



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 4th April 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
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present

1. Declaration of interests

Councillor Trump declared an interest in the Cricket Club/mower discussion.

Forum for members of the public.

A member of the Cricket Club attended the meeting to discuss their application for Grant fund money & a PC loan to buy a mower. Following discussion, it was agreed that the PC and Grant fund would purchase the mower. The Cricket Club would donate £500 to the grant fund, mow the cricket pitch, the Manege, the 24Acres paths and orchard as required. The mower would be available for the village should it be necessary. The cricket club would also store securely, maintain and service the mower. The PC will cover the insurance.

2. Reach Fair

Preparations for the Fair are proceeding well. All the health and safety, insurance, St John's Ambulance and other services etc are in place along with the risk assessment. Logistics (bins, toilets, traffic etc) are all finalised.

All the catering and entertainment have been finalised; schedules will be available shortly. This includes the usual maypole dancing.

Stalls are almost all full of a nice mix of arts, crafts and produce along with a couple of charities.

Village involvement continues to be strong and the village stalls are going well.

The location of a few things has been changed based on both space availability with both playgrounds being in place & also feedback from last year.

There is an active following on social media and the website is attracting good traffic.

The finances are looking good and the Fair should start on an even keel

There are concerns about the state of the entrance to the top field. The playground works repairs are underway but the weather conditions have made the ground condition poor. There will be upwards of 70 vehicles ranging from cars (stallholders) to vans (food vans and rides) to tractors (straw drop off) entering the top field over the course of the Fair weekend, followed by all the visitors (4,500+ last year). Plans will be made to allow safe access for vehicle and visitors.

3. Planning

18/00285/FUL Dykes End House – Internal & external adaptations for disabled use. No comment to be made.

4. County Councillor's Report

None received. *Clerk* to contact Cllr Schumann and ask whether, if he cannot attend, it would be possible to receive a written report.

5. District Councillor's Report

Residents who ordered their second blue bin will now begin to receive them as ECDCs trading company East Cambs Street Scene prepares to start delivering waste and street cleaning services. This move has enabled the council to provide residents with the option to acquire a second blue bin for a one-off payment of £25. This will help the council to reach its recycling target to 60% of household. Blue bins can be ordered on the ECDC website.

As the new local plan moves forward some normality has returned to the amount of planning applications being received. Reducing the amount of work the department is having to deal with particularly unsuitable applications.

The Ely southern bypass is progressing well. If travelling to Ely you should allow for temporary speed limits and short periods of temporary traffic lights on the A142 at Stuntley Causeway and Angel Drove. These will only operate between 0930 – 1530.

Councillors commented on the continued fly tipping on the fen roads. **Councillor Alderson** to speak with ECDC and get this removed.

6. Minutes of previous Meeting

Approved as correct.

7 (1) Parish Council Grant Fund

An application had been received for up to £250 for a Royal wedding tea party for the village.

Approved. **Clerk** to inform the Events Team that up to £250 would be available payable on production of receipts.

7(2) Financial Reports

Clerk is in discussions with the insurance company to add the additional streetlights and new playground but also to ensure the PC is only paying for cover required.

Clerk is also finalising the grant payments for the new playground.

7(3) Parish Council Members Meetings

There were none.

7(4) Play Spaces

The Grand Opening event was a success with approximately 40-50 people attending. Thanks to Cath Tayleur, Natasha Bridgeman and Debbie Quilter for organizing. Kompan had a photographer and videographer with them and will be passing on photos to us.

The Clerk had obtained one quote with one to follow for the hedge cutting around the playing field. **Clerk** to continue to obtain more quotes.

7(5) Rights of Way

Little Fen Drove has been part repaired but not completed. The junction of Byway 6 and Great Lane is also becoming very waterlogged and damaged **Clerk** to write to Highways and County councillor.

7(6) 24Acres Committee Report

Nothing to report. **Clerk** to inform committee of new mowing facility.

7(7) Friends of Reach Wood

Nothing to report.

8. New Councillor

Two people had put themselves forward to be co-opted on to the council. Following meetings with both, the Council agreed to appoint Nathan Bridgeman as the new councillor. **Councillor Cane** to inform both candidates and **Clerk** to complete the necessary paperwork.

9. Mowing Contract

Following the cricket club mowing discussion earlier in the meeting and the difficulty in obtaining additional quotation the PC agreed to continue with the present contractor minus the

24Acre cuts. **Clerk** to inform the contractor.

10. GOBA agreement and Reach Lode

The GOBA mooring arrangement is now in place for the next 5 years. GOBA would like to do some dredging work at The Point on The Hythe, **Councillor Ward** to contact GOBA to discuss.

11. New playground guideline compliance

The PC have received the handover pack from Kompan. The playground has been installed to European standards EN1176 and EN1177. Now that the playground has been handed over, it is the responsibility of the operator to ensure the equipment is safe. To comply with this, we will need an emergency contact sign **Councillor de Giorgio-Miller** to arrange.

The PC are also responsible for carrying out routine weekly visual inspections. Kompan offer operation inspections and annual inspections which follow on from these. **Councillor de Giorgio-Miller** to obtain quotes from several companies.

12. Ideas for old playground

Discussion took place to narrow down the choice of ideas for this area. **Councillor de Giorgio-Miller** to look at costs for concrete table tennis tables, basketball nets & picnic benches. Increased noise was discussed. **Councillor de Giorgio-Miller** to contact the local homes to understand any concerns they may have.

13. GDPR

Clerk, Councillors Cane and McMillan to work together to produce an action plan, using the NALC check list.

14. Minutes, Social media policy & email policy update.

Previously the PC had decided not to publish draft minutes, this is not best practice. In future draft minutes shall be published within 7 days of the PC meeting.
The Social media policy & email policy were approved.

15. Draft revised National Planning Policy Framework

Councillor Ward to review and make recommendation to Council should she think appropriate.

16. Information Items/AOB

An invitation had been received for the ECDC Civic reception. No councillors were able to attend.

Councillor Cane had invited Grahame Radford to attend the Mayors procession and reception at Reach Fair in acknowledgement of his many years of hard work at the Fair.

17. Payments

E.on – Power on the green £7.94
S Bailey – Salary £1313.39
S Bailey – Stationary £72.96
CR Contracting – Hedge cutting £126.00
Fuse – Office 365 & exchange plan £525.55
Reach Village Centre – 6 months hire of shed for storage £360
N Bridgeman – Playground opening – Grant Fund £54.75
C Tayleur – Playground opening – Grant Fund £105.40
Village Centre – decorating – Grant fund £1845.00
Kompan – New playground £16,560.08

The date of the **next meeting** will be **Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7.00pm** prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. 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: