, and another by the Devils Dyke car park. Additionally sticker will be obtained for the bin on The Hythe. **Clerk** to arrange.

**9. Planning Applications**

There were none.

**10. Information Items/AOB**

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

Concern was shown as to the lack of warning signs on the new power supply on the green. **Clerk** to investigate what is required and ensure these are in place.

**11. Payments**

Susan Bailey – stationary	£ 44.27
Susan Bailey - postage	£ 7.74
Fulbourn PC – outreach training day	£ 28.00
P. Marsh – power on the green	£ 200.00 ) These two payments will be
P. Marsh – power on the green	£ 320.00 ) reclaimed from an ECDC grant on completion of this project.

The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 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: