

REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday 26th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

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

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A resident presented a case for the installation of a Public Access Defibrillator in the village. As a member of the Police, he was extending these installations under an initiative from East Midlands Ambulance Service who had a special price offer for the equipment. The headmaster of Reepham School had been approached and he fully supported the initiative and, after consulting the School Governors, was content for the school wall and the school power supply to be used for installation.

1. Apologies.

Nil

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

Proposed by Cllr J Oxby and seconded by Cllr B Tebbs it was resolved that the minutes be accepted after an amendment to an item from LALC in correspondence.

3. Clerk's Report

The WLDC response to the formal complaint had been circulated and was discussed. It was accepted that the response was not acceptable although it was appreciated that little could now be done. It was resolved after a proposal by Cllr J Oxby, seconded by Cllr A Brammer that the Clerk should write to WLDC to emphasise this.

Following the trial removal of the kissing gate on FP123, a letter had been received from the residents to express their concern over the possibility mis-usage of cyclists. This footpath forms part of their driveway and the possibility of accidents being caused as vehicles are reversed are valid. Clerk to write to the residents to show the trial nature of this measure and that it is not irreversible.

Further information is being received over the decisions required over the changes to the External Audit. Decision is not now needed until end March.

4. Correspondence

Feedback from D/Cllr A Welburn.

Police – Crime statistics Nov/Dec.

LALC – Update on auditor requirements.

LALC- News round-up. (Transparency fund)

WLDC – Minutes and Agendas.

EON – Licence for Christmas tree lighting and estimated usage.

Clerks and Councils Direct

WLDC – Training schedule.

WLDC – New reporting procedures for self-serve scheme.

Josh Hague – introducing a new grass cutting service.

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5. Financial Matters

Presentation of Accounts:

Glendale – One grass cut for October £ 258.55

At the proposal of Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr P Stuffins it was resolved that this be paid.

Section 137 Accounts:

Under the **FREE RESOURCE**, it was resolved that the council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 & 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure, which in the opinion of the council was in the interests of the inhabitants of Reepham. It was proposed by Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr P Stufins and resolved that a cheque be paid for **£80.00** that a cheque be signed for A & W Rose (Farms) for this year's tree.

Chairman's expenses: Under a proposal by Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr A Brammer it was resolved that the above **free resource** and B Wharton be paid **£18.55** for purchase of sweets for the Christmas carol event.

Grants:

Cemetery notice board: The receipts for the construction and installation of the notice board were discussed. It was decided that the whole amount be offered so that the board could be added to the street furniture section of the Parish Insurance. At the proposal of Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr A Clay it was resolved that the cheque for **£362.27** be signed and that it be attributed to the grant received under the Big Society Fund.

Defibrillator: Following the earlier presentation offers of Councillor Initiative Grants were received from the 3 District Councillors and from the County Councillor. At the proposal of Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr S Crease, it was resolved that the Parish Council support this concept and the Clerk should pursue the funding through the C and D/Cllrs.

Receipts:

£95.11 has been received from LCC for the second half of the Parish Paths Partnership Grant.

6. Planning Matters

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

A planning Application had been received for 32 Church Lane.

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7. Roads and Footways

A broken pane had been reported in the Kennel Lane bus shelter. Clerk to action replacement.

Clerk to remind LCC Highways of the outstanding items on their list.

Damage to the verges around the Green and Church Lane had been reported. It was decided to observe what improvements spring might bring before reporting to LCC.

8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Nothing to report.

9. Conservation Areas

Nothing to report.

10. Amenity Areas

Seat on the Green. As the two seats had been allocated the purchase of another to replace the second one on the Green. At the proposal of Cllr D World, seconded by Cllr P Stuffins, it was resolved that no further seats are needed, one being sufficient for observed usage.

Play Park Inspection: As the Play Park had been renovated last year, no inspection was needed. At the proposal of Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr S Crease, it was resolved that the Clerk approach the Pi Inspection Company to arrange this year's inspection.

11. St Paul's Play Area Transfer.

The paperwork for this transfer is now with us and required signing. It had been resolved at the 27th January 2015 meeting that this transfer should proceed. The Proper Officer signed the transfer, witnessed by the Parish Council Chairman. This will be returned to the acting Solicitors, Andrew & Co, Cherry Willingham Parish Council are funding the transfer.

12. Speed Limits. etc.

Bring this back into the attention with inclusion in a catch-all letter on Highways to LCC.

13. Transparency Fund and Parish Council Computer Usage.

At the proposal of Cllr B Tebbs, seconded by Cllr P Stuffins, it was resolved that up to **£150** be made available to the Clerk for external Hard Drives to create fully sustainable back-ups with the increasing requirement for electronic mail and storage.

14. Business for the Next Agenda

Grass Cutting quote from Glendale.

Closed at 0850pm

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