

REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday 24th November 2015 at 7.30pm.

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

D/Cllrs A Welburn and A Bridgwood also attended.

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil.

1. Apologies.

Cllrs D Perkins, A Brammer, P Stuffins and D World.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th October 2015.

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

3. Clerk's Report

The handyman has been hard to tie down and so the kissing gate removal, post code installation and the installation of the seats on the Green are still to take place. However, it has been reported that a lath has broken on the seat near the cemetery which is in regular usage. Discussions took place over the best course of action and, following a proposal by Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr N Ward, it was resolved that only one seat be installed on the Green and that the other be now installed as a replacement near the cemetery. The other seat for the Green could be purchased later (D/Cllr Welburn commented that there were grants available if raised before February) or the Green could be left with only one seat.

The formal complaint, having been sent to WLDC is now being acted upon: there had been a delay as the Officer IC had been on leave.

The comments of Highways (North) were noted over the road markings around the village and the junction suggested changes at the Kennel Lane junction. There was also correspondence from Highways over proposed yellow lines opposite Plough Lane exit. Noted that the Christmas tree had been ordered and was to be delivered to Cllr N Ward at end Nov. Cllr Brammer was to inspect the Christmas lights in time for the tree to be erected. Santa will be making an appearance.

4. Correspondence

Feedback from D/Cllr A Welburn and information on 5 year supply.

Police – Crime statistics Oct/Nov

Police – Minutes of the Policing Team Panel (Cllr A Brammer being a member)

LALC – A new sector led body was being instigated that would employ an auditor for the use of small Parish Councils who might find it difficult to obtain their own at a reasonable price. Although, under Transparency requirements External Auditing will cease, Parish

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Councils must still employ an auditor. This will be discussed at the next meeting when a decision must be made.

LALC- Increase in subscription fees. The subscription is due in January and will rise by around £7.50.

WLDC – Minutes and Agendas.

LCC – Advance notice of level crossing notice.

An email from Cllr D Perkins (in his absence) was discussed. This followed the Forward Plan on house building and noted that as Reepham was deemed a 'medium' village it could expect a 15% increase in housing between 2012 and 2036. D/Cllr A Welburn commented that there were no standing plans at present band that nothing should be thrust upon us unless we ourselves request it. However, it could be and the point is made that Reepham has no Local Plan that would ensure that the wishes of the resident were at least investigated at the planning stage.

5. Financial Matters

Presentation of Accounts:

B Wharton: Clerks pay (noting an increase in Oct), PC/telephone/inks	£ 843.57
PAYE – Income tax on sections of the above	£ 186.89
Glendale – One grass cut	£ 258.55
	£1289.01

At the proposal of Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr A Clay it was resolved that these be paid.

Precept:

At the proposal of Cllr N Ward, seconded by Cllr A Clay it was resolved that the Precept be set at £7,000 for the year 2016/17. Apart from election costs, this represented no change to last year.

6. Planning Matters

An application for work at 22 High Street had been received and returned with no comments.

Work is still progressing with the requirements for the thinning of the shrubs and trees on Manor Rise buffer zone.

7. Roads and Footways

Sweepers to be requested for the village roads to clear the residue of the fallen leaves from the kerb edges.

A tree had blown down over the FP125 to the rear of Church Lane, clerk to report.

8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Nothing to report.

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9. Conservation Areas

Apart from a misplaced letting board on the Green, which had been moved, nothing to report.

10. Amenity Areas

The cemetery notice board construction is nearing its completion and will require financing at the next meeting.

11. Speed Limits. etc.

From Clerk's report on letter from Highways, at a proposal by Cllr N Ward, seconded by Cllr S Crease it was carried that the Clerk should respond, stressing that the requested central refuge was to prevent vehicles cutting the corner as well as providing a refuge.

12. Sunday Bus.

It was felt that all avenues had been investigated to try and force a village Sunday bus service. Response from the operators remains negative for financial reasons. Dropped from the agendas.

13. Transparency Fund and Parish Council Computer Usage.

This is still being investigated and will transfer to the next agenda. It was suggested that use of the Cloud might suffice or that a separate laptop with a single back up might be better.

14. 2016 Meetings dates:

At the proposal of Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr N Ward, it was carried that the following dates are accepted for next year's meetings:

Tues 26th Jan, Tues 23rd Feb, Tues 29th March, Wed 19th May (AGM & Parish Meeting),
Tues 28th Jun, Tues 26th Jul, Tues 27th Sep, Tues 25th Oct, Tues 29th Nov.

15. Business for the Next Agenda

Nothing noted.

Closed at 0835pm