



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 4th January 2017

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	Not Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Not Present

1. Apologies for absence – received and approved.

Councillor Fielding chaired the meeting due to the illness of Councillor Cane.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Bridgeman declared an interest in the Dykes End discussion and Councillor Baldwin declared an interest in the Reach Fair discussion.

Forum for Members of the Public

There were none.

3. Planning

There was none.

4. The Dykes End

Following rumours circulating around the village the PC, as lease holder, had asked Mr Gibson to attend the meeting to discuss the situation with the Dykes End Pub.

5. Reach Fair

The Events Team attended the meeting to discuss the agreement for them to organise Reach Fair. A document was circulated which the PC would like to amend.

The Events Team updated the PC, stating that they had set up a charitable incorporated organisation; they had taken out their own public liability insurance and opened a bank account. They also reiterated that all profits would be passed to the PC to be used for the benefit of the village.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

7 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

The Amenity fund now ceases to exist as a separate entity and is part of the PC. **Clerk** to arrange for the monies to be transferred by cheque to the PC's bank account.

7(2) County Councillor's Report

May I start this report by wishing you all a happy and prosperous 2017 and hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas.

Full Council met on 13th December. A number of motions were debated and agreed. Two of these motions included decisions to overturn previous decisions taken at the budget meeting in February 2016. These related to winter gritting and street lighting, Council agreed to re-instate the previous gritting routes and to re-instate the previous levels of street lighting (over-turning the previous decision to dim street lights overnight), with the associated savings being met from reserves. The decision on street lighting has been implemented, and new gritting lorries have been procured and drivers are being trained to enable the increase in winter gritting. General Purposes Committee met to consider a number of items. These included the usual range of financial reports. The Committee also agreed to commence a consultation on a draft energy strategy for the County Council (details are available on the website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

I attended a seminar regarding the latest position on business planning for the coming years and also attended a joint meeting with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Economy and Environment Committee to discuss growth areas across Cambridgeshire and the associated educational/schools requirements. Following the announcement of a Government consultation on fairer funding for schools nationally, the County Council is currently working up a lobbying campaign with our MPs to continue to make the case for Cambridgeshire schools.

UK Power Networks is urging any people in need of special support in the event of a power cut to register on the priority helpline. Further details and how to register can be found at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/prioritysupport or by calling 0800 169 9970.

7(3) District Councillor's Report

No report supplied.

7(4) Financial Report

The PC remains in a financially stable situation.

7(5) Parish Council Members Meetings

There were none.

7(6) Play Spaces

A complaint had been received regarding the goals on the playing field. A resident has offered to repair and replace to bring the two goals back into use. The PC were grateful for this offer and agreed that this should go ahead. The goals will still need to be moveable for Reach Fair. The Events team have assured the PC that the goals will be correctly replaced after the Fair.

7(7) Rights of Way

There have been reports of horses in Reach Wood. Local riders have been reminded that this is not allowed. Residents are asked to please report any riding in the wood to Councillor Fielding with as much detail of rider and horse as possible.

Yet again complaints have been received about dogs loose in the wood. A discussion took place, the law states that dogs should be under control at all times even when off lead. Dog can be perceived as being dangerous by other people who are afraid of dogs running up to them even if the owner believes them not to be. **Councillors Cane and Fielding** to discuss with the owners.

7(8) 24Acres Committee Report

Nick Acklam will shortly be organising a planting day to in-fill the area of the woodland originally earmarked for a pond. And a Wassailing is being organised for 22nd January.

7(9) Friends of Reach Wood

One of the new 'no horse riding' signs has been removed on the footpath leading to the wood.

7(10) Local Plan

The local plan consultation will take place from the middle of January until the middle of February. The next PC meeting will start early at 7pm to allow time for residents discussion. **Clerk** will send an email will to residents advertising this meeting.

8 Parish Council Grant Application

A request had been received for £120 for funding of the Wassailing event at the 24Acres. Approved.

9 Playground update

Quotes are continuing to be sought, to gain ideas to put to residents and to establish how much funding will be required.

10 Burwell Road Update

Highways at CCC have stated that the patching work will continue, gullies have been cleaned, a CCC team has been requested to hedge cut along the entire length of the road, and the slow horse riders signs have been ordered.

There is nothing that can be done regarding the bend, just after the 24Acres entrance. Any work to widen the road would be very costly due to the ditches on either side. This would be major work that there is no budget for. Ditchfield has been added to the list for repair, however this is low priority for them but now it is on the list it should happen at some time in the future. However, this may be a very long time in the future.

11 The Hythe Update

Councillor Boreham has been informed that an important meeting about the future of The Hythe will take place at Anglian Water at the end of this week.

12 Streetlight Update

An onsite meeting had taken place with Balfour Beatty. The PC have received a quote for the replacement of 7 lights on Fair Green to Heritage style lights, along with one in Chapel Lane. Balfour Beatty have stated that they are able to complete the works prior to Reach Fair. Residents who previously had made offers of donations have been contacted and are still happy with their commitment. This was approved.

10 Information Items/AOB

A letter had been received asking whether access to the cemetery could be improved for disabled visitors. **Clerk** to obtain quotes for a new pathway.

Reach Village Sign committee would now like to transfer responsibility and funds to the PC. Approved, funds will be held in a restricted reserve for future repair to the sign.

Councillor Boreham has made an application to the British Heart Foundation for a free defibrillator. This will provide a defibrillator, cabinet and training pack at no cost to the PC. If successful, all we will need to do is provide a location accessible 24/7. It seems like the bus shelter or the wall of the Village Centre might be the best options.

11. Payments

Eon – power on the green	£ 13.61
Susan Bailey – salary	£ 939.62

The date of the **next meeting** will be Wednesday **1st February 2017 at 7.00pm**. 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: