



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Attendance

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

Apologies for absence - received and approved.

### Forum for members of the public.

The Events Team would like to hold an Event to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the end of WW1. The lighting of beacons is planned across the country, and Reach will join in with this. The Events team also plans to hold some events during the day. As well as the morning church service, these may include an exhibition of items related to the war, or to the village at the time. An old fashioned sing along or related craft activities. The PC were very supportive of this project. **Clerk** to investigate the cleaning of the memorial and the surrounding area.

### 1. Declaration of interests

Councillor Cane declared an interest in the old playground area discussion

### 2. Planning

#### 17/02027/FUL Amendment to proposed garage site SW of 48a Great Lane

The amendment proposes to replace the removed trees and hedgerow; as shown on the plans this planting is outside the site boundary, on highways land, and will therefore be unenforceable. Additionally the removal of the trees and hedgerow is likely to adversely impact the remaining trees.

#### 18/00004/FUL two storey extension Dykes End House 11 Fair Green

Following discussion the PC felt that the bike store and parking area at the front of the property are questionable given that this is a conservation area. However, parking off road would be an improvement. The bike store elongates the NW elevation as viewed from the church, a listed building. The extended roof line, of the bike store, also makes the property appear larger.

In summary the PC felt that the store is visually intrusive and inappropriate in the conservation area, next to the listed building.

### 3. County Councillor's Report

None received.

#### **4. District Councillor's Report**

Fly tipping in the ward has recently been held up because Veolia's grab truck is awaiting an MOT Veolia is attempting to collect any rubbish with their caged vehicle wherever possible.

The consultation period on the Local Plan ended before Christmas.

The next step is to pull together all the final necessary paperwork in order to 'submit' the Local Plan (and the comments received) to the Planning Inspectorate this February. From February the Plan then enters its 'examination' stage led by a Government inspector.

During January I attended the following four engagements

- 1) East Cambs full council meeting
- 2) A health and well-being seminar
- 3) A budget seminar
- 4) A visit to Lancaster Way Business Park at Witchford

It has been classes as an Enterprise Zone which gives it the following benefits

- Rates relief up to £275,000 over 5 years
- Fast tracked planning
- Additional support for business from the Greater Cambridge, Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership
- Access to growth funding

Our district council supports suitable local business projects which thereby enable people to work locally and cut their travelling times and costs.

#### **5. Minutes of previous Meeting**

Approved as correct.

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

The Village Centre requested a grant of up to £1845.00 which is a 50% contribution to the redecoration of the main hall of the village hall. Approved.

A request was also received for up to £200 for a Grand Opening Event for the new village playground. This is a requirement by WREN, as a condition of their funding. Approved.

#### **6(2) Financial Reports**

The streetlight donations are now complete. The monies will be allocated and any excess returned as a percentage of that donated. It is hoped that this will be completed by the next PC meeting.

A request had been received to circulate a financial statement each month with the agenda, to show what funds the PC has, including the Grant Fund amount and the restricted reserves. This was approved.

A payment request had been submitted without proper receipts for a grant fund approved payment. This was declined until proper receipts can be provided. The PC is a statutory body and therefore must have receipts for all payments.

#### **6(3) Parish Council Members Meetings**

There were none.

#### **6(4) Play Spaces**

Although part of the hedge had been trimmed back to allow the new playground to be installed the height of the hedge had proved problematic. *Clerk* to obtain quoted to have this work done. The new playground should be finished on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. and open for use on the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Grass seed will be put down where the surface has been damaged. *Councillor de Giorgio-Miller* will arrange fencing.

*Councillor de Giorgio-Miller* will also look into prices for some of the ideas put forward for the area of the old playground.

#### **6(5) Rights of Way**

Nothing to report.

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

The trees seem to be establishing well, and the new path that we had cut from the shipping container towards the culvert bridge looks good.

## **6(7) Friends of Reach Wood**

The Friends of Reach Wood have been consulted, and seem generally happy with the Woodland Trust proposal to cut the meadow in June, treat the ragwort, and then cut in September as usual.

## **7. Highways**

Councillor Fielding had reported a lot of the potholes around the village.

Ditchfield had been patched up.

Delver Bridge hole will be filled and a specialist will inspect the drop off at the edge of the bridge.

The large pothole on Great Lane, although reported is still awaiting action.

The bridge by the grain store and Little Fen Drove have also been patched. Unfortunately the beet harvest had continued and the too large trucks are continuing to destroy the edges of the roads. **Clerk** to write to highways to express the PC's concern that running repairs are not adequate due to the continuing use of larger heavier vehicles.

## **8. Standing Orders, Social media policy & email accounts**

The PC standing orders, website and social media policy will be discussed at the next meeting, following continuing updates. Councillor McMillan discussed the new computer packages, storage and email account quotes. A figure of £440 was agreed, subject to all products and services meeting with the GDPR & EU regulations.

## **9. Reach Grant Fund clarification and wording update**

The updated document and application form were approved. **Councillor Cane** to circulate and ensure they appear on the website.

## **10. GOBA agreement and Reach Lode**

Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

## **11. The War Memorial & Remembrance Sunday (100 years since end of WW1)**

Discussed in the public forum at the start of the meeting.

## **12. Annual Parish Meeting proposed date 2nd May 2018**

Agreed, with a 7pm start.

## **13. Information Items/AOB**

Burwell PC meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner – **Councillor Fielding** to attend.

NALC parliamentary lobby – Nothing to suggest.

Incinerator planning issue – the deadline maybe moved. **Clerk** to check.

CAPALC EGM – **Councillor Cane** to attend.

GDPR training – **Clerk** to check her availability to attend

## **12. Payments –**

E.on – power on the green £30.09

S. Bailey – Postage £8.47

Craig Dunnett – bird guard £69.14

Balfour Beatty – streetlight maintenance £369.74

D Thomas – Pear Tree 24Acres – Grant Fund £19.99

D McMillan - Computer - £905.76

Simpsons – Christmas Tree £109.99

D Parr Events team – Brass band Christmas event – Grant fund £120

J Mules Events team – Christmas event – Grant Fund £139.05

The date of the **next meeting** will be **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm** unless otherwise required. 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: