



## *Reed Parish Council*

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### Draft Minutes of the Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 8pm in Reed First School.

**Present Cllr.s: T Duke: P Lawrence (chairman) H Marshal K Langley and K Liebenberg. In attendance 3 members of the public and the clerk David Smith.**

- 1.1.17 To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from County Cllr T Hunter, M Howes and E Kilby
- 2.1.17 To receive Members Declarations of Interest. Cllr Liebenberg said she had no financial interest in the Cabinet but under advice would leave the room during discussion on that item. Cllr Lawrence declared an interest as chair of the Village Hall Committee.
- 3.1.17 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 11 2016 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. Proposed Cllr Langley seconded by Cllr Marshall. Agreed.
- 4.1.17 To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. M Tyrie asked if the Parish Council would consider contributing to the annual fireworks display. Chairman asked it be put on the next agenda.
- 5.1.17 Chairman's Report. Cllr Lawrence reported the Queen's Birthday Bench was in place on the green. The Defibrillator has been used and been returned, serviced, by East of England Ambulance Service.
- 6.1.17 Accounts for payment. Accounts for the clerk salary, PAYE, Web site expenses, Playground inspection and materials cost for the telephone box paid by Richard Haydon. Agreed.
- 7.1.17 To discuss the Village Notice Board. A quotation of £260 for the refurbishment of the notice board has been received from Richard Haydon. Proposed by Cllr Langley Seconded by Cllr Marshall. Agreed.
- 8.1.17 To discuss the Playground and Green including the Annual Playground inspection report. After discussion, it was agreed Cllrs Duke and Lawrence would inspect the playground equipment and recommend to the council an action plan.
- 9.1.17 To discuss the village web site. It was reported the address would be [www.reedparishcouncil.org](http://www.reedparishcouncil.org). New dedicated email addresses for councillors have been provided.
- 10.1.17 To Approve the Councils Freedom of Information Policy. Agreed.
- 11.1.17 To discuss any Planning applications received and progress.

- 12.1.17 Mile End Farm. After discussion, proposed by Cllr Langley seconded by Cllr Duke the council recommend refusal because of the dangerous access to the A10, not in the draft local plan and rural land beyond the Green Belt. Agreed.
- 13.1.17 The Cabinet. Cllr Liebenberg left the meeting. Standing Orders were suspended. Malcom Tyrie explained the position as seen by the Save the Cabinet action group. A letter from E Kilby had also been received and circulated to members. NHDC were not making public the viability studies done by the owner of the Cabinet and NHDC consultants. NHDC has shortened the time available for the Action Group to complete their own viability study. Standing Orders were resumed. Proposed by Cllr Langley seconded by Cllr Marshall. As the Parish Council, had registered the Cabinet as a Community Asset they had an interest in seeing
- 1/ The owners viability study
  - 2/ The NHDC's consultants opinion on that study.
  - 3/ A reason why, as the initial time limit for NHDC to respond to the initial planning applications had passed, the time limit for further a viability study had been shortened to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.
  - 4/ The PC wished to state again their objection to the applications for a Change of Use and retrospective approval for work to a listed building. Agreed. Cllr Liebenberg re-joined the meeting.
- 14.1.17 Thatchers. Jackson Lane. A retrospective application for a shed in the front garden had been received. After discussion proposed by Cllr Duke and seconded by Cllr Langley the PC object to the granting of retrospective planning permission as it creates a precedent and brings Planning Law into disrepute. Agreed.
- 15.1.17 To discuss progress on the Cart Pond. Clerk reported provisional approval had been granted subject to standard conditions. Standing Orders were suspended. Mr C Winter said he had contacted Herts Highways as some of the trees were on their land. He would deal with the trees on his land. He was happy for the trees he and the clerk marked to be removed. Proposed by Cllr Duke seconded by Cllr Langley. The PC await Herts Highways comments then the PC will coordinate with Mr Winter on the tree and bank removal. The PC will remove the eastern trees and Mr Winter the trees and overhanging branches along the western side. Agreed. This would then complete the programme to maintain the Cart Pond. Standing Orders were resumed.
- 16.1.17 To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC. Clerk to contact Cllr Hunter about the site lines where Blacksmiths Lane meets The Joint.  
As the Herts CC salt programme seems to have being suspended, agreed to purchase one ton of salt for gritting village roads.  
The lack of common sense shown by the road patching gangs was actually costing HCC extra money.
- 17.1.17 To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda. Fireworks on the Green.  
Councillors report on the play equipment.
- 18.1.17 To Note correspondence received. Nothing of significance
- 19.1.17 To agree date of next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm