



## *Reed Parish Council*

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**Draft Minutes of a meeting of Reed Parish Council on**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm**  
**at Reed Village Hall**

**Present Cllr.s: T Duke: P Lawrence and G Langley(chairman)6 members of the public. In attendance, the clerk David Smith.**

- 1.7.17 To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from parish Cllr. Howard Marshall who is unwell and District Cllr. G Morris.
- 2.7.17 To receive Members Declarations of Interest. Cllr. Duke declared an interest in access to the grain barn which would come and the planning. Cllr. Lawrence expressed an interest as chairman of the village hall committee.
- 3.7.17 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Duke seconded Cllr. Lawrence agreed.
- 4.7.17 To discuss the co-option of Caroline d'Ayala as a parish Cllr.. Proposed Cllr. Lawrence seconded Cllr. Duke agreed. Caroline d'Ayala joined the council and signed the acceptance of office form.
- 5.7.17 To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. Mike Howes and Edwin Kirby of the Save the Cabinet Group updated the meeting on their activities. The planning application would be heard the following day in Letchworth. Attendance from all villagers will be welcomed. The possibility of the parish council obtaining a low interest loan from the Public Works Board to purchase the Cabinet was mentioned. This to be placed on the agenda for our next meeting. It was suggested clerk asked the Royston Town Council's clerk of their experience with these loans.  
The poor service received from NHDC regarding the servicing the dog bins was noted. The clerk had reported the non-servicing as an individual and then as the clerk. The clerk to investigate if the annual fee was per collection. It was reported that dog fouling on the green was on the increase. Notices to be produced and offenders reported to PSCO.
- 6.7.17 Chairman's Report. Chairman reported he had attended chairman's training organised by HAPTC. He would recommend their training to any Cllr.s. Cllr. d'Ayala indicated her interest. He reported conversations with The Save the Cabinet Group regarding the Public's Works Loan Board. He reported conversations with David Tait where he had given assurances any future planning applications would be given a fair hearing. He reported there had been two informal requests for information regarding the clerk's position. Cllr. D.Ayala asked what was the procedure. If a formal application was received there would be a formal interview involving parish Councillors

- 7.7.17 Accounts for payment. Accounts for the replacement playground slide, refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting, the clerk salary and PAYE were agreed. The subscription to the Community Development Association of £35 was agreed.
- 8.7.17 To discuss the Playground and Green. A request had been received from Reed Cricket Club, via Cllr. Lawrence for permission to park vehicles on the green on 29 July. It was pointed out that vehicles parked on the green during most cricket matches without causing problems, however we have had a very dry period. Clerk to write to Reed Cricket Club.
- One of the children swings had been removed to improve safety. The canvas cover on the children's climbing frame was in need of attention.
- The village sign was in need of repainting. Cllr. Lawrence to investigate.
- 9.7.17 To discuss any Planning applications received and progress.
- The Cabinet. Will be decided the following day.
- Thatchers. The refusal of retrospective planning permission was being appealed by the applicant.
- Goodfellows Farm. The appeal against refusal had been dismissed.
- Grain Barn Church Lane Electrical Substation Access. Cllr. Duke withdrew from the meeting. The request for a further access onto Church Lane was considered. Proposed Cllr. Lawrence seconded Cllr. d'Ayala that the Council had no objections. Agreed.
- Cllr. Duke rejoined the meeting.
- 10.7.17 To discuss the Friends of Reed School's request to install flower boxes at the entrances to the village. After discussion it was agreed they would be given permission to install the boxes with the condition if they were not maintained parish council would remove them at a cost to the Friends of Reed School.
- 11.7.17 To adopt the Council's Freedom of Information Statement. Agreed.
- 12.7.17 To adopt the Council's Complaints Procedure. Agreed.
- 13.7.17 To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC. Cllr. Lawrence asked if S106 monies were available for village hall PA system. Cllr. Hunter would investigate.
- 14.7.17 To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda. Public Works Loan Board, Pities pond (Junction of Jacksons Lane and High Street) and the Cart Pond.
- 15.7.17 To Note correspondence received. A letter from Margaret Addicott stating she wished to carry on with litter picking. A letter from R Hayden regarding the state of the footpath southwards along the A10. County Cllr. Fiona Hill would investigate.
- 16.7.17 To agree date of next meeting. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017
- The meeting closed at 9:30 PM