

REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday 28th July 2015 at 7.30pm.

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

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

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

1. Apologies.

Nil.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th June 2015.

Proposed by Cllr B Tebbs and seconded by Cllr A Clay it was resolved that the minutes be accepted.

3. Clerk's Report

Glendale had been contacted to prompt a Manor Rise buffer / bus shelter hedge cut and to prompt the spray and clearance of the pathway to the rear of Manor Rise.

Glendale had also been approached for a quote to cut back the entrance hedging to the Hawthorn Road cemetery – see Item 12.

Cherry Willingham PC have been informed that their choice of Solicitor for the transfer of St Paul's play area is acceptable.

The Audit has been completed with only minor procedural comment and a note of large reserves.

4. Correspondence

LCC – Revised speed limits policy plus policy for traffic flow around schools

Pensions Regulator – Confirmation of Parish clerk as major contact for the Pensions

Regulator: note there is no Pension requirement for staff at Reepham PC.

Police – crime statistics for May/June

WLDC – Meeting minutes and agendas.

WLDC – A letter had been received from WLDC stating that the statutory period required for the co-option process had run out and that the Parish Council could be asked to be re-elected at a cost to the village council tax payers. There is a degree of illogicality to this as, if no one has been found for co-option, there would not be enough standing for election for it to go ahead. Clerk to write for clarification.

5. Financial Matters

Presentation of Accounts:

Grant Thornton – Costs for Audit

£ 120.00

Proposed by Cllr S Crease and seconded by Cllr A Brammer it was resolved that this be paid.

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6. Planning Matters

A request had been received from owners on Manor Rise whose gardens backed onto the buffer zone that we request a lifting of the preservation order from WLDC. The reason being that the growth had now overtaken the original requirement and that branches were affecting garden buildings. Following a site meeting it had been decided that a letter be sent to WLDC requesting assistance from them – a reply had been received and circulated around the Parish Council. This reply was not considered satisfactory. D/Cllr A Welburn asked for sight of the documentation whence she would discuss the matter at WLDC.

Two planning applications had been processed this month – Manor Farm hedge removal and Lodge Farm building.

7. Roads and Footways

Hawthorn Road: A new Action Group has been formed (Lincoln Bypass Action Group – LBAG) that purports to support the Lincoln Bypass. Noted that the HRAG also supports the Lincoln Bypass. A request was made that the Reepham PC Objection letter be made available to LBAG. Clerk to write to state that it was the preference that this not be made available, but that, if the Inspector should wish it so, no major objection would be made.

FOI: This refers to the report on the interview, re the use of the Big Society Fund monies, between LCC and the Parish Clerk. It was felt that the whole report was misleading and there were many aspects that had been misunderstood by LCC. A letter of rebuttal had been drafted and was read out to the PC. Proposed by Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr A Clay, it was resolved that this letter be sent to LCC to be put on record.

Banners: It was noted that there could be a requirement for further banners to inform the residents of the dates for the Public Inquiry. Proposed by Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr S Crease it was resolved that monies would be found under Section 137 for such funding, if required.

8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

FP 131 at Hawthorn Road was discussed and the Clerk was tasked to write to LCC Footpaths if the hedge trimming had not taken place and grass was becoming overgrown.

9. Conservation Areas

Seats on The Green: The decision to use the Barley seat from Agri-cycle had been taken. They, however, need the payment on receipt. It was proposed by Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr P Stuffins that a cheque for £508.06 be signed for presentation to Agri-cycle. This proposal was carried. Cllr Ward is to pick up the seats to save delivery costs.

10. Amenity Areas

Post Codes for Open Spaces: This had been voiced some months ago but had not had chance for discussion. D/Cllr A Welburn described the requirement whence a notice board in selected open spaces (eg playground) be placed with the Post Code upon it. This was to

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assist the direction of emergency vehicles should such be required. Car number plates could be constructed for the purpose. Proposed by Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr N Ward it was carried that this be investigated – carried to next agenda.

Cemetery/Graveyard: Following discussions last month there had been a site meeting to look at the problem of cemetery condition. A quote for a hedge cut to open out the approach to the cemetery gates had been obtained – this was considered too great and the Clerk was tasked to return to Glendale to negotiate a lower price.

A proposal to provide a notice board in the cemetery approaches (to be shared with the Parochial Council) was discussed. Proposed by Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr A Clay it was resolved that this notice board be offered to the PCC. The monies, probably in part, are to use the Big Society Fund grant for improvements in communication between residents.

11. **Speed Limits:**

It has proved difficult to remotely arrange a meeting with Alan Brown of LCC Highways to discuss this matter. Arrangements will be left with Cllr A Brammer.

12. **Local Boundary Commission:**

In the absence of Cllr J Oxby this was carried over to the next Agenda.

13. **Sunday Bus:**

In the absence of Cllr J Oxby this was carried over to the next Agenda.

14. **Boud parish Council Digital App:**

This is to be dropped – discussion suggested that the numbers of residents who would find a use for this modern application might not warrant its purchase. Clerk to continue monitoring the web site for the time being.

15. **Business for the next Agenda:**

Nil.

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm

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