



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 6th July 2016

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	Present
Michael Aves	Councillor	Present
Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Nathan Bridgeman	Councillor	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. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Ward declared an interest in planning application 16/00715/FUL.

3. **Planning**

16/00715/FUL – the PC concluded that there had been no significant change from the previous planning application for this site and the **Clerk** will therefore submit a letter to ECDC planning, stating the same objections.

16/00833/ARN – this is permitted development. The PC had no comment to make.

16/00686/OUT - the PC discussed this application, although it is outside the parish, as it is felt that the development would have significant effects on the village. The main issue being that of infrastructure, within Burwell and surrounding the development. Particularly the road, Weirs Drove and the junction with Reach Road. **Clerk** will therefore submit a letter to ECDC planning.

4. **Reach Festival, Reach Riders Group & Car Wash**

Risk assessment & timeline documents for the **car wash** were discussed and approved subject to the updating of the paperwork to include reference to prevention of damage to vehicles.

Reach Riders Group a timeline and risk assessment were provided for a riding facility on the 24Acres. Following discussion this was approved.

Reach Festival planning continues with great success and updates to documents had been received since the last meeting. The PC are happy with developing plans.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

6 (1) **Amenity Fund Committee**

Nothing report

6(2) **County Councillor's Report**

No report supplied.

6 (3) District Councillor's Report

Ely Southern By Pass – The government will shortly confirm the funding for this project. Preferred contractor will then be announced. This will be a design and build contract with a start date of approx. Nov. 2016 and completion date of Dec 2017.

On 28th June I attended a full council meeting to discuss –

- 1) The new district leisure centre at Ely The centre would have the following facilities – an 8 lane 25m pool, a learner pool, a 120 station gym, 2 dance studios, a 4 court sports hall and a 3G all weather pitch.

We have picked the contractor but cannot announce them until the contract has been signed. The budget for the project is £13,500,000. The majority of this funding will come from capital receipts or borrowing. Financially it should be cost neutral from construction and operation.

- 2) The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Devolution Proposal this includes new un-ring fenced funding under a single pot £20million per annum. For infrastructure and economic growth: £100m capitol grant (out to 2020/21) for the delivery of new houses and devolved budget for key role network of roads and local transport. An additional £70m capitol ring fenced for Cambridge to address their exceptional housing market conditions.

James Palmer, Council Leader, has negotiated the inclusion of key infrastructure projects in the deed document for consideration. Specifically: CLT scheme for Kennet, CLT development as a whole, Soham railway station including double tracking and reinstatement of the loop Newmarket curve, Ely north junction improvements, Ely southern bypass, A14/A142 junction & upgrades to the AA10.

6 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation. The rural grant has been received from ECDC.

6 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings

There were none.

6 (6) Play Spaces

Safety inspection results have been received with all items low risk. The questionnaire results are awaited. Upgrading the play areas will be discussed at the September meeting.

6 (7) Rights of Way

Rubble has been dumped at the end of green lane byway. **Councillor Fielding** to contact the enforcement officer at ECDC to get this removed.

ECDC had reported back that trees and vegetation from the edge of a property to the middle of the highway is the owner's responsibility.

Gates are in the process of being installed on the underbank drove by Reach Bridge across the Lode. This is to stop vehicles access this area, but allow other users and cattle to roam between fields. There is concern that these will encourage the cattle to congregate at this point making the track unsafe for other users. The tunnels under the bridge are too small for riders of larger horse and riders are already stating they will stop using this route. This is a major amenity for the village which we do not want to lose. **Clerk** to write to NT to note this concern and invite them to attend a future meeting to discuss this project prior to its completion.

6 (8) 24Acres Committee Report

The bio blitz day/evening went very well and was a great success.

6 (9) Friends of Reach Wood

The Woodland Trust has stated it has a 'wait and see' attitude to Ash dieback. The Prospect trust have been contracted to pull the Ragwort from the meadow, as they did last year.

6 (10) Local Plan

Full consultation for the local plan has been postponed until after the summer holidays. In the meantime **Councillor Boreham** will produce a questionnaire and once approved by the councillors the PDF will be put on the website and emailed asking for response. In September a walk around and door knock will take place to encourage more household to express their opinions.

7 Risk Assessment

A final draft V1.0 was approved. **Clerk** to send to regular users and ask to be put on the website.

8 The Hythe

Anglian Water are happy to hand the management of The Hythe to the PC to allow the village to what they wish in the area. They are not at this point considering selling the land or removing the disused tanks in the short term. Councillor Boreham continues his discussions. **Clerk** to write and express the PC's interest in this project. GOBO have put up a new mooring sign and the E/A sign can be removed should we want to. Raw sewage from a river cruiser has been released at The Point. Councillor Boreham to continue investigations. This will be added to the next agenda.

9 24Acres management plan

The management plan was accepted subject to two points. Firstly, the wood was designed for zero management but the plan needs a provision for control of unwanted 'nuisance vegetation' by whatever mean, when and where appropriate. And the design plan was for meadow/scrub/canopy. But there is a potential future need to thin and not replant. This situation must be monitored. **Clerk** to inform interested parties. Councillor Boreham is producing an access point map, and has been talking to the NT regarding more access points. A conversation needs to take place with the landowner regarding the repairing of the culvert.

10 Broadband

Connecting Cambridgeshire has requested that a cabinet be placed on the green to allow Openreach to continue with the plan to bring fibre broadband to the village. The PC were concern about the positioning of this cabinet for the fair lorries and also as it was very close to the end of The Dyke. **Clerk** to arrange for a site meeting.

11 Streetlights

The PC had received a quotation for the streetlight to be changed to heritage style as previously discussed. This was accepted with the addition of PC5. **Clerk** to confirm with CCC.

12 Dog bin

It was agreed that the dog bin should be moved from the end of Clunch Pit Lane to The Hythe as residence were unhappy with its present position. **Clerk** to arrange with ECDC.

13 August meeting

Lucy Frazer QC MP has invited the PC and residence to a meeting, in Bottisham, on Wednesday 3rd August. This is the date of the next PC meeting. A discussion took place as to whether the PC should attend this meeting. It was decided that this was not necessary. **Clerk** to inform Lucy Frazer's office that Reach PC will be unable to attend.

14 Information Items/AOB

Complaints have been received regarding the mowing of the green. Following discussion it was decided that fortnightly cuts were adequate and that this year had been an exceptional growing year due to the weather conditions.

A memorial plaque had been put up in the tree on the green. This will be removed.

15. Payments

Susan Bailey – Clerk salary	£939.20
CR Contractors – mowing	£388.50
Eon – power on the green	£ 8.45
Fenland leisure – playground inspection	£120.00

The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday 7th September 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: