



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### Attendance

|                  |                     |             |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Charlotte Cane   | Chair               | Present     |
| Hilary Fielding  | vice Chair          | Present     |
| Michael Aves     | Councillor          | Present     |
| Hannah Baldwin   | Councillor          | Present     |
| Steve Boreham    | Councillor          | Not Present |
| Diana Ward       | Councillor          | Not Present |
| Nathan Bridgeman | Councillor          | Not Present |
|                  |                     |             |
| Susan Bailey     | Clerk               | Present     |
| Allen Alderson   | District Councillor | Present     |
| Joshua Schumann  | County Councillor   | Not Present |

1. **Apologies for absence** – 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. **Declaration of interests**

There were none.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

5. **Election of additional officers**

This was deferred until the June meeting due to the lack of councillors.

6 (1) **Parish Council Grant Fund**

Nothing to report

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

No report received.

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

No report received.

6(4) **Financial Reports**

The PC remains in a financially stable situation.

A problem had arisen regarding the internal audit. It had been impossible to find an individual willing to take on this task. Therefore, the accountancy firm who last carried out this role for the PC had been contacted and had agreed to take on the work. *Clerk* to attend a meeting to discuss and arrange.

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

There were none.

**6(6) Play Spaces**

Everything is reported to be in good order.

**6(7) Rights of Way**

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report.

**6(9) Friends of Reach Wood**

It seems that in addition to the problems with ragwort, there is now a problem with hawthorn invading the meadow. The first response of the Woodland Trust was to suggest using a flail cutter. This is unacceptable. To compound matters, The Woodland Trust is having a hard time financially this year and has cancelled the extra woodland management budget they had set aside for the wood. The money for mowing is unaffected. It may be possible to leverage some emergency funding to deal with the ragwort a little later in the season. As Councillor Boreham, who oversees the woodland for the PC was unable to attend the meeting ***this matter will be discussed at the June meeting.***

**6(10) Local Plan**

To be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting, following on from this meeting.

**7 June meeting date**

The date for the June meeting was set as Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. This is due to the General Election.

**10 Forum for Members of the Public**

There were none.

**11 Information Items/AOB**

An enquiry had been received concerning the holding of a children's party on the playing field. Following discussion the PC had no concern but suggested that it would be polite for the date to be circulated around the village and that the resident ensured no rubbish would be left behind. **Clerk** to inform the resident.

**11 Planning**

There were no applications.

**12 Payments**

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| E.on – power on the green             | £20.57  |
| E.on – streetlight electricity        | £500.57 |
| David Thomas – Orchard expenses       | £59.86  |
| Susan Bailey – Stationary and postage | £66.35  |
| P. Marsh – Defibrillator installation | £60.00  |
| Craig Dunnett – Bridge repair         | £490.00 |
| CR Contracting – mowing               | £298.50 |

The date of the **next meeting** will be **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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: