



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REEPHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7:30PM AT THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllr P. Mitchell (Chair), M. Lester, M. Steel, J. Harding & A. Hazelwood (from 7:34pm). M. Boshoff & J. Prigmore (from item 23/06)

Town Clerk – Kirsty Cotgrove

12 members of the public

23/01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies for S Morgan.

23/02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

23/03. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2022

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th December had previously been circulated. The minutes were unanimously **AGREED** and signed.

23/04. INFORMATION ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Rotary Club Jubilee tree - The Clerk has obtained a services map of the Market Place. Once plans have been received for a possible location, this can be formally agreed. Although the Town Council own the Market Place, Broadland District Council will be consulted.

23/05. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Two members of the public have sent application forms to the Council. Monique Boshoff was proposed by Cllr Harding, seconded by Cllr Steel, and was duly co-opted. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed. James Prigmore was proposed by Cllr Hazelwood, seconded by Cllr Lester, and was duly co-opted. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

23/06. REPORTS FROM POLICE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

PC Colin Bailey – None.

District Councillor – District Cllr Beadle apologised for causing embarrassment to his constituents by swearing in Chambers. This was during a discussion about homelessness in the District.

County Councillor – Big decisions will be coming up regarding County deals and the budget, which, in turn, impacts the level of Council Tax. A strategic review is currently taking place, where consultants, who work on a no savings no fee basis, have already found savings of £16m.

23/07. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

A member of the public who, was in attendance, raised concerns regarding Highways issues, and the lack of provisions for youths at Stimpson's Piece. The reasons for the removal of the old skate park were given, along with the procedure involved in the future replacement.

A member of the public raised concern at the apparent low adherence to speed limits in the town.

23/08. FINANCE –

(a) To approve list of payments made / to be made

The list of payments was circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously **APPROVED**.

(b) To receive the income & expenditure report to 31st December 2022

The Income & Expenditure report was received.

(c) To approve appointing NP Law to register Town Council and Stimpson's Piece Trust land with the Land Registry

On a proposal by Cllr Steel, seconded by Cllr Harding, it was **AGREED** to appoint NP Law to deal with the registration of Town Council and Stimpson's Piece Trust land and property with the Land Registry..

23/09. ALLOTMENTS – TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES

Rent reminders, to cover six months, will be sent out in early February.

23/10. MARKET PLACE

None.

23/11. OVERTON WAY PLAY AREA - TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES

None.

23/12. TOWN HALL – TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES

None.

23/13. CEMETERY – TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE

The Clerk has sent the new policies and procedures to all Funeral Directors.

23/14. STIMPSON'S PIECE – TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM TRUSTEES

None.

23/15. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) To update on the possibility of extending the 20mph speed limit along Norwich Road as far as the junction with The Moor and requesting that HGV vehicles over 3.5t unladen weight are prohibited from the Market Place and Church Hill except for access / deliveries.

The Clerk has chased Richard Pearson (Norfolk County Council Highways) and Greg Peck (Norfolk County Councillor), to ask when the feasibility study will take place. It has still not been agreed at cabinet level. The Clerk will confirm if this will include speed limit reductions as well as HGV restrictions. A member of the public asked if the study could cover the Moor, as the speed limit only covers part of the road, and vehicles drive too fast along the whole road. The Clerk will contact the Highways Engineer to ask if he can come and have a look. It was noted that Whitwell Road and School Road have numerous traffic problems, especially at school drop off and pick up times. Greg Peck (County Councillor) has funded 20mph signs which operate in these times. The contact for this is out to tender, so signs should be installed soon. The Clerk will ask Highways to repaint the yellow lines outside the schools. A member of the public asked for a pedestrian crossing outside the Co-Op. The provision for one was in the original developer's plans, but were not included in the final consent. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will contact Highways to ask them to consider a crossing there.

(b) To consider additional grit bins and dog waste bins in the Town

Following a request by a member of the public, it was **AGREED** to purchase an additional dog waste bin for the end of Bar Lane, and to ask Highways if a grit bin would be possible at the Rudds Lane / Whitwell Road junction

23/16. PUBLIC TOILETS – TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES

None.

23/17. PLANNING

(a) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

20222006. Old Oaks Hall, Reephams Road, Kerdiston. It was **AGREED** that the Town Council **OBJECTS** to this application, as it is concerned about the visual impact on the rural area, and the increased likelihood of future development.

(b) APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

None.

(c) TO CONSIDER LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20221362. Reepham High School and College, Whitwell Road, Reepham. The Town Council has no further comment on this application.

20222078. The Town Council has no comment / objection to this application.

23/18. TO UPDATE ON WIND FARM CABLING CORRIDORS AND APPLICATIONS

The resurfacing of the road in Cawston is taking place. Concern was raised that the Traffic Management Plan for Broomhill Lane should take the additional traffic, which will be largely lorries associated with the cabling works, into account.

23/19. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE, ITEMS OF INFORMATION & REFER TO FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

23/20. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 8TH FEBRUARY 2023

The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7:30pm at the Town Hall.

23/21. TO CLOSE THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Minutes Agreed..... 8th February 2023