



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REEPHAM TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY 2021 AT 8.00pm.

The meeting was held under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 via Zoom.

Present: Cllr P. Mitchell (Chair), M. Lester, A. Hazelwood, B. Douglas and J. Harding

Town Clerk - Jo Boxall

County Councillor G. Peck

5 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllrs M. Steel , R. Comer and S. Fisher were received and noted. It was reported that Cllr Valerie Harfield-Simpson had tendered her resignation. The Notice of Vacancy had been published.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9th December 2020 had previously been circulated, subject to amendment of the next meeting date to 13th January 2021, the minutes were confirmed as proposed by Cllr Mitchell and seconded by Cllr Lester and will be signed by the chairman.

4. INFORMATION ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Mitchell confirmed that the Council had been unsuccessful in its grant application to the Co-op.

5. REPORTS FROM POLICE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor - Cllr Beadle was not in attendance

Police – The monthly report was circulated electronically.

County Councillor – County Councillor G. Peck gave a brief report on County Council matters. He confirmed that the Hornsea 3 windfarm had been approved but there was a continued fight for a traffic management plan. A Judicial review was in process, with hope for approval of an offshore ring main. An update was given about the tree project and western link.

It was unanimously agreed to bring forward an item from correspondence

Emails had been received from residents regarding Broomhill Lane development. Cllr Mitchell gave a brief overview of concerns raised which included the loss of school land for the sports hall, increase in the proposed number of houses, road safety concerns, the pressure on Reepham's infrastructure from development, environmental concerns, failure of Broadland District Council to follow correct procedure, tree loss and loss of land.

A request was received for the Council to impress upon Broadland DC just how major an impact these developments would have on the town and the environment

Cllr Mitchell confirmed that he had spoken with the planning officer at Broadland in December and it is understood amended plans were expected shortly. Broadland were fully aware of the level of concern from the Council and residents. Once the new application/s are received then they will be given full consideration at that time.

6. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

Concerns were raised by a resident on planning applications relating to Broomhill Lane including concern that Covid has made it difficult to effectively communicate concerns. Environmental concerns and loss of school land to

accommodate sports hall were expressed. It was agreed that it is necessary to ensure that the views of all residents are represented. It was agreed that the Town Council would continue to encourage residents to write into Broadland with their views.

A resident highlighted the danger to pedestrians with the lack of a crossing near the Co-op and suggested further measures for consideration.

7. TO APPROVE FURTHER ACTION REGARDING TREE SURVEY / FUTURE MANAGEMENT

After a tree fell in Norwich Road cemetery, It was unanimously agreed to obtain an up to date tree survey. It was unanimously agreed to obtain and circulate quotes for any non-urgent tree work but ensure any work indicated as urgent was carried out without further need for approval as proposed by Cllr Mitchell and seconded by Cllr Lester.

8. TO APPROVE APPROACHING SURVEYING FIRMS TO OBTAIN QUOTES FOR PREPARING APPROPRIATE SPECIFICATION FOR REPAIR /MANAGEMENT OF REPAIRS TO OLLANDS ROAD WALL & CHURCH WALL

It was confirmed that the insurance claim for damage to the Church wall currently being processed. It was unanimously agreed to obtain quotes for preparing appropriate specification for repair /management of repairs to Ollands Road wall & Church wall as proposed by Cllr Lester and seconded by Cllr Douglas.

9. TO APPROVE FURTHER ACTION FOLLOWING REPORTS OF DOG FOULING

The Primary School had complained that children were arriving at school with shoes covered with dogs mess. It was agreed to consult residents about potential new locations for dog bins and advertise the availability of biodegradable paint spray cans to continue highlighting dog mess.

10. TO RECEIVE UPDATE AND APPROVE FURTHER ACTION ON HIGHWAY MATTERS (HANDRAIL / ZEBRA CROSSING). TO RATIFY DECISION TO APPROACH HIGHWAYS REGARDING ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS ON NORWICH ROAD AND APPROVE FURTHER ACTION.

A brief update was given on outstanding Highways matters. No response had yet been received from Highways regarding the handrail on Bircham Road. It was agreed Cllr Mitchell would draft another letter to Highways.

A response was received from Broadland regarding the zebra crossing, which confirmed that although more formal options were discussed, including a zebra crossing, they were not considered appropriate, based upon the road environment and likely footfall. Broadland confirmed that although other measures were considered, Highways concluded that a simple dropped crossing would be sufficient as an alternative. It was agreed that due to safety concerns, the Council would push for further action to make the crossing safer.

A letter was sent to Highways raising concern over the safety of pedestrians on Norwich Road, especially children who walk to school with no footpath. The letter invited Highways to attend a Council meeting to discuss concerns. As yet, no response had been received.

Cllr Douglas gave an update on flooding concerns on Norwich Road. A request was lodged with Highways requesting further action to clear drainage channels as there is constant standing water, preventing pedestrians from walking that side and causing cars to drive on the opposite side of the road to avoid the water.

Cllr Harding raised the issue of an increase in traffic and speeding in Reepham. Traffic calming methods, including mobile SAM2 units were suggested which could be considered under Parish Partnership Grant.

County Cllr G. Peck agreed to speak to Highways with regards to the outstanding issues and confirmed that he has a highway budget which could be used to fund some of the requested alterations subject to the scheme/s receiving highway approval in the first instance.

11. FINANCE –

To receive the income & expenditure report to 31st December 2020 and approve list of payments

The Income & Expenditure report was received. The list of payments was approved, as proposed by Cllr Douglas and seconded by Cllr Lester.

12. ALLOTMENTS

TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON ALLOTMENT MATTERS / CHICKENS

The Clerk reported that all tenants with chickens were complying with government rules following the avian flu outbreak. Residents at the top of the waiting list had been approached with offers of half plots. Full size plots were to be divided to provide more people on waiting list with a plot.

13. TOWN HALL

The Clerk confirmed that the hall was currently closed. The building had been checked and the taps run as recommended. Quotes were being sought for replacement / new emergency lighting following the annual fire assessment

14. MARKET PLACE

PLANTERS UPDATE & CONSIDER REQUEST FOR REGULAR FARMERS MARKET

Cllr Mitchell gave an update and confirmed the last of the planters had been moved onto private land and in line with the letter that was sent to businesses; businesses were now responsible for the future maintenance of their planters.

Following a suggestion from Shop Reepham, It was unanimously agreed in principle to allow a regular farmers market and explore further the future of Markets in Reepham.

15. CEMETERIES

A brief update was given.

16. STIMPSON'S PIECE –

TO APPROVE TRUSTEES PROPOSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN BROADLAND'S COMMUNITY LOTTERY.

The Council acknowledged that Trustees had agreed to participate in Broadland's community lottery.

17. PLANNING

a) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

20202383 Proposed conversion of part outbuilding to annexe in association with the main dwelling
Stone Cottage, Kerdiston, NR10 4RR

The Council unanimously agreed that they had no comment or objection to this application

b) TO RECORD COUNCIL DECISION ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN MEETINGS

20202047 Display of 1) Internally illuminated fascia lettering; 2) Internally illuminated double sided totem sign at Station Yard, Station Road, Reepham, NR10 4LJ

The Town Council recorded that they have no further comments to make following re-consultation as they note that lights are turned off at 11pm as requested. Objections withdrawn

20202311 Replace existing 3 bedroom bungalow with 4 bedroom 1 1/2 storey dwelling at Hyside, 33 Ollands Road, Reepham, NR10 4EL

The Council recorded that as this application appears to have addressed concerns over height and the position of the dwelling in relation to neighbouring houses and the overall footprint, the Council saw no reason to object to the application. Concern was expressed about the demolition of a sound bungalow, which could be incorporated into the new house and the unnecessary impact on the environment. Concern remained about the access to the site by lorries during demolition and rebuilding given that Ollands Road is narrow at this point and the impact this may have on neighbouring properties.

c) APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

Decisions regarding applications were noted.

d) TO CONSIDER LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20210025 Steel portal framed agricultural building with associated hardstanding and access road
Vale Farm, Dereham Road, Reepham, NR10 4RX

The Council unanimously agreed that they had no comment or objection to this application.

20181808 Change of Use & Incorporation of land into Fishery Business to Provide Two New Fishing Lakes
Beck Farm, Norwich Road, Reepham, NR10 4NR

Subject to due regard being shown following the environmental /ecological recommendations; the Council unanimously agreed that they had no objection to this application.

18. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE, ITEMS OF INFORMATION & REFER TO FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was noted that Resilient Reepham were running 3 sessions focusing on mental health for people in Reepham. Dates for individual Councillor training sessions had been circulated. It was agreed that Councillors could attend individual sessions with whole Council training later in the year.

Future agenda items to include review of Standing Orders, Broomhill Lane planning applications (once received) and tree survey report.

19. CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairman confirmed the date of the next full council meeting as Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 8pm.

20. TO CLOSE THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.21pm.

Minutes Agreed..... 10th February 2021