

## REEDNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Reedness Primary School on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Sargeantson, Backhouse, Hobson and Jones.

Public present: Ward Cllrs Barratt and Fox

Declarations of interest; None declared.

1135 Apologies for absence

Cllr Oldridge.

1136 To confirm the minutes of the council meetings held on 10/11/15

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

1137 Matters arising from the minutes.

Defibrillator- the RPC bank account has now received the allocated £1270 grant money and as such the clerk has ordered a defibrillator and cabinet for the same amount from Wel Medical who supply for YAS.

Notice board-ERYC has now notified the parish council that planning permission is not required for the intended new notice board. Cllr Jones has received a quotation of £750 + vat from The parish notice board company and provided a picture of the chosen design. It was resolved that this notice board be ordered. Cllr Jones will place the order asap. Upon receipt of the new notice board and defibrillator Cllr Jones will liaise with ERYC to arrange for an electric supply to the new defib.

Public transport -Cllr Hobson has become the “champion” on this issue and has instigated a questionnaire/survey in conjunction with ERYC to be distributed to every village property in an effort to establish the type of transport required and the reasons, times and dates etc that it are needed in order to possibly set up a better transport network through the villages in future. The parish council approved this survey and Cllr Hobson will now hand deliver the forms to each property and relay the results at the next meeting.

Twin Rivers windfarm meeting- Cllrs Jones and Sargeantson attended this meeting on 2nd December 2015 and reported briefly the items of interest.

Transparency code- the clerk has made the council aware of new government legislation concerning the need for transparency which applies to RPC. Grant funding of £1862 has been applied for to allow the set-up of a website and all associated training, meetings, courses, equipment etc needed in order to comply with this law and to maintain/update it monthly. The grant funding is expected on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The clerk has now set up a website in conjunction with Vision ICT at [www.reednessparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.reednessparishcouncil.co.uk)

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Correspondence.

Cllr Sargeantson reported a complaint regarding dog fouling on the river bank and so the subject of litter bins in the village was discussed. It was noted that Reedness has no litter bins at all and no dog litter bins either. It was resolved that a suitable location for an all-purpose ERYC litter bin would be in the Old Hill cottages central location. The clerk will obtain prices from ERYC and obtain ERYC approval to place a bin in this vicinity.

The clerk has received a questionnaire from ERYC street scene team asking for general opinions and satisfactory results from the recent visit. It was resolved that the clerk will complete the form with a positive response..

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Planning matters.

None received.

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Financial matters.

The 2016/2017 precept was discussed at length and a £4000 precept agreed upon. The clerk and chairman signed the forms which will be returned to ERYC.

Cheques approved for payment are;

Cq no 100259 £600 Vision ICT

Cq no 100260 £1524 Wel Medical

Cq no 100261 £960 Notice board co

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Any other business.

Facebook page-Cllrs Hobson and Sargeantson reported that following on from recent flood concerns and the modern reliance on information via social media sites for information, that it may be a good idea for RPC to have its own facebook page to allow residents to use and read for up to date, accurate information on village life as it happens. It was resolved that a facebook page is set up and the site and website be publicised.

Gully cleaning-it was noted that in July 2015 ERYC had agreed to clean the village designated gullies. It was not known if this had been done or not but even if it had it seems it was not a success. The clerk will contact ERYC Steve Roberts to see if a gully clean can be performed using a better machine this time.

Cllr Jones expressed concerns about the safety barriers (or lack of them) around the village drain head. It appears there are open uncovered access areas and inadequate barriers which could allow unlawful entry if desired causing a potential danger especially to children. Cllr Backhouse will speak to the IDB to discuss what can be done.

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Date of next meeting.

Confirmed as March 8<sup>th</sup> 2016

