



**Draft Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on;
Wednesday 7th November 2018.**

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	Present
Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Andrew Trump	Councillor	Present
David McMillan	Councillor	Present
Nathan Bridgeman	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Not Present
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present

Apologies for absence

Received and approved

Forum for members of the public. Several members of the public attended the meeting to listen to the speaker.

Speaker - Mark Deas - Rural Housing Enabler & Neighbourhood Planning Officer Cambridgeshire ACRE to discuss the neighbourhood plan process and the support available.

Mark started the meeting by outlining what the Neighbourhood Plan was, and what support was available. The Neighbourhood Plan is a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live. Once adopted the Neighbourhood Plan has statutory weight & must be considered by planners whilst the Local plan is in place.

A Neighbourhood Plan will take approx. 18 months to complete and should be updated at least every 5 years. Lots of volunteers will be required as this is not something that a PC can take include in its normal business. The Neighbourhood Plan must be approved by a Parish referendum and get 50%+1 of votes to be passed. There is lots of help available from various sources, both financial and guidance. The first meeting will need to be paid for by the PC and all subsequent costs should be covered by the Locality grant available. This will be a cost of £400.

The village should decide whether there is a need for a Neighbourhood Plan, is there dissatisfaction with planning procedure, is there the likelihood of large planning applications. A neighbourhood Plan would allow the village to influence the design, character and types of properties to be built.

An alternative to the Neighbourhood Plan would be a Parish Plan however this holds no weight with planners.

Nick Acklam to carry out more research and report back to the PC.

1. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Trump declared an interest in the cricket pavilion decision.

2. Planning Applications

18/01397/OUT two bungalows at the site southwest of Hill Farm, Fair Green, Reach

Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed to make the following comments regarding this application

- This development is outside of the village envelope and should be considered as backland development. It is separate from the build line of the village, and outside the standard form of the village within the conservation area.
- The Parish Council supports the building of retirement properties within the village.
- Access to the site is on a byway. The Parish Council are concerned about this setting a precedence for the use of byways as access roads.
- The Parish Council felt that the junction with the highway would not be a problem.
- The Parish Council would like the protection of the view along Back Lane be a condition of the build, should this development go ahead.

3. County Councillor Report

None received.

4. District Councillor Report

At our full council meeting in October we received a presentation on the police restructuring of the area these are some of the points that came out: -Neighbourhood Policing – April 2018 onward

Sustainable policing model for the next 3-5 years

- Recognises and responds to changing demands
- Better match of resources to demand
- Deliver a police and crime plan

An example of a month in East Cambs-

- Each month the constabulary on average attend 3102 calls for service
- 98 will relate to domestic abuse
- 111 concern incidents
- 24 will relate to burglary
- 8 sex offences
- 84 missing people

The last month I have been involved in yet more fly tipping incidents. These include such things as vehicle tyres, mattresses, dismantled kitchen units and empty gas bottles. It is a pity that some people are so thoughtless as to spoil our countryside with their disregarded items. They will be prosecuted if caught. This last month I have attended several council meetings and been involved in various planning matters.

New Local Plan Should be going to Council in April for adoption. We presently have 3.9 years of housing supply. Should have our quota by April.

The new Ely southern by-pass opened on Wednesday 31st October. The railway underpass closed on Thursday 1st November. It will be closed for about twelve weeks while it is adapted to take pedestrian and light traffic.

5. Minutes of previous Meeting

Approved as correct.

6.1 Reach Grant Fund

A request had been received for up to £500 payable with receipts for 3 village events. The Remembrance Sunday Event, and the two Christmas Events. The Christmas tree will also be purchased for £175. Approved.

6.2 Finance

The PC is in a financially stable position.

A meeting will be held on the 13th November to discuss the next financial year's budget.

The PC approved the purchase of the SLCC Yellow book for £108.99.

A quote had been received for work on the Willow on The Hythe, a decision on this would wait until after the budget meeting.

6.3 Parish Council Members

Councillor Trump had received communications from Anglian Water, regarding the land on The Hythe, stating that *“there is little scope to release the land for other purposes”*. The PC find this disappointing and will continue communications.

6.4 Play Spaces

New playground:

Albert’s bench sanding and staining has been completed, thanks go to Dylan & Harry. Councillor de Giorgio-Miller to store materials.

There is no news on the Tesco bags of help application yet.

Old playground area development:

No news on Postcode local trust funding by the Reach Village Centre Committee. We should be notified of the outcome by November 30th.

6.5 Rights of Way

Councillor Fielding to meet, next week, with The Prospect Trust to discuss the pathway between Reach Wood and the Byway at the back of Ditchfield.

6.6 24Acres Committee

The Cricket Club would like to the PCs “in principle” approval for the building of a pavilion. Approved awaiting more details.

A grant is available from the Forestry commission. Nick Acklam is to meet them on site to discuss.

6.7 Friends of Reach wood

Nothing to report.

6.8 GDPR

Work continues to ensure the PC fully complies with this legislation.

7. Sanctuary House area on the Burwell Road

Councillors Bridgeman and de Giorgio-Miller visited the site following concern from a local resident. The tree looks to be in a similar condition to those around it and the garage area is in not too bad a condition. It was felt that there was nothing for the PC to get involved with.

8. Grant fund application form

Councillor de Giorgio-Miller had produced aa application from. Approved.

9. Agenda circulation

The agenda will be circulated on Facebook to improve transparency to the village. If there is anything unusual with the agenda approval will be gained from the Clerk and Chair.

10. Information Items/AOB

A police and crime commissioners meeting is to take place, no Councillor is able to attend.

It had been noted by residents that the website is not up to date. **Councillor McMillan** to set up a link to what is required. Transparency will be added to the January Agenda.

11. Payments

CR Contracting – mowing contract	£302.00
E. On - power on the green	£8.51
S Bailey – Holiday pay under payment	£522.92
S Bailey – Postage & stationary	£134.02
A de Georgio-Miller – Alberts bench materials	£47.49
D Thomas – Apple day expenses	£14.95
Dylan & Harry – Alberts bench cleaning	£50.00

The date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 5th December 2018 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: