

REEDNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Reedness primary school, Reedness on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Sargeantson, King and Jones.

Public present: Ward Cllr John Barrett.

Declarations of interest; None declared.

1186 Apologies for absence

Cllr Oldridge.

1187 To confirm the minutes of the council meetings held on 13/9/16

Minutes circulated to all councillors and approved and signed by the chairperson.

1188 Councillor vacancy- Cllr King was welcomed onto the parish council and signed the acceptance and register of interest forms. The clerk has notified ERYC and the details for Cllr King are now available on ERYC and RPC websites.

1189 Matters arising from the minutes.

Future village courses- Due to the absence of Cllr Hobson the information on venue availability and tutor costs remain unknown so could not be discussed. The clerk will agenda again for the January meeting.

Gully blockage- The clerk has contacted ERYC regarding the historical flooding problem outside The New Vicarage. ERYC Dave Sachs has responded saying that this area will be explored during a two month rolling programme along with the Beech Garth gully. A further area identified that has caused concern is an area of road that constantly appears wet suggesting a leak of some sort running from the school east end entrance up to The Hollies. The clerk will report this to ERYC.

Public telephone kiosk-The clerk has contacted BT asking for a re paint of the public telephone kiosk in the village and providing photos. Unfortunately BT state this particular kiosk was only painted in 2016 and as such does not warrant any further work.

Bus shelter- The clerk has contacted ERYC Debbie McGurn who has provided further details on the exact location and proposed works to be done and paid for by ERYC. Unfortunately as RPC are wanting a small perch seat to be fitted to the existing shelter this is not something ERY C will agree to fund and so it was resolved that all ERYC proposals will be approved to the road and surrounding shelter and that RPC will purchase a green perch seat from Queensbury Shelters and pay for installation at a price of £399.00.

Daffodil planting-Cllr Jones asked for permission to investigate the possibility of planting daffodils at selected areas to visually improve the look of the village. After speaking with relevant landowners it appears that certain selected areas are not available but the idea of planting on the grass area around the old folks bungalows was a more suitable area. It was resolved that Cllr Jones will speak with ERYC Gillian Townend to obtain permission needed to plant in this area.

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Correspondence.

Remembrance Service-The clerk has received an invitation from the Revd Justine Smith inviting RPC to attend the service on 13/11. It was resolved that Cllr Trevor Jones will attend and provide a poppy wreath on behalf of RPC and the Reedness residents.

Ernlca complaints/grievance protocol-the clerk has received the model protocol on complaints handling, grievance and disciplinary procedures from Ernlca who ask that RPC either adopt this protocol or set up their own model. It was resolved that RPC adopt the Ernlca procedures and guidelines.

Twin Rivers road markings request-the clerk has received a request from Twin Rivers PC asking for support in the ERYC recommendations of painting "dragons' teeth" road markings on designated road areas to act as a speed deterrent. It was resolved that RPC will give their full support to this recommendation and the clerk will respond accordingly. A suggestion was made that both parish councils should combine forces to help combat this speeding issue that affects both parishes and the clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with both parish council representatives to discuss this joint venture together. An idea of using wind farm funding to purchase speed reactive signs was one possibility to be explored in the future.

Wind farm delegate-ERYC David Farnsworth has requested that RPC select a second representative to attend the Twin Rivers wind farm forum panel for instances when the other delegate cannot attend to ensure sufficient representatives always attend meetings. It was resolved that Cllr King be selected as the substitute representative.

Twin Rivers insurance-Cllr King requested sight of the Twin Rivers insurance policy schedule to establish what was on the policy and what exactly it covers. The clerk will request this and bring to the next meeting.

Footpath closure-Cllr King queried why the footpath outside Cherry Tree farm had been closed for over two years. It was established that ERYC have closed the footpath as it is unsafe but advise that until the adjacent dyke is repaired to a suitable standard that the path repairs cannot be done as the repairs will fail due to the unstable dyke structure.. It was resolved that the clerk contacts ERYC to establish the legal advice received on this matter and to urge that this path is repaired as soon as is possible. The clerk will also contact ERYC Mike Ball to establish dyke ownership and maintenance responsibility issues.

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Planning matters.

Planning application for erection of building at Fairview Farm for T.Walker ref 16/03317/PLF-RPC resolved to approve this application.

Planning application for change of use to farm buildings for J.Gossop ref 16/03466/PLF - RPC resolved to approve this application.

Planning application for dormer windows to Beech Garth for R.Seed ref 16/03011/PLF-RPC resolved to approve this application and noted that ERYC approval has been given also.

1192 **Financial matters.**

Due to recent resignations and election of new councillors it was resolved that the clerk obtains a new signature manate from HSBC to add/delete councillors and update the form.

Cheques approved for payment are;

Cq no 100273 £150.00 Vision ICT

Cq no 100274 £240.00 SAAA

Cq no 100175 Clerk salary

Cq no 100276 £18.50 wreath

1193 **Any other business.**

Ward Cllr Barrett had nothing to report.

Cllr King suggested that RPC contribute to a regular information section in the Marshland Messenger on parish council activity. The clerk will provide Cllr King with all up to date 2016 information necessary to concoct a suitable information section to be published.

Cllr King enquired about the two small areas of land that RPC own and asked if the parish council would consider selling the land as the rental income received from both pieces was nominal. It was resolved that the clerk makes contact with the two farmers that rent the land to establish if they would be interested in buying the land if it came up for sale. The clerk will also locate the deeds to this land and send a copy to Cllr King to view.

Cllr King reported a missing wooden public footpath sign that points to Kingdom Lane. The clerk will report this to the ERYC countryside officer to replace.

1194 **Date of next meeting-**

Confirmed as 10th January 2017