

REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Methodist Schoolroom on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

C/Cllr I Fleetwood and D/Cllrs A Welburn also attended, with M Palmer after 7.40pm

Joe Good attended as observer, with reference to Item 6.

A village resident also attended the start of proceedings.

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Following an earlier email and copy of her remarks (held on file) at the 13th December meeting, the resident wished to expand upon those remarks. There was discussion within the Parish Council and the Chairman responded at the close. The resident then departed the meeting.

1. Apologies.

Cllrs A Brammer (work), N Ward (work) and expected late arrival, D/Cllr M Palmer (work).

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th November 2017.

At the proposal by Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr D World, it was resolved that the minutes be accepted.

3. Clerk's Report

The dates of the January and February meeting were, obviously, in error due to a venue clash and the dates of Jan 10th and Feb 12th (Mon) should be noted.

The Probation Service had been contacted re play park weeding. The officer in question is on leave but will contact on return – the payback service is still extant.

A quote for the replacement boards on the play park equipment has been obtained from Ben Knight's.

A street sweep has been requested from WLDC.

The hawthorn problem on FP REEP860/1 to the side of the Old Chequers has been reported and should be dealt with before April.

4. Correspondence

D/Cllrs Welburn and Palmer – report for January

C/Cllr I Fleetwood – brief for December and January with advice on Road Gritting procedures.

3 X village resident's letters re Good's Farm consultation.

Community Lincs – Save and Warm leaflet.

LALC – News and training schedule.

LCR – Magazine.

Resident's letter re road and verges condition on Station Road.

Wicksteed Times – advertisement.

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Clerks and Councils Direct.

LCC – Consultation on Children's Special Needs.

LCC – Consultation on Lincolnshire Coastal Highway.

5. Financial Matters

Presentation of Accounts:

D World for Pelican Trust – print of flyers (NPG).	£ 122.00
W&AC Rose – Fillingham Christmas Trees	£ 100.00
Mrs A Bulmer – flyers delivery for PC and for NPG	£ 154.00
D World – for Lincs Print & Copy Centre (NPG)	£ 78.00
Pelican Trust – Flyer Print	<u>£ 170.00</u>
	£ 624.00

At the proposal of Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr A Clay, it was carried that these cheques be signed.

Remittances:

LCC – Grass Cutting	£ 230.41
WLDC – 3Vs' Grant	£ 130.00

Cheque requested to be made payable to Mrs M Taylor of 3Vs £ 130.00

At the proposal of Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr J Oxby it was resolved that this cheque be signed.

Santa's Sweets. Although these were purchased through Petty Cash at a cost of **£45.10** (below the cost resolved at the November meeting), at the proposal of Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr J Oxby it was carried that these be noted as being with the W & AC Rose cheque for the Christmas tree and taken under the **FREE RESOURCE:** in accordance with its powers under Section 137 & 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the expenditure, which in the opinion of the council was in the interests of the inhabitants of Reepham.

Many thanks were due to Santa for keeping the children supplied. Many thanks were also given to Cllr Ward and Mr Stuffins for installing and dismantling the tree and to Cllr Brammer for looking after the lighting.

6. Planning Matters

Report from the Planning Committee

Cllr A Clay reported on the planning applications from the previous month.

It was noted that the Oak Tree TPO application had been granted and that the tree would be taken down. Also that a new oak tree of a specific size must be planted close by within one year.

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Good's Farm Development:

C/Cllr Fleetwood commented that he considered that the procedure that had been followed by the Parish Council to date had been correct.

The Chairman presented the current position that had come closer to reaching the residential vote to ascertain whether the community agreed with the current proposals in principle, or not. There was discussion whether the question should be a straight yes/no to the proposals or whether the Parish Council should recommend an action and ask for ratification.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm for Mr J Good to speak and re-opened at 08.26pm.

A proposal was placed by Cllr D World, seconded by Cllr J Oxby and was carried by 4 votes to 0 with one abstention: the Chairman did not vote.

The proposal was that: A leaflet be prepared to outline the present situation together with a voting card to ask the question, "Do you agree in principle with the development as presented, or not?"

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr's Perkins & World would draft the leaflet and voting card and submit it to all councillors for approval before committing to print. It was also agreed as a courtesy, that prior sight be given to Globe Consultants for information only.

Following, the question of delivery was posed and at the proposal by Cllr J Oxby, seconded by Cllr B Tebbs, it was resolved that Pelican Trust to be asked to print the leaflet and voting card and that, in order to ensure delivery to all, the Clerk is to deliver and be paid an ex-gratia payment at £77 for the delivery.

Neighbourhood Plan:

NDP: A report of the meetings of and changes within the Group was given by Cllr D World, who emphasised how hard and to what depth the members of the Neighbourhood Planning Group were working. The Drop-in meeting at the School was to take place on the 11th January and all were welcome to attend.

Minutes were available for the meetings on the Parish Council website

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7. Roads and Footways

Village Entry Signs and additional speed limit signs were deferred in the absence of Cllr Brammer.

The Kissing Gate: Cllr Tebbs was asked to contact the wheelchair owner to arrange a meeting to discuss the difficulties and find a way forward to ensure that access through the gate was possible.

For the longer term, a metalled pathway from Mellows Close to the footpath through to Station Road will need further funding. Cllr J Oxbby to further investigate.

Highways Grass Cutting: LCC Highways have confirmed that they will support two cuts as last year at similar rates. At the proposal of Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr S Crease, it was carried that the Clerk should confirm that Reepham PC wished to be involved with this scheme.

Requests for quotes for the 2018/19 Grass Cutting would be placed with Glendale, Continental Landscapes and Richard Gadsby (who cuts Cherry Willingham and has expressed an interest).

8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Nil.

9. Conservation Areas

Nil.

10. Amenity Areas

Pi Inspection of the play park is due. At the proposal of Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr A Clay, it was carried that Pi, as recommended by our insurers, be requested to carry out the annual inspection.

The village handyman should be asked to place up to three new posts to strengthen the western edge of the play park fence.

11. Business for the Next Agenda

Nil

Meeting ends....9.00pm

Next Meeting: Monday February 12th, 2018