



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 7th December 2016

### Attendance

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

1. **Apologies for absence** – received and approved.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Cane declared an interest in a planning issue.

### Forum for Members of the Public

There were none.

3. **Planning**

It was reported application 16/01392/FUL. 11 Fair Green had been withdrawn.

Also reported that 16/00016/ North View House 16 Chapel Lane had gone to appeal, and that outline planning had been approved for 16/00686/OUM Stanford Park caravan park, Weirs Drove, Burwell.

Applications 16/01592/FUL was discussed. The PC had no comments to make.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

5 (1) **Amenity Fund Committee**

No activity to report.

5(2) **County Councillor's Report**

The main item of interest at County Council in November has been the proposed Devolution deal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. An extraordinary meeting of Full Council took place on 22nd November at which it was agreed, by a majority vote, that the County Council should accept the deal and agree to join a combined authority with an elected mayor. The deal has now been agreed by all seven constituent local authorities and the Local Enterprise Partnership. The deal will bring at least £600 million over 20 years for infrastructure projects, local control of skills funding and £170 million for affordable housing over the next 5 years for the area.

General Purposes Committee met to consider a number of items. These included the results of the public consultation on the 2017-18 business plan and approaches to Cambridgeshire Guided Busway defects and a review of the Waste Private Finance Initiative,

Children and Young People Committee met. The major item for discussion was a proposal to bring together the management of the Enhanced and Preventative Directorate with Children's Social Care Directorate. It was agreed unanimously that this was the right direction of travel. Committee also agreed to further work on joint working between Cambridgeshire Catering and Cleaning Services (for schools) with neighbours.

I attended a workshop with Senior Management Team regarding transformation work in the Council. I also attended Constitution and Ethics Committee, and the Children's Change Programme Board. Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Probation has been undertaking a 2-week inspection of Youth Offending Services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and I attended their formal feedback session. The full results of the inspection will be published in 2017.

### **5(3) District Councillor's Report**

No report supplied.

### **5(4) Financial Report**

The PC remains in a financially stable situation. Payment had been received from the Woodland Trust for this years mowing of Reach Wood.

Councillors delegate the power to the clerk to spend up to £100 in any month to carry out repairs to the playground identified in the weekly inspections. Any such expenditure will be reported to the Council at the following meeting.

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

Councillor Boreham continues his discussions with Anglian Water regarding The Hythe and things are continuing to move forward. It is likely that Reach PC will be able to take on a licence to use some of the land at The Hythe. Fences will need to be moved and work will need to be done to make the area useable. There will be a cost to this and fundraising maybe required.

Councillor Boreham also continues discussions with IDB & EA regarding the silting up of the Lode.

The idea of putting a defibrillator in the public phone box on Fair Green was discussed. The cost is very high and Councillors agreed that the telephone should be kept. It was also agreed that having a defibrillator in the village was a good idea. **Councillor Boreham** to investigate costs and ideas on where this could be best situated.

### **5(6) Play Spaces**

The repairs to the bridge logs were discussed and it was decided that all should be replaced to make the bridge safe, **Clerk** to arrange.

Investigations continue for the replacing of the play equipment. Meetings have been arranged with suppliers and designers to get an idea of layouts and prices. Consultations will then take place with residents.

### **5(7) Rights of Way**

Nothing to report.

### **5(8) 24Acres Committee Report**

Nick Acklam had been told he could buy more trees, he will be organising a planting weekend for them in January 2017.

### **5(9) Friends of Reach Wood**

The 'No Horses - Public Footpath' signs have been installed near Reach Wood.

### **5(10) Local Plan**

It is likely that the public Local Plan consultation will end in January. **Clerk** to establish the dates and arrange a public meeting to discuss.

## 6 Amenity Fund

It has been agreed that the Amenity fund will be taken over by the Parish Council. A payment is needed from the Reach Fair committee from this year's fair and then the accounts can be finalised and moved into the Parish Councils account. **Councillor Cane** to draft a document detailing the operating procedures for the new Amenity fund. This will be circulated and approved prior to been advertised to the public.

## 7 Precept

The precept will remain at last year's figure of £8,150

## 8 Burwell Road repairs and signage

Some road patching had been taking place this week. Hedge cutting had not taken place following the Clerks requests to landowners. **The Clerk** will continue to chase CCC for details following the on-site meeting with Councillor Fielding, write to Burwell PC to ask them to contact their landowners and will again write to Reach landowners.

## 9 NT land and roaming animals

Cattle have been escaping from various area of the NT land causing considerable problems and dangerous situations. The cattle have now been moved. Councillor Fielding had been in touch with the NT to discuss to try and avoid a similar situation occurring next year. **Councillor Boreham** to write to the NT highlighting this problem and **The Clerk** to follow up with a letter from the PC.

## 10 Information Items/AOB

Another complaint had been received regarding dog poo on the pavements within the village. **Clerk** to ask Councillor Baldwin if she was able to obtain the signs previously discussed. These can then be placed around the village.

The Clerk is in the process of arranging an on-site meeting with BB regarding the streetlights on Fair Green. This will hopefully happen next week and she will report back at the January meeting.

## 11. Payments

Simpsons Nurseries – Christmas Tree	£100.00
Eon – power on the green	£ 8.51
Susan Bailey – postage	£ 10.44
Councillor Boreham – No horses signs	£ 40.00

The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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: