MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REEPHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 7:30PM AT STIMPSON'S PIECE

Present: H. Selwyn, R. Goodyear, A. Herbert, T. Hills, S. Morgan & F. MacGregor
Clerk: Kirsty Cotgrove
District Cllr S. Beadle
County Cllr G. Peck
PC Denis Evans
No members of the public

24/206. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were accepted for Cllr James, Cllr Kular & Cllr Riddett.

24/207. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS
None.

24/208. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2024
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13th November 2024 had previously been circulated. The minutes were unanimously **AGREED** and signed.

24/209. INFORMATION ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
None.

24/210. REPORTS FROM POLICE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
PC Evans – In the last month, there were 48 calls, and 11 recorded offences. There have been a spate of car break ins in Great Witchingham, so people are reminded to keep their belongings secured.

PC Evans left the meeting at 7:35pm.

District Cllr S. Beadle – District Cllr Beadle reported that there is a Local Government review taking place regarding devolution, which could lead to substantial changes at District and County level. There should be further information before Christmas.
County Councillor G. Peck – County Cllr Peck also discussed the potential devolution deal. Norfolk County Council Highways has been ranked the best Highways department in the country. An update was given on the Western Link, there is a possibility it will be cancelled. If it is, the Government should reimburse Norfolk County Council for its costs. The Greater Norwich Growth Board are providing finances for a new dentistry school in Norwich. The Council has developed a walking map to cover the main routes in Norfolk.

24/211. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES
Two vacancies remain. There have been no further applications.

24/212. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
There were no members of the public in attendance.

24/213. 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 30th November 2024
The Income & Expenditure report was received.
(c) To receive and approve the draft budget, and agree the precept for 2025-26
Following discussion, the budget was **APPROVED**, and the precept of £93,009 was **APPROVED** (prop. Cllr Hills, sec. H. Selwyn)

24/214. ALLOTMENTS – TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES
All fees have been received. There are two plots on Fiddlers Field to be reallocated.

24/215. MARKET PLACE – TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE PLA348 FOR REEPHAM MARKET, AND TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES
The traffic order to increase parking time in the Market Place to two hours, and to remove the Wednesday morning restriction has been received. This was **APPROVED** with a majority. Cllr Selwyn thanked Cllr Hills for attending and helping, with other volunteers, to put the Christmas trees and lights up.

24/216. OVERTON WAY PLAY AREA - TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES
One quote for replacement fencing has been received, and the Clerk is trying to obtain another. Cllr Morgan will obtain a quote for hedging also for consideration.

24/217. TOWN HALL – TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES
A member of the public has asked to hire two trestle tables and ten chairs from the Town Hall. It was AGREED they can borrow the chairs and tables and give a donation to the Bircham Centre.

24/218. CEMETERY – TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES
Nothing to report.

24/219. STIMPSON'S PIECE – TO AGREE, SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR'S ADVICE, THE TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR THE SKATEPARK
The Clerk received a response from the Solicitor at 5pm. This will be considered in January. Two trees, which had blown over onto power cables, were removed from the bottom of the Recreation Ground. In the new year, a working group meeting will take place to consider further improvements to the Recreation Ground. The Grantscape grant application has been submitted, and a decision should be received in the New Year.

24/220. HIGHWAYS MATTERS
(a) To update on Highways issues in the Town, and consider any action necessary
None.

24/221. PUBLIC TOILETS – TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES
None.

24/222. PLANNING
(a) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION
2024/3459. Blue Tile Farm, Kerdiston Road, Kerdiston. It was **AGREED** that the Town Council has no objection to this application.
(b) APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
2024/0744. Whitwell & Reepham Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Application refused by Broadland District Council, on the grounds of Highways, Biodiversity Net Gain and Nutrient Neutrality. A member of public has asked if this means that the Broomhill Lane application should be reconsidered. Planning at Broadland District Council has advised that it will not be reconsidered, as it has already been decided.
(c) TO CONSIDER LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS
The solar farm application has been applied for, but only sent it to the Town Council on 10th December. An extension has been agreed until after the January meeting.
(d) TO NOTE APPLICATION RESPONSES AGREED BETWEEN MEETINGS
None.

(e) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS
None.

24/223. TO UPDATE ON WIND FARM CABLING CORRIDORS AND APPLICATIONS
RWE are holding a community engagement event in the Town Hall on 12th December.

24/224. TO NOTE THE PROPOSED LOCATION FOR THE GOGO SAFARI DRAGON, AND TO CONSIDER A DONATION
Following discussion, it was AGREED that the Council are happy with the location, and are happy to contribute £300 towards the dragon, and to consider the remainder if they do not hit their target. It was noted that Reepham Rover is in need of a new minibus. It was agreed that the Council would be happy to consider a grant application from them.

24/224. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE, ITEMS OF INFORMATION & REFER TO FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
(a) Request from the Church for a Town Council representative to read at the Carol Service on 15th December – No longer required.
(b) Broomhill Lane TRO – The architect has sent through a proposed Traffic Regulation Order for comment. The document was reviewed, and no comment was made.
(c) Vetwork Biodiversity Collage Workshop 10th January 2024 – Everyone is welcome to attend.
(d) Darkness into light event at Haveringland Church. Correspondence noted.

24/225. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 15TH JANUARY 2025
The Town Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7:30pm, followed by the Stimpson's Piece Trustee meeting. Please note, these meetings are one week later than normal, due to the Christmas break.

24/22. TO CLOSE THE MEETING
There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm.

Minutes Agreed…… 15th January 2025