

# REEPHAM PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting

**Methodist Schoolroom on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 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 and D/Cllrs A Welburn also attended, with M Palmer after 7.40pm

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

4 village residents attended parts of the proceedings.

## MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

### 1. Apologies.

Cllrs A Brammer (work) and expected late arrival, C/Cllr Fleetwood (another meeting).

### 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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

### 3. Clerk's Report

The hawthorn problem on FP REEP860/1 to the side of the Old Chequers has been trimmed by LCC.

A request for new posts on the western fencing of the play park has been placed with the handyman.

The Probation Payback Service has been approached to clear the soft-landing areas of the play park of encroaching grass and moss.

Noted that the hedge top to west of Manor Rise will be trimmed by Cllr Ward next year.

### 4. Correspondence

D/Cllrs Welburn and Palmer – report for January

C/Cllr I Fleetwood – brief for February.

WLDC – Agenda

WLDC – Planning Fees – increase.

LCC – letter from Martin Hill requesting support for his 'Fairer Funding' initiative

A letter was received from a resident concerning inconsiderate parking on the 'drop-kerbs' on the High street. Clerk to copy the letter to Police, School and LCC Highways along with a comment in the Reepham News.

A letter was received from a resident concerning various aspects of the hedgerows, roads, pavements, stiles and speeding in the Hawthorn Road area. Some of the aspects refer to Cherry Willingham Parish Council areas and a copy will be forwarded to them. Clerk to forward the letter to the appropriate authorities at LCC.

A letter was received from a resident concerning inconsiderate dog handlers near their home. One incident led to a concern for safety by the resident. Clerk to forward the letter to the Police and the dog warden at WLDC and to add a comment in the Reepham News.

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Police – Incidents in January. 4 horses running loose but, of more concern, a near miss on a child by a reversing vehicle on the corner of High Street at school pick-up time.  
Lindsey Age Concern – request for funding.

### 5. Financial Matters

Presentation of Accounts:

Glendale – Oak Tree removal	£ 168.00
Royal Mail - Licence for postage.	£ 116.40
Louise Carder – various for NPG	£ 109.58
Methodist Church – Year's rental for schoolroom	£ 209.00
Pelican Trust – Flyer and Postcards	£ 159.00
	<u>£ 761.98</u>

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

### 6. Planning Matters

Report from the Planning Committee – nothing in hand this month.  
Decision Notice for 26 Church Lane with conditions.

#### Good's Farm Development:

The leaflet and voting cards had been hand-delivered by the Clerk on 5/6 February. At the cut-off time at 4.00pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 162 cards had been received amounting to 40.9% of the total delivered. Of these, 67 voted NO and 95 voted YES. Discussion followed over what these might mean and what the next steps might be. The meeting closed from 8.50 to 8.55 to receive comments from Joe Good and village residents.

The issue is carried forward to the March meeting for the Clerk to write to WLDC to obtain clarification on a point of order on the interpretation of the results.

#### Neighbourhood Plan:

A report of the group's meetings was given by Cllr D World. The report emphasised the success of the drop-in meeting that had been held at the school on 11<sup>th</sup> February. The meeting was closed from 9.01pm to 9.04pm for comments to be made outside the meeting. Minutes were available for the Neighbourhood Planning meetings on the Parish Council website.

The issue of the grant from Groundwork UK and how much of this would be spent by the end of the service period. There would be an underspend. At the proposal by Cllr B Febbs,

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seconded by Cllr A Clay it was resolved that the Clerk should complete the End of Period Report, with assistance from the NPG treasurer and present a cheque for signature to be returned to Groundwork UK as required under contract. A further request for funding for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 would then be prepared for submission as soon as possible.

### 7. Roads and Footways

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

The quotes were:

Continental Landscapes - £2966.80 with some reduction to £2837.76 for suggested amendments to the cutting timetable.

Richard Gadsby - £2250.00.

Glendale- £2286.50.

At the proposal of Cllr N Ward, seconded by Cllr S Crease it was resolved that the contract would stay with the proven service supplier of Glendale despite being slightly more expensive.

Village Entry and Speed signs were carried forward to the next meeting.

The Kissing Gate: a major problem has been discovered that the gate may not have been manufactured, or had been fitted, not to specification. A site meet had shown that some adjustments might perhaps create a workable solution. Chairman to meet the handyman to discuss the problem.

A resident had offered some hard core to fill in the developing hole in the pathway. The concern over whether to village insurance would cover this non-official project will be referred to Came and Co.

Following the success of the Litter Pick in April 2017 at the proposal by Cllr S Crease, seconded by Cllr N Ward, it was carried that the venture would be repeated.

### 8. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Nil.

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### 9. Conservation Areas

A letter from a resident had requested that the dogwoods in the buffer zone to the west of Manor Rise be top trimmed when Glendale cut them back from the pathway. This will be considered after a site meet in the future. Trimming is not allowed during the bird nesting seasons.

### 10. Amenity Areas

Nil.

### 11. Business for the Next Agenda

The Chairman had attended a three-way meeting with Cherry Willingham and Fiskerton to discuss the possibilities of a network of footpaths connecting the villages.

Meeting ends....9.32pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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