



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 7th September 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	Present

1. **Apologies for absence** – There were none.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Ward & Aves declared an interest in planning application 16/1008/FUL.  
Councillors Cane & Baldwin declared an interest in Reach Festival.

### Forum for Members of the Public

Residence of 27 Burwell Road attended the meeting to inform the PC that they attended to apply for outline planning permission for a bungalow within their garden. They would move into the bungalow and the annex would become part of the main house. This would allow the residence to remain in the village as they grew older. PC had no questions and thanked them for informing the council.

3. **Planning**

16/1008/FUL – the PC concluded that all previous objections to planning on this site still stood. There was also concern that the plan was incomplete and could not be built in its present form. The **Clerk** will therefore submit a letter to ECDC planning, stating these same objections & points.

4. **Reach Festival**

**Reach Festival** planning continues with great success and the PC are happy with all documents the 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**

August is traditionally a quiet month Council-wise, and August 2016 has proved to be so.

I chaired a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board, which received progress reports on issues such as health and well-being, educational achievement and various opportunities for Looked After Children. We currently have 615 Looked After Children in Cambridgeshire, of which 65 are Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

I attended a meeting of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Economy and Environment and Children and Young People Committee to look at planning for growth with particular reference to educational provision and new schools. Concern was raised that sponsors for new Free Schools may be seeking to open new schools before they are really needed which can have a knock-on effect on existing schools. This will be raised with the Regional Schools Commissioner.

I also sat on an Appeals Panel to consider appeals for subsidised Home to School transport.

The current Executive Director of Children, Families and Adults, Adrian Loades, has announced his resignation from the County Council to take up a new post with the London of Redbridge. I have meetings scheduled for early September to consider future arrangements.

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

Green Flag Award - Ely's open spaces have been awarded 2 green flags. Jubilee Gardens for the 12<sup>th</sup> year running and Ely Country Park for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running. Cambridge has not been awarded any green flags.

Ely southern by-pass – The Government has now awarded the £16 million to build it. The contractor is Volker Fitzpatrick. It should be completed by the end of 2017.

Ely Leisure Complex – Work has commenced on the 6 screen cinema due to be finished by April 2017.

The swimming pool and leisure centre should be ready for use by January 2018. Sports England has awarded it £1.5 million in recognition of our commitment to sport and leisure within the district. When completed it should provide the district with considerable profit each year. We then plan a review of all sports and leisure facilities within the district. We need to take a particular look at rural isolation within some of our villages. We could perhaps find ways to help our elderly. Fundings could go towards helping village halls open for such things as whist drives, carpet bowls or even just a get together for a coffee and chat.

A discussion took place regarding the increasing of fly tipping in the area and the problems Councillors were having getting an adequate response from ECDC. **Councillor Alderson** to investigate.

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

Nothing to report. The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation.

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

Councillors Cane & Boreham met with Connecting Cambridgeshire regarding the village broadband and Councillor Fielding met with CCC Highways to discuss the Burwell Road. Please see below.

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

Weekly safety inspections continue. ECDC had finally emptied the bin by the swings. **Clerk** to invite the play spaces officer – Cath Tayleur to attend the next meeting to discuss the up grading of the playground.

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

Evidence of horse riding in parts of the village where this is not permitted have been reported. **Councillor Boreham** to try and obtain some signs from the Woodland Trust.

Councillor Fielding had looked at Back Lane after a complaint was received regarding over grown trees. The situation will be monitored.

## **6 (8) 24Acres Committee Report**

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

## 6 (9) Friends of Reach Wood

A new 'no horse riding' sign had been put up. The Prospect trust Ragwort pulling was ongoing but does not seem to be working as well this year. **Councillor Boreham** to contact the Woodland Trust to discuss. The meadow will be mowed on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, subject to the weather conditions.

## 6 (10) Local Plan

**Councillor Cane** to organise the publishing of the questionnaire to collect residences opinions.

## 7 Highways

Councillor Fielding met with CCC Highways to discuss a number of issues.

Repainting of the traffic calming road markings on the Swaffham Road. Painting of Give Way road markings on the road across the Green opposite the Dykes End Pub

Repairing the potholes in the road on Ditchfield, and booking it to be re skimmed in the future (maybe up to 2 years).

Unblocking the road drain covers at the end of Byway 6 and Ditchfield

The Road Safety Team will be sent to look at the bends just past the 24 Acres on the Burwell Road. There are a few possible options, but speed is one of the main problems, in addition to large vehicles such as busses/lorries meeting on the bends with not enough width for both to pass.

- Repaint Slow marking on the road and bring it forward a little
- Introduce Oncoming Vehicles in the Middle of the Road signs
- Widen the road near the 24Acres. However a wider road may encourage greater speed? But it would give large vehicles more room.
- Traffic calming measures

Horse and Rider warning signs could be erected on existing posts either side of the bend near the entrance to the 24 Acres. (This may be at the PC cost – up to £100 per sign) **Clerk** to add to October agenda.

Highways to take this forward and report back.

**Councillor Brown** to follow up with Highways and ask for repairs to be carried out to the edges on either side of the road.

The cutting back of trees and hedges bordering the highway, with special reference to the Burwell Road near 24 Acres. The bends warning sign is covered by branches and not clearly visible, and the overhanging branches force larger traffic into the middle of the road. It also creates a hazard for people using the entrance track to the 24 Acres. It is the adjacent land owner's responsibility, not Highways Authority. **Clerk** to write to the land owners highlighting this responsibility. There is also a Community Highways Volunteering scheme set up by CCC, to allow residence to assist with basic maintenance issues.

## 8 Moorings

Following an issue with a hire holiday boat discharging untreated effluent into the water whilst moored at 'The Point'. GOBA and Councillor Boreham have had many conversations with the boatyard concerned. The Pc have received a letter from GOBA outlining their thoughts and response to this situation. They agree to take all practical steps to prevent a re-occurrence. They have spoken with the boat yard owner who has agreed to prohibit his hirers of cruisers with sea toilets from using Reach Lode. They have spoken with the team leader of the navigation section of the Environment agency who has said he will bring this problem to the attention of all their members and they will add a caution note to the mooring sign just erected. The PC is happy with this response and **Clerk** will write to GOBA to thank them.

## 9 Broadband

A site meeting was held with Connecting Cambridgeshire and Councillors Cane & Boreham. A site was agreed for the position of the required cabinet. **Clerk** to sign and return the documents.

**10 Information Items/AOB**

The PC are able to add items to the ECDC parish conference agenda, there was nothing required.

There is an ACRE conference on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. Councillor Cane will attend, if it is free.

The PC would like the CCC Highways Volunteers scheme to be placed in the village magazine. **Clerk** to liaise with the magazine.

**11. Payments**

Susan Bailey – stationary & postage	£ 73.72
CR Contractors – mowing	£590.00
Eon – power on the green	£ 17.29
David Thomas – 24Acres expenses	£ 32.75

The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 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: