

REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL – MEETING

AGM

Held in the Methodist Schoolroom on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr D Perkins, who presided, Cllrs, A Clay, J Oxby, S Crease, P Stuffins, and B Tebbs, with the Clerk Mr B Wharton
D/Cllr C Darcel and C/Cllr I Fleetwood

1. Election of Officers

- a) Election of Chairman 2015/2016. At the proposal by J Oxby and seconded by Cllr B Tebbs it was resolved that Cllr D Perkins would be returned as the Chairman.
- b) Election of Vice-Chairman. At the proposal by Cllr S Crease and seconded by Cllr P Stuffins it was resolved that Cllr J Oxby would be elected as the Vice-Chairman.
- c) Election of Committee members. At the proposal by Cllr A Clay and seconded by Cllr B Tebbs it was resolved that the Committees be re-elected as they stood during the past year.
- d) Reepham & C W Village Hall member. At the proposal by Cllr J Oxby and seconded by Cllr P Stuffins, it was resolved that Cllr D Perkins be Village Hall Member.
- e) The Acceptance of Office of Chairman form was duly signed by Cllr D Perkins and Acceptance of Office forms by the Cllrs. Code of Conduct forms were received by the Cllrs and duly signed for. In most instances No Changes of Declaration of Interest were signed.
- f) As the Parish Council stands short by one it was noted that a co-option would be the way forward – Clerk to advertise that fact in the Reepham News.
- g) In order for discussions to take place on Precept matters, at the proposal of Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr P Stuffins, it was resolved that the Clerk should apply for Dispensation for the whole Parish Council. Noted that any co-opted member would need a later addition.

2. Apologies.

Were received from Cllrs N Ward, A Brammer and D/Cllrs A Welburn and A Bridgwood.

3. Matters raised by members of the public. - None

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 31st March 2015.

At the proposal of Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr S J Oxby, it was carried that minutes of the meeting of 31st March 2015 be accepted as a true record.

5. Clerk's report on outstanding issues.

A letter, copied to the Clerks of Cherry Willingham and Fiskerton Parish Councils and to LCC and WLDC, was sent to Stagecoach requesting an investigation into the viability of Sunday and Bank Holiday bus services. A reply had been received suggesting that the regular usage of midweek services did not reach high enough levels for such services to be instigated.

A request for statistics on Simple SID had been requested from the Police – a reply had been received.

Following the attendance of Alan Brown from LCC in February, he had been contacted for an update and to comment of roadside damage at Kennel Lane end.

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The Transparency Code will bring few changes as most requirements are already contained on the website. However a new section identifying all expenditure above £100 would create additional work.

Cherry Willingham Parish Council had been approached to reappraise a section of their earlier meeting that suggested that Reepham Parish Council had used the Big Society Grant on support to the HRAG, A reply has been received that this will be addressed.

The installation of the dog bin at the Sudbrooke end of North Lane would be investigated by WLDC.

An explanation as to why Fiskerton Road footpath (West side) had not been included whenever the other footpaths in the village were top-surfaced. The reply suggested that, because the surface of Fiskerton road footpath was not good enough to take the top-surface. Sadly little money exists to upgrade that surface to the required standard.

6. Correspondence

Local Boundary Commission – Electoral Review. This was tasked to Cllr J Oxby.

Pensions Regulator – All staff earning over £10,000 in Parish Councils should receive a Pension – does not apply to Reepham.

Reminder of new Audit arrangements over the next 3 years.

Police – Mar/Apr statistics.

LALC Magazine. An article on Section 137 and 111 would be of interest.

Came and Co – on Local Insurance matters.

WLDC – Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Village Hall – a request for a representative on the Committee,

Clerks and Councils Direct – Magazine.

7. Financial Matters

(a) Presentation of Accounts

1. Veolia – Grass cutting	£ 258.55
2. Glendale – Mellows Close levelling and clearance, etc	£ 990.00
3. B Wharton – Petty cash, salary, telephone, computer, inks	£1074.55
4. PAYE	£ 204.14

Proposed by Cllr J Oxby, seconded by Cllr S Crease, it was resolved that these be paid.

(b) Internal Audit and Annual Governance Statement

The Audit Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement were read out and at the proposal of Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr A Clay it was carried that the Parish Council confirmed and signed acceptance. The Internal Audit by Mr K Thoy was similarly accepted.

(c) Remittances. – there none in this period

(d) Insurances. The Came and Co insurance renewal at **£399.46**, proposed by Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr S Crease was carried.

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(e) Hawthorn Road banners.

A shared bill between Cherry Willingham and Reepham Parish Councils that was to be discussed under Section 137 was carried over until the next meeting whilst a fair allocation of costs between the parishes was investigated. Proposed by Cllr P Stuffins, seconded by Cllr A Clay, it was resolved, however, that this commitment would be accepted when resolved. Carried to next agenda.

8. Planning Matters

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9. Road and Footways

- a) Parish Paths Partnership had been applied for and has been agreed.
- b) Seats on The Green. Three sets of prices for re-cycled seating had been taken from Agri-Cycle, MARMAX and Goplastic all fairly close. It had been suggested by Cllr Ward that he might be able to negotiate a lower price at Agri-Cycle a local supplier. At the proposal of Cllr P Stuffins, seconded by Cllr A Clay, it was resolved that two benches should be purchased from them with fixing brackets should such a negotiation should succeed.

Cllrs reported that in some areas the verges had not been satisfactorily cut and that a rubbish bin had disappeared from Fiskerton Road. Clerk to investigate.

10. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Nil.

11. Matters referred from Annual Parish Meeting

Clerk was requested to obtain the LCC report on the Code of Conduct issue in which, it is reported, Reepham Parish Council is implicated.

It was noted that D/Cllr Irmgard Parrott had not stood as D/Cllr for the Cherry Willingham Ward. Thanks and wishes for a long, pleasant retirement were wished and Clerk to write to her to express those thoughts.

A resident had requested a litter bin on the corner of Kennel Lane/Spring Hill.

12. Conservation Area

Nil.

13. Amenity Areas

- a) Play Park Inspections.

The Play park renovation has now been completed. At the proposal by Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr P Stuffins, it was resolved that we should not require the annual playpark inspection this year – to be re-commenced next year.

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b) Post Code display in open spaces.

This was discussed but was placed onto next month's agenda.

14. Speed Management Revue.

Clerk to prompt Mr Alan Brown for costs on white fences at the approaches to the village.

15. Parish app.

Carried to next agenda

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Carried to the next agenda.

17. Business for the next Agenda

Nil.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm. -----