

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2 July 2008

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Vice-Chairman Cllr Clark, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Lang, Cllr Platt, Cllr Dunnett, Cllr King, C/Cllr Williams and David Parr

Apology

D/Cllr Alderson

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th June 2008 were confirmed and signed.

Reports

County Council Report

The Transport Innovation Fund bid (inc Congestion Charging) is probably going to be looked at again, although despite what the papers are saying, it has not yet gone to Cabinet of Full Council.

County Council elections next year are likely to be changed to June 4th, the same date as the European elections.

Traffic calming at Quy is causing some disquiet but because it is in the South Cambs Division, Cllr Williams had no knowledge of it before they started work. Presumably Quy Parish Council gave their approval.

The Eco-town near Duxford continues to have the disapproval of everyone except Tesco's who own the site.

Village Hall Committee

The AGM of the Village Hall committee has taken place. The window plaques were discussed and also it was agreed that the shed would be re-done.

Concern was raised over the 25% profit that should come to the Reach Amenity Fund from the Fair. This money has not been received. This matter would be looked into.

Matters Arising

Cemetery Fence

Cllr Aves had met with Ron Greenhill to assess the cemetery fence. They agreed that it would be best to purchase some wood to patch it up at this stage.

Some members of the Parish Council were concerned that we should get costings of this before we go ahead. Hazel Williams suggested that the Parish Council set an agreement that any work costing under £100 should be authorized (if appropriate and acceptable) so that action can be taken and the job will get done without dragging on for months!!

Reach Wood

Cllrs Lang, Platt and King had met Jonathan Plowe from The Woodland Trust at Reach Wood. He said that as the wood had not been designed to accommodate horses this situation would not change; he would not enter into further discussion unless the owner of the field next to the wood agreed to sell some of his land to the Fenland Bridleways Association.

Bollards in Quy

Ross Clark expressed concern over the new traffic calming bollards though Quy. They are encouraging people to take short cuts and detours. The clerk agreed to write a letter to Mark Kemp at CC Highways and Quy Parish Council.

New Clerk

The Parish Council were pleased to welcome David Parr to the meeting. He is very keen to become the new clerk, replacing Claire Denniss. Cllr Clark proposed that David take on the clerk's position. Cllr Lang seconded this. All were in favour. David Parr will liaise with Claire Denniss and take over as of the next meeting in August.

Parish Mower

The Parish mower is constantly breaking down and causing expense. The time may have come to renew the mower. Bryan Pearson has agreed to get quotes for new/secondhand mowers.

Postman Trevor

Trevor, our village postman is leaving his position. Everyone has come to know and rely on Trevor and he will be sadly missed.

Reach Fair Plaque

Sue Edwards at the City Council had written saying the plaque needed cleaning. It was agreed that Sue should be asked where the plaque was made so it could be removed and cleaned professionally.

Planning Application

Proposal: 1 no three bed dwelling

Location: Land adjacent to 36 Swaffham Road, Reach, Cambridge CB25 0HZ

Reference: 08/00650/FUL

After viewing the plans and discussing the application, the Parish Council had no objections or comments to make on this application.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6 August at 7.30pm

Chairman:

Date: