REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting

Methodist Schoolroom on Monday 27th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

C/Cllr I Fleetwood also attended

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

3 village residents attended parts of the proceedings.

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A question was raised as to the financial holdings of the Reepham Parish Council. The exact figure was not immediately to hand, but all financial matters were available to view on the website under Annual Audit.

1. Apologies.

Clirs A Brammer (work), D/Clirs A Welburn and M Palmer.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2018.

At the proposal by Cllr N Ward, seconded by Cllr P Stuffins, it was resolved that the minutes be accepted.

3. Clerk's Report

The requirements of the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) was described and the need for the Parish Council to comply by 25th May was expressed. It was noted that, although much info was available, little of it was of immediate practical use. Clerk to write to LALC and WLDC to raise this fact.

Community Payback work on the play park was completed just before the arrival of the Annual Inspection. No major faults were found by the inspector, but some minor problems will need addressing.

Although the re-surfacing of Station Rd and Fiskerton Rd were essentially completed, the delay because of the snowfall meant that the slot for the railway level crossing was missed. This is rescheduled for 10th June.

4. Correspondence

D/Cllrs Welburn and Palmer - report for March

C/Cllr I Fleetwood – brief for March.

LALC - Leaflet.

Best kept village information.

Eon – Price change.

Clerks and Councils Direct.

Various glossy magazines for play areas

Elan City – Advert for street sign.

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5. Financial Matters

Presentation of Accounts:

Pi – Play Inspection Company	£	78.00
Royal Mail – postage for voting cards	£	45.73
E.On – Christmas tree lights	£	4.48
LALC – renewal	£	297.43
Lewis Green – fence repairs and play park inspections	£	115.50
	£	543.14

At the proposal of Cllr N Ward, seconded by Cllr A Clay, it was carried that these be paid.

Hedge Cutting: The quote for the 2018/19 hedge cuts and ground spray from Glendale totalled £704.36 + VAT, which is £13.76 more than last year

At the proposal by Cllr P Stuffins, seconded by Cllr N Ward, it was resolved that the quote be accepted. Clerk to inform Glendale.

6. Planning Matters

Report from the Planning Committee – nothing in hand this month.

Good's Farm Development:

Following the request to write to WLDC the question, "Is there any reason to prevent the Parish Council from continuing their present community-based role and formally decide whether they are minded in principle, subject to consideration of the actual details submitted, to support or object to the present proposals should a planning application be made".

No definite way forward could be gained following discussion and the meeting was closed from 8.22pm to 8.38pm and again 8.42pm to 8.44pm for outside comments to be heard.

The Chairman stated that a line needed to be drawn either to allow proceedings to go ahead or to define a vote on the subject. Despite an individual input from each Councillor, there was still division and no way forward could be found. The result of the recent vote was acknowledged and at the proposal of Cllr D Perkins, seconded by Cllr N Ward it was resolved to defer further consideration until specific details of the proposed development or a Planning Application had been received.

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Neighbourhood Plan:

A report of the group's meetings was given by Cllr D World. Minutes are available on the village website.

Finances required detailed action ahead of the End of Term report on the Groundwork UK grant and the need to repay the underspend. It was noted that no outgoings dated before the date of the grant could be incorporated and as such previous cheques for 1 meeting at the Church (£15) and 5 further meetings last month must be regarded as being covered by the guarantee of £250 from the Parish Council when the group was set up. The cheques requiring signatures were:

Imprint Colour Printers Ltd	£ 656.40
D World for Ruddocks (Banners)	£ 156.00
M Robinson for Fox and Hounds (prizes)	£ 77.00
B Wharton for prizes	£ 100.00
St Peter and St Paul's Church for room hire	£ 225.00
Reepham Methodist Church for room hire	£ 15.00
Mrs A Bulmer for questionnaire delivery	£ 77.00
Reepham Primary School for room hire and engagement event	£ 141.05
Cheque for payback to Groundwork UK	£1679.78
	£3127.23

The total spend for the NPG under the grant was £1670.22 making the underspend £1679.69

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

At the proposal of Cllr A Clay, seconded by Cllr S Crease it was resolved that the Clerk prepare the claim, through Locality UK for a Groundwork UK grant for the coming 6 months.

7. Roads and Footways

The Kissing Gate problem is still not resolved and the village handyman is away on holiday. Contact between the Handyman and the Chairman is awaited on his return.

The litter pick will go ahead at 10.00am on Sunday 8th April. Equipment will be delivered from WLDC as will recovery of the rubbish bags.

8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Nil.

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9. Conservation Areas

A comment was raised that some edges were being ruined by lorries not keeping to the highway.

10. Amenity Areas

Dogwoods and play area panel repairs were carried forward to the next agenda.

A quote for regular, monthly inspections of the play park with full paperwork had been received from Richard Gadsby at £17 per month.

At the proposal pf Cllr N Ward, seconded by Cllr S Crease it was resolved that he should be offered the task. Chairman to inform the Handyman who had performed the task intermittently up to now.

11. Footpaths between neighbouring communities.

Carried to next meeting.

12. Business for the Next Agenda

Meeting ends....9.25pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 23rd, 2018