

REEDNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Reedness primary school, Reedness on Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Sargeantson, Oldridge, King and Jones.

Public present: Ward Cllr J.Barratt and Mr G.Savill

Declarations of interest; Cllr King declared a none pecuniary interest in the item entitled "Kingdom Lane" due to being a neighbour to the lane.

1220 Apologies for absence

None received.

1221 To confirm the minutes of the council meetings held on 9/05/17

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

1222 Matters arising from the minutes.

Water concern-ERYC Dave Sach has reported that the chlorine strips have still not arrived and so tests have not as yet been carried out. Dave reports that work to the New Vicarage damaged gully are due to be done in the next 4-6 weeks and hopes to incorporate this reported leak into the works all at the same time.

Footpath closure-ERYC Richard Alderson has reported sending out letters to the two riparian land owners asking for contributions to the piping of the dyke which when done will allow the footpath to then be repaired also. Mr G.Savill attended the meeting and provided a historic account of the problem and has agreed to meet with an ERYC representative to view the area and be shown the proposed works before he makes a decision on providing a financial contribution. It was suggested that upon a meeting date being arranged with Mr Savill and ERYC that Ward Cllr John Barratt will also try to attend as an independent party and to assist in a successful outcome for all concerned.

Councillor vacancy- unfortunately there have been no expressions of interest in the current vacant post. The clerk will re advertise the post with a 12/9 expiry date.

Land sale- The clerk has contacted Charles Broomer from Symes,Bains & Broomer to act as the parish council solicitor for the sale of the two pieces of land owned by the parish council. Mr Broomer has agreed to act on behalf of the parish council. At the meeting it was resolved that the two parcels of land are sold at £10,000 to Mr J.B.Phillipson and £2750 to Mr & Mrs CJ Cowling. It was confirmed that neither parcels of land have been used as "open space" as far as the councillors are aware. It was resolved that the clerk and Cllr Jones will complete and sign any documents required to complete the sales and as the parish council do not have an official seal none is required. The parish council were made aware of indemnity insurances needed on both parcels of land and have agreed to pay these fees. It was noted that Symes,Bains Broomer are to act as solicitors for Mr & Mrs Cowling also but as there is no significant conflict of interest arising this was formally agreed as satisfactory to the parish council. The clerk will continue to liaise with Charles Broomer to ensure all transactions are completed as soon as possible.

Kingdom Lane- the clerk has written to EA requesting that agreed works to this lane are performed as soon as possible due to the dry weather. EA representative Adam Bayliss has confirmed he hopes to complete the works by the end of August 2017

River bank walkway- the clerk has contacted Charles Clegg asking for an update on the information of bank ownership that he is trying to obtain from EA. Unfortunately Mr Clegg is on annual leave until 13/7 and so as yet an update is unavailable. The clerk will continue to try and obtain this required information.

Village seats-it was reported these two wooden seats outside Old Hill cottages have still not been repaired and maintained. The clerk has contacted DT Walker to remind him about the agreed work project but as yet has not received a response. It was resolved that Cllr Sargeantson will liaise with Mr Walker to discuss further.

Twin Rivers windfarm fund-Cllr Jones reported attending a panel meeting to view and decide upon funding applications received. Ward Cllr Barratt provided further information on the merger of Goole Fields 1 & 2 windfarms and the requirements of a new panel to be created. It was resolved that the clerk contacts ERYC to see if they will consider holding a village information roadshow tour to provide residents in the Marshland villages to obtain a better understanding of the funding available, the criteria required and the applications process.

1223 **Correspondence.**

Ousefleet show donation request-the clerk read out a letter from C.Royston asking if the parish council would consider making a donation towards the 2017 show. It was agreed to make a £150 donation.

Litter bin-the clerk read out a letter from Twin Rivers Parish Council asking if the parish council would consider jointly purchasing a litter bin (especially for used dog bags)to be placed at the Whitgift Church/village boundary area. It was resolved that the parish council will pay half the costs towards an ERYC bin if ERYC agree to the chosen location.

1224 **Planning matters.**

Application to crown lift and remove branches of willow tree at Hambleton , Reedness for S.Fodden ref 17/01996/TPO-RPC to approve this application.

1225 **Financial matters.**

£810.00 transparency grant noted as received into the HSBC account.

Cheques approved for payment are;

Cq no 100286 £150.00 Ousefleet Show

1226 **Any other business.**

Ward Cllr John Barratt gave information on ERYC improved grass cutting schedules and reported on road chipping works ongoing in our areas.

River bank grass cutting-residents' concerns about the lack of grass cutting to the river bank area was discussed which raised concerns about the quality of the EA works performed also. It was resolved to invite an EA representative to the November meeting to discuss this further.

Open surgery-a suggestion by Cllr Sargeantson to hold some kind of public information event was welcomed by the parish council who consider this a useful tool in meeting the public, providing them with useful information and hearing from them what is wanted/needed in the village. A proposal to find a venue was agreed upon with the hope of including ERYC, the police, Neighbourhood Watch, EA etc to all contribute. It was resolved that Cllr Sargeantson will liaise with the appropriate parties to establish an interest and then choose a venue and a date to then publicise this event and invite the residents.

Methodist Chapel-concerns were raised about the unsafe site and unkempt look of this area in general which is thought will attract vermin. It was noted that ERYC street scene officers are to visit the village in August 2017 and this area can be looked at in the hope that ERYC will take action to improve the area.

ERYC street scene-due the wet weather the agreed June visit was cancelled but a revised date of August 2nd 2017 has been re scheduled for the ERYC village walkabout.

Litter pick/dog fouling-it was felt that both subjects could be further discussed at the suggested "open surgery event" soon to be arranged.

SID-it was noticed that ERYC have not installed this equipment as previously agreed for June 2017. The clerk will speak to ERYC Paul Copeland to arrange for installation to now be in September to create a more accurate result when the school reopens.

Bin-following on from the agreed decision to jointly fund a new bin near Whitgift Church and the recent purchase of a bin near Kingdom Lane,it was felt that a bin in the middle of the village would prove to be beneficial. It was resolved to consult with ERYC to agree to the suggested location of next to the existing village grit bin (near the Half Moon). The clerk will liaise with ERYC to obtain approval for this location and will then order this bin and arrange with ERYC to install it.

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Date of next meeting-

Confirmed as 12th September 2017