

REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday 31st March 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr D Perkins, who presided. Cllrs A Brammer, J Oxby, 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.

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr R Jackson representing the Reepham Methodist Church attended and thanked the Parish Council for their donation towards the refurbishment of the kitchen in the chapel.

A village resident attended and asked for the Parish council to raise two matters:

- a) Why had the footpath along the west side of Fiskerton Road again been missed when LCC highways had resurfaced other areas within the village? It is noted that this is the second or third occasion that this section has not been surfaced.
- b) Why is there no bus service to the village on Sundays/Bank Holidays and is there any possibility that one could be started?

1. Apologies.

Cllrs B Cropley, S Crease and D/Cllr I Parrott.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th February 2015.

Proposed by Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr N Ward, it was resolved that the minutes be accepted.

3. Clerk's Report

Notices for the forthcoming Parish Council and District Council Elections had been placed on the village notice boards.

The Play Park renovation has been completed and signed off.

Network Rail were informed of the employees using the wrong route to rail-side repairs. Details of the correct route have been sent to them. It is reported that the gate on the railway crossing to the rear of Mellows Close is not auto-closing again.

4. Correspondence

WLDC UK Parliamentary Elections – Forms for Notice Boards.

WLDC Dates of Meetings.

Network Rail – Answer to complaint.

LCC Highways – Road issues. And Road closure in April – Reepham and Langworth Crossings included.

LALC News – Elections Special. Note allowance for Section 137 has been raised from £7.20 to £7.36 per Elector for 2015/16. Now £5483.20 for Reepham instead of £5364.00. An article on speeding up the neighbourhood plan process.

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Fields in Trust wishing to find out whether villages have any lost playing fields from many years ago?

LCR Magazine.

Broxap Street Furniture – Advertisement.

Fields in Trust re Centenary commemorative fields.

Clerks and Councils Direct magazine.

Veolia – Soon to become Glendale in terms of the Ground Maintenance Business. This means Management and staff so there should be no change to us.

EON are putting up their charge rates for our electric extraction by about a third

Brian Cropley – decision not to stand as Cllr at the forthcoming election.

Reepham WI – response to the request for help on neighbourhood plan.

Reepham Methodist Church – because of a mix up over invoicing or not the rental for the use of the Methodist Church Hall has not been paid for some time. We evidently should pay the bill annually in advance in January for the use of the room.

NALC – Various information on the Transparency Code for Parish Councils with turnover less than £25,000 (Reepham). External Audit will cease to be required but various items of information will need to be posted on the village website. Much of that information is already there.

Police Statistics for Jan and Feb for Reepham and for the Nettleham Policing Area.

5. Financial Matters

(a) Presentation of Accounts

Village Handyman for Play park inspections and provision of posts on FP123 to rear of Mellows Close to delineate the line of the hedge that is to be grubbed out

£ 125.48

Reepham Methodist Church – rent and back-rent

£ 635.00

E-on for electrics for the Christmas tree

£ 1.29

Wicksteed Playgrounds

£7123.20

(b) Reepham News

At the last meeting it was resolved to pay the Reepham News a contribution for their finances.

Proposed by Cllr J Oxby, seconded by Cllr B Tebbs, it was resolved that the cheque for this be signed.

£ 250.00

(c) **The Internal Audit** is due. Proposed by Cllr J Oxby and seconded by Cllr A Brammer it was resolved that the current Internal Auditor be asked to continue his good work.

(d) **LALC Subscriptions.** Proposed by Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr A Brammer, it was resolved that the subscription be renewed for the coming year

£ 247.75

It had been noticed that the minutes of Cherry Willingham Parish Council meeting for last month had misrepresented a payment made by Reepham Parish Council to them. The minutes said that the payment was made under a Big Society Fund grant when it was, in fact, made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act. On the proposal of Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr N Ward, it was resolved that the Clerk should write to them to correct the error.

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6. Planning Matters

An application for Lodge Farm was returned with no observations.

7. Roads and Footways

(a) **Notice Boards.** The backing boards are becoming worn and may need replacing.

The point made by the village resident re Fiskerton Road footpath will be included within a letter to LCC Highways, which will remind them of various sections of road potholes, dropped manholes, the condition of the road at the end of Kennel Lane as traffic rides over the kerb to exit onto Wragby Road.

Grass encroaching onto the footpath on Church Lane is to be cleared by a working party of Cllrs on April 15th.

8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

a) **Dog Din – Sudbrooke.** A letter from a Sudbrooke village resident was passed to the Clerk. The letter requested a dog bin on the Sudbrooke end of North Lane (within Reepham Parish). Proposed by Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr J Oxby it was resolved that WLDC be approached to install a bin at this point.

9. Conservation Areas

Seats on The Green.

At the proposal by Cllr J Oxby, seconded by Cllr B Tebbs, it was resolved to replace the seats, which have broken slats, with new ones of composite materials. Quotes from 3 sources will be required, however, Cllr N Ward will discuss with Agri Cycle the possibility of replacing the slats only with composite material.

10. Amenity Areas

Nil.

11. Speed Limits.

Clerk to contact the Police to ascertain how many parishes have access to SID, where SID is deployed at the moment and how many times it had been deployed within Reepham boundaries.

Mr A Brown from LCC Highways to be prompted as to where the current research of Kennel Lane speeding has reached.

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12. Boud Parish Council Digital App for mobiles.

The designers of the App inform that it is not yet ready for use – work in progress. Carried to next Agenda.

13. Business for the Next Agenda

Bus viability for Sundays.

Closed at 0850pm