REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting

Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

C/Cllr I Fleetwood and D/Cllrs A Bridgwood and C Darcel also attended.

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil.

1. Apologies.

D/Cllr A Welburn, Cllr N Ward and Cllr J Oxby.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th January 2016.

Proposed by Cllr B Tebbs and seconded by Cllr S Crease it was resolved that the minutes be accepted after an amendment to an item from LALC in correspondence.

3. Clerk's Report

A letter had been sent to WLDC reiterating the complaint re the representation at the Public Inquiry. Sections 8.109, 8.110, 8.140 and 8.141 of the Inspector's report were pointed out and it was resolved that the relevance of these sections be pointed out to them with respect to the formal complaint.

As resolved at the last meeting, a letter was sent to Highways pointing out the outstanding issues from the previous year. It had been noted that, although the white lines at some junctions and yellow parking lines had been repainted, the zig-zag yellow lines near the school had not. At the proposal of Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr A Clay it was resolved that this be done. A further point referring to yellow parking lines near to the school had not been on the agenda and was carried forward to the March meeting.

The St Paul's transfer to Cherry Willingham has been progressed.

A letter and cheque had been sent to the PCC but there has been no response and the cheque is not cashed. Until it is, the board cannot be placed onto the village insurance. Following the resolve last month the claims for grants from LCC (Big Society Fund) and WLDC (Councillor's Initiative Fund) had been submitted. The Parish Council at a proposal by Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr A Brammer, resolved that, irrespective of whether these grants were allowed, the orders for the defibrillator and cabinet be processed. The costs will be for Defibrillator - £650, the cabinet - £300 and delivery - £35.

Transparency fund: Following last month's resolve, two external hard drive and a docking device were purchased and set into operation. Applying for the grant from NALC via LALC advice was received that money would be available to purchase a laptop and scanner specifically for the Parish Council. This would ensure that all records were held on a hard drive and that only one external drive would be needed. Clerk was content to purchase the other hard drive from the Parish Council for personal use. At the proposal by Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr P Stuffins, it was resolved that up to £650 be set aside for the purchase of a laptop and software for Parish Council usage only. Clerk to re-apply for the grant from LALC.

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4. Correspondence

Feedback from D/Cllr A Welburn.

Police - Crime statistics Dec/Jan.

Glasdon – a glossy brochure for street furniture

Play Inspection – acknowledgement of inspection request.

CPRE - Best Kept Village.

Poster - Celebrate Community Spirit.

5. Financial Matters

Presentation of Accounts:

B Wharton for purchase of 'storage space'

£ 125.22

At the proposal of Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr P B Tebbs it was resolved that this be paid.

Grass Cutting Contract

Glendale quote for next year's grass cutting was received with an increase of £4.31 to £219.77.

At the proposal of Cllr P Stuffins, seconded by Cllr A Brammer it was resolved that this be accepted.

Internal Audit

At the proposal of Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr A Brammer it was resolved that the internal auditor be requested for his assistance for this and next year's audit.

6. Planning Matters

Work is still progressing with the requirements for the thinning of the shrubs and trees on Manor Rise buffer zone. A meeting with an arborculturalist has been set up.

A planning Application had been received for 22 High Street – returned with no comments.

7. Roads and Footways

Under the proposal of ClIr A Brammer, seconded by ClIr S Crease it was resolved that the clerk should write to LCC Planning to ascertain what criteria they would use to decide what and when changes to the junction of Kennel Lane and Wragby Road might be needed. This followed from comments under section 8.44 of the LEB Inspector's report.

8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Nothing to report.

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9. Conservation Areas

Nothing to report.

10. Amenity Areas

Nothing to report.

11. Speed Limits and Road Safety

Clerk was requested to find out when SID might be seen on our streets.

12. Committee members

After a discussion over the requirements for Cllr D World, it was decided that he should take the position of representative on the village hall committee. Cllr Brammer would stand down with a view to co-option onto the committee.

13. Business for the Next Agenda

Yellow Lines adjacent to school.

Closed at 0834pm