

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2008

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Vice-Chairman Cllr Clark, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Lang, Cllr Platt, Cllr Dunnett, Cllr King and D/Cllr Alderson, C/Cllr Williams.

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th May 2008 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

Planning Application

- Mr and Mrs J & E Tabecki

Ref: 08/00418/FUL

Chapel Farmhouse, 4 Chapel Lane, Reach

The Parish Council are broadly supportive of the contrast in style but feel that the building should be 'pushed back' so that it is not straight across the front of the existing property".

Devils' Dyke

Cllr Clark was concerned that Devils Dyke is becoming rather overgrown and was under the impression that sheep were going to be put onto the site to keep things tidy, but there are no sheep in sight!! The clerk will write to the CC Rights of Way officer to find out what is happening.

Swaffham Prior School Swimming Pool

A letter of thanks had been received from the fundraising committee thanking the parish council for their donation of £100.

Fair Commemorative Plaque

Ross Clark had received a letter from Cambridge City Council expressing their concern over the state of the commemorative plaque on the farmhouse celebrating the 800th anniversary of Reach Fair. The Parish Council agreed to clean the plaque with Brasso.

Overgrown verges around Reach

The clerk will write to Mark Kemp at CCC regarding the overgrown grass verges that obstruct view along the roads.

Cheques:

Wicksteed Leisure	£ 88.13
J Pollard (cemetery gates and fence)	£862.45
Ben Burgess (repairs to mower)	£ 592.60
D Blocksage	£ 130.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2 July at 7.30pm

Chairman:

Date:

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Woodland Trust

Mr Jonathan Plowe was expected to give a talk at the start of the meeting regarding Reach Wood, but cancelled at the last minute. The Parish Council looked at a map to ascertain where an alternative path for horses could be placed with John Cole's permission. Jonathan Plowe has agreed to a meeting tomorrow at 2pm at the wood.

Reports

Chairmans Report

"The Parish Councillors have been meeting every month giving up their time to run the village. Hopefully we can make it a better place to live in.

The village mower has had mechanical problems again this year, so we will probably have to explore the possibilities of either purchasing a new, or second hand one. Or the alternative could be to hire a contractor to cut the grass.

The National Trust has attended some of our meetings to update us on the progress of the Wicken Vision. At the last presentation a good number of the general public attended. A bridge has been erected over the Swaffham Bulbeck lode, and another is proposed for Reach lode.

There has been a problem with people riding horses on the pathways around the wood, causing them to become muddy and also using the wooden benches as jumps. Various solutions have been proposed and hopefully everybody will be able to use the wood.

Robert Wood has left the Council and we thank him for his support and welcome Angela King in his place.

I would like to thank the parish council members for their hard work and support during the year. Also John Robinson and John Reed in their roles helping the Parish Council. I would also like to thank our County Councillor Hazel Williams and District Councillor, Alan Alderson for their support. Thanks also to the grasscutting team who keep our village looking tidy.

Lastly, but not least, our Clerk, Claire, who unfortunately has handed in her resignation. Thank you for all you have done during your time as clerk.

And thank you to anyone I may have forgotten!"

Council Council Report
(awaiting written document)

District Council
(awaiting written document)

Village Hall Report

There was a very good turnout for this year's Fair – about 7 – 8,000 people attended.

Chairman:

Date: