

Minutes of the Meeting of Reepham Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 7.30pm in Reepham Methodist Chapel

Present: Cllrs D Perkins (Chairman), A Brammer, B Wharton (also acting as Clerk), D Davies, C Wilson, C/Cllr I Fleetwood, D/Cllr M Palmer. One member of the public also attended.

Meeting started at 07.30pm.

Matters raised by members of the public:

Concerns resulting from the decision reached at the January meeting regarding the Neighbourhood Plan were outlined by a resident. These related to the changes from the original concepts, the reasons for the changes and how these would be conveyed to the public.

Standing Orders were resumed at 07.45pm.

1. **Apologies:** D/Cllrs T Bridgwood, Cllr H Gee.
Cllr C Wilson -health. At the proposal by Cllr D Davies, seconded by Cllr A Brammer, it was **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of Meeting held on 28th January 2025:**
At the proposal by Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr D Perkins, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted.
4. **Clerk's Report:** A report supplied by the Clerk was read out by Cllr D Perkins.

Village Litter Pick: Reminder of the 30th March date and publicity of the event.
Bus shelter cleaning on 22nd was noted and will be checked for efficiency.
Clerks annual leave w/c 12th March was noted.

5. **Correspondence:**
The Police statistics for December 2024 had been distributed and were noted.
LCC Grass Cutting Agreement for 2025: LCC's offer of a contribution of £1310.33, under the Grass Cutting Parish Agreement for 2025 - 2026. At the proposal of Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr D Davies, it was **RESOLVED** that this be accepted. A letter of agreement to be sent to LCC.

6. Financial matters

a) Presentation of Accounts for Payment:

M Vail – Feb salary	£ 248.15
PAYE – Feb	£ 62.00
Sage payroll, Feb	£ 12.00 (inc £2 VAT)
Glendale 0984 (Manor Rise tree removal)	£ 270.00(inc £45.00 VAT)
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Reepham News	£ 100.00
Methodist Church (Hall hire)	£ 225.00

TOTAL £ 917.15 (inc £47.00 VAT)

At the proposal by Cllr B Wharton, seconded by Cllr C Wilson, it was **RESOLVED** that the above-mentioned accounts be paid **Action: Clerk, Cllr H Gee.**

- b) Approve new accounts book ledger at (£112.00 + VAT Because of an increase in price above the quoted amount in January of £83.00 + VAT, following the

proposal of Cllr B Wharton, seconded by Cllr C Wilson, it was **RESOLVED** that this be recompensed to the Clerk.

- c) The **Financial Risk Assessment** had been reviewed and circulated. At the proposal of Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr D Davies, it was **RESOLVED** that this be accepted
- d) **Reviewed Asset Register**. There was discussion on the number of notice boards in hand as The Green board had been taken out. The board was still held and intact and following the proposal of Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr C Wilson, it was **RESOLVED** the register be accepted as presented.

7. Planning Matters

Report from Planning Committee: WL/2025/00154 for Bartle Garth was the resubmission from an earlier accepted submission raising 'no comment'. Cllr B Wharton will inform WLDC Planning that there will be no change from the earlier assessment.

Boundary Walls – This will be split into three separate functions. Lansdown Villa will be directed to the Member of Parliament for their assessment. WLDC will be approached to enforce the relocation of the fencing on the approach to Walnut Tree close and the selling agent made aware of the ongoing situation. The newly built wall adjoining the footpath on Fiskerton Road would also be investigated.

Goods Farm Development: Nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: The points raised by the member of the public were discussed. It was accepted that, at first glance it is difficult to accept the changes arising from the Examiners comments as they do not achieve the community's original concepts and objectives. However, the reasoning behind the Examiner's recommendations, especially in relation to the recently revised Central Lincolnshire Plan, made acceptance of those changes the only realistic way forward. It was stressed that there remain many advantages to the village if the Neighbourhood Plan is accepted by the residents in the upcoming referendum, and the Parish Council will follow its commitment to fully support the Steering Group and its requirements.

8. Roads and footways

Mellows Close to Manor Rise footpath – holding item

Mellows Close yellow lines – holding item

Bus shelter, Lincoln bound travellers at the bus stop in Fiskerton Road – holding item

Dog foul bin near to Kennel Lane: This had been removed and moved further up the slope on the grass verge.

Kennel Lane – damaged bus sign – Further representation to be made to LCC

Chevrons on bends – Kennel Lane. Cllr Fleetwood reported that LCC had confirmed their preference for Road signs indicating the bends.

9. Field Footpaths and Bridleways

Reepham /Greetwell PF 131: Delayed works: holding item.

10. Conservation area

Village Green: Cllr A Brammer updated the Council on his deliberations over the gravel weights with the intention of using concrete (or Postcrete) as a weighting measure. The compared Cherry Willingham bins were a different size and shape. following the proposal of Cllr D Davies, seconded by Cllr B Wharton, it was **RESOLVED** that the bin be purchased following further scrutiny of the quotations. It was noted that DAB Graphics received the deposit and would start work, possibly in March.

11. Amenity areas

Play Area inspections – internal: No official inspections.

12. Trees/vegetation

Bushes overhanging property on Manor Rise: ongoing.

Dead trees adjacent to property on Manor Rise: ongoing.

Holme Oak on Manor Rise: Cllr D Perkins reported that the Holme Oak had been trimmed to an acceptable standard. A quote for biannual trimming of the Holme Oak had been requested. Glendale had quoted £60 + VAT for each trimming and it was decided that the growth pattern be noted over a period and trims requested as required.

Trees on The Green: A quotation of £375 + VAT had been received from Glendale to trim both trees on The Green. The general appearance of the large and grossly misshapen Cherry tree was discussed and following the proposal of Cllr A Brammer, seconded by Cllr C Wilson, it was **RESOLVED** that the larger tree be felled in the autumn and replaced with a species of a more suitable scale and form. A quotation is to be obtained to trim the smaller Hawthorn.

13. Business for next agenda:

14. Date of next meeting: 25th March 2025, 7.30pm, Methodist Chapel

The meeting closed at 08.32pm.

Cllr Brian Wharton, Temporary acting Parish Clerk. 28th February 2025.