**Reedness Parish Council**

**8th January 2025 Meeting**

Minutes of the Parish Council held at Reedness School on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors, Eastwood, Freeman, Howitt, Walker and Dixon.

Public Present: None

No declarations of interest were recorded prior to the meeting.

**1569 Apologise for absence/declarations of interest**

None received

**1570 Declarations of Interest**

None received

**1571 Minutes approval**

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 13/11/2024 were circulated and approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairperson.

**1572 Matters arising from the minutes**

**Suggestions box –** checked by the clerk on the way to the meeting and was found to be empty. As such, there was nothing to discuss. The clerk has purchased a new metal post box to be installed at the Parish Council noticeboard prior to the next meeting

**Defibrillator –** Clerk checked the village defib prior to the meeting and the pads were present and in date until 2026. As such, no issues were raised and contents of the defib cabinet were confirmed as all present. There is an Lifevac choking device stored within the defib cabinet which was also present.

**Highways Concerns –** Highways have informed the clerk via e-mail that Main Street adjacent to the New Vicarage continues to be inspected monthly and any defects that require repairs are noted and works are issued.   
The clerk will contact Highways and bring their attention the following:  
The repairs carried out on Main Street adjacent to the New Vicarage are sub- standard patching works which are failing  
The gulley opposite Fair View Farm is in need of jetting as the drain itself is blocked and preventing water from draining away causing pooling on the bend

Old Lane, Reedness has a large dip in the road approximately 200m after the water treatment works which requires attention

The pathway from Reedness Primary School bend to One Fathom, Reedness has been cleared of overgrowing grass

The Clerk has expressed interest at the request of Cllr’s for Reedness to be considered for the 2025 refurbishment programme.

**Speed Signs** –The Clerk will e-mail ERYC Traffic Management to request a 20mph speed limit past Reedness Primary School.

**Whitgift Church –** The Clerk has liaised with the clerk of Twin Rivers Parish council who has advised that Twin Rivers Parish Council are still currently in the process of arranging for a company to clean the cenotaph and are awaiting quotes for the work to be carried out. The Clerk will continue to follow this up.

**1573 Correspondence/issues raised by Councillor’s**

**Emergency Plan –** The Clerk will share the current updated Emergency Plan with ERYC Emergency Planning.

**Choking Devices –** The Lifevac choking devices are situated at the following locations and will be monitored by:

Whitgift Church – Cllr Walker

Half Moon Inn – Cllr Eastwood

Reedness Primary School – Clerk

Defibrillator cabinet in the centre of the village - Clerk

The clerk will continue to publicise this on social media via a poster approved by Councillors which includes the locations and link to a short training course.

**Neighbourhood Watch -** Cllr’s made aware that Maureen Yates – Community and Crime Reduction Resilience Officer for ERYC will be attending the Parish Council meeting on 12/03/25

**Kiosk Damage** – Cllr Dixon has obtained the materials required to repair the IEM phone box and will arrange for the repairs to be carried out. The materials were kindly donated by Nigel Kenning and Reedness Parish Council would like to express their thanks.

**Talent Show –** It was resolved by Cllr’s that the Clerk would share the idea with Reedness Primary School’s PTA and offer the support of Reedness Parish Council.

Salt Bin Maintenance – It was identified by Cllr’s that Reedness has one salt bin by Old Hill Cottages and this does not need to be filled.

**1574** **Planning Matters**

No requests for consultation

Planning consultation App Ref 24/03681/PLB received and responded to mid meeting – no objections were raised by Cllr’s.

**1575** **AOB**

**Ward Cllr’s Report**

Ward Cllr was not present at the meeting and no report was provided

**Flood Warden Report**

Cllr Eastwood updated Cllr’s regarding the significant astronomical tides which had been experienced by Reedness however there were no winds, and no issues were caused by these tides. There is seepage through the concrete on the west side of defence; Cllr Eastwood has spoken to asset management who have confirmed that there are remedial works scheduled to grout and patch the defence in February 2025.

**Christmas / Light Competition**

Reedness Parish Council would like to express their thanks to all residents. Frances Ward was presented with the annual Christmas Light Competition trophy.

**Financial Matters**

A: HSBC Mandate signed and will be posted by the Clerk

B: Cllr’s resolved that a card for the parish bank account should be sought and once the mandate form has been received by HSBC the Clerk will make enquiries

Cheques approved for payment

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**1576 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 7pm at Reedness Primary School