

REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday 31st October 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr D Perkins, who presided, Cllrs P Stuffins, S Crease, A Clay, A Brammer, B Tebbs and D World with the Clerk, Mr B Wharton.

C/Cllr I Fleetwood and D/Cllrs A Welburn, C Darcel, M Palmer also attended.

Joe Good attended as observer, with reference to Item 6. PCSO J Parker also attended and presented an update of police activity in the area over the past month.

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

1. Apologies.

Cllrs J Oxby and N Ward. D/Cllr M Palmer apologised for expected late arrival (7.45pm)

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2017.

At the proposal by Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr P Stuffins, it was resolved that the minutes be accepted.

3. Clerk's Report

Cllrs should note that Cllr S Crease would represent the Parish Council at a consultation on Code of Conduct changes. No special observations to that consultation were recommended.

The Kissing gate has now been installed.

The Headmaster of the Priory Pembroke Academy will attend the November meeting.

Letters had been written to LCC offering condolences on the death of Lee Rowley and to the resident requesting a hockey pitch at the village hall.

4. Correspondence

D/Cllrs Welburn and Palmer – report for October

C/Cllr I Fleetwood – brief for October.

WLDC – Stairlift Project - posters

LCC – Posters for 'Call Connect'.

LALC – Increase in subscription costs.

Barclays bank – Updates to Terms and Conditions.

Bruce McIntyre – Update to resurfacing of Station Road/ Fiskerton Road.

Glasdon – Brochure.

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5. Financial Matters

Presentation of Accounts:

Glendale – 1 Grass cut.	£ 270.30
B Wharton – Printing Inks.	£ 77.94
Neighbourhood Plan – Hire of Church Hall	<u>£ 75.00</u>
	£ 423.24

At the proposal of Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr A Clay, it was carried that these cheques be signed.

Precept.

After discussion and sight of a spreadsheet covering the year's finances, at the proposal of Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr B Tebbs, it was resolved that an initial estimate for the 2018/19 Precept be set at £8,000 as per 2017/18.

6. Planning Matters

Good's Farm Development:

The current situation regarding the reduced size of the Good's Farm development was presented by the Chairman. The Chairman's presentation agreed that the developers had responded to the feeling that the original was too large: the current proposal was closer to the Local plan requirements and deserved close examination from all parties. A strategy whereby the process following those earlier in the year for the larger scale of development was not favoured by the Developers: a different strategy was suggested. During discussion the meeting was closed at 7.57pm to allow Mr J Good to offer opinions and ask questions. The meeting re-opened at 8.15pm. Following a proposal by Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr A Brammer, it was resolved that the strategy would be:

A leaflet explaining the situation to be issued to the residents (Cllr D Perkins and Cllr D World to design) leading to a Public Meeting with presentation, Q and A session, and open discussion at a date to be decided.

From that Public Meeting, a voting slip (the question partly dependent upon the findings of the meeting) to be hand delivered to all residents to seek ratification of the future stance to be taken by the Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Plans:

NDP: A report of the meetings of and changes within the Group was given by Cllr D World, as Chairman at the last meeting. Cllr World announced that he had stood down as Chairman but would continue to act with the Group and act as liaison.

The application for funding was under process but was proving tortuous.

It was decided to lodge the Parish Council's Local Plan copy with Cllr Clay, but loan applications could be accepted through the Clerk's email.

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7. Roads and Footways

Village Entry Signs and additional speed limit signs were discussed through Cllr Brammer. Clerk to pass all previous contact emails to enable a site meet with the LCC Highways.

The Kissing Gate, now erected, will required tarmacking. Clerk to confirm date and time for a site meeting.

8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Nil

9. Conservation Areas

Nil.

10. Amenity Areas

The Tree felling application for the oak tree to the rear of 8 Manor Rise is with WLDC and will take some time. Three quotes for felling and removal had been received.

Woodpecker - £350 plus £100 for stump grinding.

Glendale - £140 plus £ 45.

TJS Tree - £200 plus £50 all plus VAT.

Proposed by Cllr P Stuffings, seconded by Cllr A Brammer, it was resolved that the quote from Glendale be accepted. Clerk to inform and ensure that removal is not before WLDC approval.

Following a brochure suggesting funding for local projects Cllr Crease suggested a larger climbing frame for older children and the current swings catered only for a younger age group. Site meet for the kissing gate will attend the play park and assess the suggestion.

11. Christmas Tree, Santa, carols.

Cllr S Crease confirmed that the tree had been selected. To be delivered at end Nov to Cllr N Ward's farmyard. Cllr A Brammer mentioned that some of the tree lights had failed last year and, although there would be enough for this year, it would be prudent to consider a further purchase next year.

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12. Business for the Next Agenda

Meeting ends....2045.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 28th, 2017