



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 11th May 2016.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Hilary Fielding	vice Chair	Present
Michael Aves	Councillor	Arrived late/Present
Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Not Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Not Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Not Present

1. Apologies for absence were received and approved

2. Election of officers

Councillor Cane was elected Chair, proposed by Councillor Fielding and seconded by Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Fielding was elected vice Chair, proposed by Councillor Cane and seconded by Councillor Baldwin

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Fielding and Aves declared an interest in the planning discussion 16/00470/FUL Waterhall Farm, 46 Great Lane.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

5. Election of additional officers

Play spaces officer – Councillor Baldwin
Rights of way officer – Councillor Fielding
Amenity Fund – Councillor Ward and Baldwin

6 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

No report

6(2) County Councillor's Report

No report

6 (3) District Councillor's Report

Ely Cineworld complex – KFC, McDonalds and Costa Coffee have signed leases to move to the new complex.
Joining Frankie and Benny's and a Hungry Horse pub already committed to the scheme.
There will be 380 free parking spaces, making it more attractive than Cambridge.

The East Anglian Devolution Agreement – At a full council meeting on April 13th members ratified the agreement. They instructed the Chief Executive and the Council leader to ensure the inclusion of the following

- Ely Southern Bypass
- Soham Railway station and doubling of track
- Ely North rail junction
- Newmarket rail curve
- Junction at A14/ A142
- Community land trusts developments and related infrastructure
- A10 upgrade
- Improvements to cross country links

We requested the Chief Executive to report back to council in June. The devolution agreement sets out the framework for the devolution of powers and resources to Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk and Suffolk.

6 (4) Financial Report

The independent external Audit had been arranged with Jenny Neale of Burwell.

6 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings

There were none.

6 (6) Play Spaces

A resident, Cath Taylor, has agreed to lead a volunteer group to help update the play areas. The first task will be a survey of users, to establish what is required.

6 (7) Rights of Way

Nothing to report

6 (8) 24Acres Committee Report

Nothing to report

6 (9) Friends of Reach Wood

It has been agreed that The Prospects Trust should be engaged again this year to pull ragwort from Reach Wood meadow, following the successful activity last year. The work will take place on several occasions (half days) at the end of July and at the beginning of August. Last year the work was kindly paid for by a grant from the Amenity Fund. This year, Ian Froggatt from The Woodland Trust has increased the Reach Wood maintenance budget to allow this work to go ahead with no cost to the local community

6 (10) Local Plan

Nothing to report

7 Friends of Reach Port

Councillor Boreham has been talking to this group of villagers about The Hythe. It seems that they would like to see The Hythe protected from development and recognised as a site of heritage interest. In addition, they see the strong possibility that Anglian Water will ultimately retreat from the derelict sewage works site leaving just a small installation, thus releasing land for community amenity use. They see future conservation and recreation opportunities at the site and would like to engage with the PC as part of the future planning process

8 Information Items/AOB

The council still has a casual vacancy. *Clerk* to advertise the position again with a deadline of 22nd May and to arrange meetings for the week of 23rd May.

9. Payments

Came and Company – Insurance	£ 95.80
CR Contractors – shrub removal and mowing	£343.00
E.on – power on the green	£ 15.66

10 Forum for members of the public

No comments were made.

11 Planning

Both the Barston Drove and the Chapel Lane planning applications had been refused.

16/00470/FUL Waterhall Farm, 46 Great Lane – the council had no comment to make.

The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday 1st June 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).

Chairman:

Date: