



Reed Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Meeting held 1st November 2017. 8pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Present Cllr.s: C d'Alaya: T Duke: P Lawrence and G Langley (chairman) . In attendance the clerk David Smith and 7 members of the public.

- 17.11.01 To receive apologies for absence. There were none.
- 17.11.02 To receive Members Declarations of Interest. Cllr. Lawrence as chairman of the village hall committee Cllr. d'Alaya as a member of the Save the Cabinet Committee
- 17.11.03 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th October 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. The chairman wanted added to the minute 5.10.17 draft response objecting to the application. Proposed Peter Lawrence seconded Cllr. d'Alaya. Agreed.
- 17.11.04 To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. Mrs Tait asked why the fence surrounding the Brickyard Lane building site was larger than the area on the planning application? Concern was also expressed regarding the drainage on the site with flooding already having taken place in Hobbs Hayes. Agreed the clerk would write to NHDC and to the builders.
- 17.11.05 Chairman's Report. Chairman reported he had been on training today regarding the new audit procedures and loans to parish councils.
- 17.11.06 Accounts for payment. Accounts to Date. Payments to the clerk for salary PAYE and expenses, to H Hewitt for refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting. Agreed
- 17.11.07 Draft Budget 2018 2019. The draft budget was discussed. A further payment was expected from Push Energy. A sum should be reserved for village maintenance. The budget would be further discussed at the January meeting when the support grant from NHDC would be finalised.
- 17.11.08 To discuss the Parish Council applying for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board to purchase the Cabinet. Cllr. d'Alaya explained there were two stages. First the parish council needed to apply for permission to apply for a loan, initially through HAPTC and then through The Department of Community and Local Government. If permission was granted to apply for a loan then the application would be made to the Public Works Loan Board. If an appeal

was made against the change of use application for the Cabinet then the fact that the parish council had received permission to apply for a loan would show there was serious interest in retaining the Cabinet as a public house. To show there was support from the electorate a meeting of all of the villagers would need to be held. Standing orders were suspended. It was pointed out how important the message of strong support within the village would be at any appeal. Mrs Tait asked how the loan would be repaid? There would be many questions from the electorate which could be discussed at the meeting of all the villagers. Proposed by Cllr. Lawrence seconded by Cllr. Duke that a village meeting be organised. Agreed.

17.11.09 To discuss the Playground and Green. Cllr. Lawrence had removed the canvas roof from the play tower. Quotations were awaited for a replacement. The walnut tree on Church Lane would be examined when the tree surgeons came to inspect the trees adjacent to the cart pond. Permission had been received from Heritage England to complete work on the cart pond. Cllr. d'Alaya asked that if any trees were replaced they were replaced with fruit trees.

17.11.10 To discuss any Planning applications received and progress.

i. Saddlers Mead. The parish council had no objections.

17.11.11 To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC (Highways etc.). Cllr. Lawrence had had a meeting with officers from highways and County Cllr. Fiona Hill. County Cllr. Hill said some of the work would be in next year's budget. Feedback was awaited.

17.11.12 To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda. There were none.

17.11.13 To Note correspondence received. Nothing of significance

17.11.14 To agree date of next meeting. 3rd January 2018. Agreed

The meeting closed at 9:25