

# REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

**Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30pm.**

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

C/Cllr I Fleetwood and D/Cllr A Welburn also attended.

Mr A Brown, Head LCC, Highways North attended to address the meeting on matters of speed restrictions around the village but, specifically Kennel Lane. Mr Brown had known of our concerns for some time and had spent time assessing the movements along Kennel Lane. During previous months, the Parish Council had discussed and agreed that the concept of a section of the road restricting the road seemed a good approach. Mr Brown acknowledged the problem and described the work that had been done by LCC and that their conclusions were that no noticeable change in speeds nor attitudes had been noted by using this method. Alas, he also acknowledged that there were other means that had an effect, but not a major effect. The conclusion that those who agree with speed restrictions will slow down whilst those who don't will blithely ignore all restrictive efforts. Costs featured in the arguments and the ideas of white gates at the entrance to the village and red-painted hatched areas could have shared funding with LCC whilst a more updated version of the roadside speed indicator was also available. The Parish Council was left to ponder the outcome which is to be left on the agenda.

### **MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Nil

#### **1. Apologies.**

Cllrs J Oxby, I Parrott.

#### **2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

Proposed by Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr B Tebbs, it was resolved that the minutes be accepted.

#### **3. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk had written to a selection of village organisations inviting them to add their support to the Neighbourhood Plan and, hopefully, a member to the team. No response had been received from anyone.

#### **4. Correspondence**

WLDC	Parish Council Elections – forms for completion by Councillors.
WLDC etc.	An initiative to manage the siting of utility equipment of village greens,
WLDC	Community Rights workshop – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April.
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A village resident commented on disappearance of the rooks that had nested on Smooting Lane.

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Police Community Panel meets twice yearly to discuss local policing. A request for a volunteer panel member brought a response from Cllr Brammer.

### 5. Financial Matters

#### (a) Presentation of Accounts

Fillingham Christmas Trees: Under the **FREE RESOURCE**, it was resolved that the council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 & 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure, which in the opinion of the council was in the interests of the inhabitants of Reepham. It was proposed by Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr P Stufins and resolved that a cheque be paid for **£60.00** that a cheque be signed for A & W Rose (Farms) for this year's tree.

At 0822pm C/Cllr Fleetwood left the room

#### (b) Reepham News

Over the years the contribution to the Reepham News by the Parish Council has grown and it has become a means of passing information along to the residents. The £500 grant from the LCC Big Society Fund was sought to assist in improved communications with the Parish. For this reason at the proposal of Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr S Crease, it was resolved that a grant of £250 from this be made to the Reepham News. This cheque will be signed at the March meeting.

Receipts: £92.34 has been received from LCC as part 2 of their contribution towards the Parish Paths Partnership for keeping grass cut on the field footpaths.

AT 0830pm C/Cllr Fleetwood returned.

### 6. Planning Matters

14 Mellows Close – Permission granted with one or two conditions.

18 Manor Rise – An application for felling maples and ash trees was returned with no objections.

### 7. Roads and Footways

#### (a) Hawthorn Road

Nothing of importance since the last meeting, though the date of the Public Inquiry is expected soon.

#### (b) Ponding at end Plough Lane/The Green.

This to be included in a letter to LCC Highways North, which will include information on poor road surface and ponding at the end of Mellows Close and a request for refurbishment of the bridge rails on the Kennel Lane beck bridge.

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### 8. **Field Footpaths and Bridleways**

- a) **Hedge Cutting:** Three quotes were obtained from Veolia ES (UK) Ltd, Dave Bontoft and Green Cuts Ltd. Green Cuts offered only that it considered that it would be uncompetitive. At the proposal of Cllr N Ward, seconded by Cllr A Brammer it was resolved that the contract for the 2015 season be handed to Veolia ES (UK) Ltd and that this be handled as the grass cutting, with a year on year continuation for 5 years if performance is considered satisfactory.

### 9. **Conservation Areas**

#### **Parish Council notice board on The Green.**

This board will need to be moved following the planting of the hawthorn tree on The Green. The village handyman to be asked to undertake the task. It was noted that a slat on one of the seats had been broken. Clerk to look at options for replacement of the slat and/or the seats. Recyclable materials would be preferred.

### 10. **Amenity Areas**

#### **Network Rail access to railway.**

Following a complaint of noise and vehicles driving over grassed areas to the rear of Manor Rise, Clerk to write to Network Rail to ensure that procedures for access by operatives are correctly followed in the future. Bollards to restrict vehicular access to be assessed.

### 11. **Speed Management Review**

**Mr A Brown to attend prior to meeting to discuss.** This matter will be held over to await further reports from LCC and for the Parish Council to consider.

### 12. **School Governors.**

This was finally cleared: Cllr Brammer will still attend the School Governors meetings if Parish Council business will be discussed but will not officially continue as a Governor in order to assist their "slimming down" of the numbers.

### 13. **Business for the Next Agenda**

Nil.

Closed at 0855pm