REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting

Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday 25th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

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

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

P Scrafton, Globe Consultants, accompanied by P Good, J Good and Globe's Traffic Consultant attended to update the Parish Council. A leaflet had been circulated, by Globe, around the parish with a yes/no question card to attempt to ascertain the feelings of the community on the principle of the Good's Farm development. In the leaflet, Globe had suggested that any residents who might have questions, or points, should attend and they would try to answer them. To this end around 25 residents attended. Some had emailed, or handed in paper copies of their thoughts, and these are retained on record, having been circulated to the Councillors for their perusal. As this section preceded the meeting proper, no minutes were recorded and no resolutions made at this point.

1. Apologies.

Cllr A Brammer.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th Jun 2017.

At the proposal by Cllr D World, seconded by Cllr J Oxby, it was resolved that the minutes be accepted.

3. Clerk's Report

The completion documents for the External Audit were received from Grant Thornton – no faults were found. The comment of too large a reserve was remade whilst noting that the reserve was held in anticipation of a specific purpose.

A quote for the cleaning of the roof of the bus shelters was obtained. The cleaning was done under an interim quote but that was found to be impractical and an amended quote was provided. This would be £9 per shelter on two occasions per year. This would amount to £84 per year for bus shelter cleaning – paid out of petty cash. At the proposal by Cllr J Oxby, seconded by Cllr D World, it was resolved that this would be accepted.

4. Correspondence

LCC – 2 leaflets on Highways contracts and complaints.

LCC – A pre-indication of closure of a part of Station Rd, the level crossing and Fiskerton Rd for resurfacing, expected to be during October. Bus services will be affected/re-routed and the Fiskerton Rd area will be cut off from the rest of the village at times. D/Cllrs Welburn and Palmer – report for July.

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A resident had emailed suggesting concern over many reported incidents of speeding through the Hawthorn Avenue area, joint with Cherry Willingham PC. LCC Road Safety Manager had been informed and he is to organise speed checks and report back to both Parish Councils.

5. Financial Matters

Presentation of Accounts:

Glendale – 1 Grass cut.	£ 270.30
B Wharton for printing inks	£ 47.90
Glendale – Hedge Trim	£ 773.10
	£ 1091.30

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

Remittances: LALC Transparency Fund granted £186.65 for renewal of Security and Outlook subscriptions plus Clerk's monthly hours spent on transparency work.

Highways Grass Cutting agreement: Despite an earlier ruling that no help would be given by Highways for verge cutting within villages, it has now been agreed that a grant for two cuts will be given, which will amount to £230.41. At the proposal of Cllr P Stuffins, seconded by Cllr B Tebbs, it was carried that this agreement be signed and the grant claimed.

6. Planning Matters

Good's Farm Development:

Following the assembly before the Parish Council meeting, the status was discussed considering the comments, questions and answers. At the proposal of Cllr J Oxby, seconded by Cllr B Tebbs, it was carried that there should be no change to the earlier statement that the Parish Council: that the development is supported in principle but not in the scale. Clerk was requested to write to Globe Consultants to that effect.

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Neighbourhood Plans:

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NDP: A report of the meetings of the Group was given by Cllr D World, as Chairman.

Terms of Reference: A copy of these had been circulated since the last meeting and at the proposal of Cllr P Stuffins, seconded by Cllr A Clay, it was carried that these Terms of Reference be accepted as applying to the NDP Steering Group.

7. Roads and Footways

Village Entry Signs: In the absence of Cllr A Brammer, who raised this issue, it is carried over to the next meeting.

As the Kissing gate is not yet erected, the decision on tarmac surfacing is carried over to the next meeting.

8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Nil

9. Conservation Areas

Nil.

10. Amenity Areas

Nil

11. Business for the Next Agenda

Nil.

Meeting ends....2138.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 26th, 2017