



## Reed Parish Council

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### Draft minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2017 at 8 PM in Reed Village Hall

**Present Cllr.s: C d'Ayala: P Lawrence and G Langley(chairman) . In attendance the clerk David Smith and 3 members of the public.**

- 1.12.17 To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr. Duke District Cllr. Morris County Cllr. Hill.
- 2.12.17 To receive Members Declarations of Interest. Cllr. C d'Ayala recorded her membership of the Save the Cabinet group. Cllr. Lawrence as chairman of the Village Hall Committee.
- 3.12.17 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Lawrence seconded by Cllr. C d'Ayala agreed
- 4.12.17 To discuss the co-option of Mr Martin Higgs as a Parish Cllr. Mr Higgs had expressed a willingness to the parish clerk to be co-opted as a parish Cllr. Proposed by Cllr. Lawrence seconded by Cllr. C d'Ayala **Agreed**. Cllr. Higgs signed the declaration office and joined the meeting.
- 5.12.17 To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. There were none at this time.
- 6.12.17 Chairman's Report. A report been received of fly tipping on Crow Lane. It was obvious Herts Highways had reacted quickly and removed a considerable amount of rubbish. Chairman reported on a successful village meeting held on 29 November to discuss the elector's views on the parish council seeking a Public Works Loan Board to purchase the Cabinet.
- 7.12.17 To Discuss a decision to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £400,000 up to 30 years for the purchase and refurbishment of the Cabinet Pub for community use.  
The clerk reported there had been two emails in support and none against. The chairman asked if Council thought there had been sufficient evidence of community support. Cllr. Lawrence said yes. Cllr. C d'Ayala said very high percentage of the village had attended and there was virtually 100% support. Cllr. Higgs said any application would form a key part of the appeal and we needed to take the resident's view seriously. Cllr. C d'Ayala proposed we proceed with an application seconded by Cllr. Lawrence **Agreed**. Cllr. Higgs asked why community charge was apparently being levied on the Cabinet and not business rates. The clerk to enquire. Proposed by Cllr. Lawrence seconded by Cllr. Higgs To establish a working party to produce the application for the loan for the approval of the parish council. The working party to consist of the chairman and Cllr. C d'Ayala.  
seconded by Cllr. Higgs **Agreed**
- 8.12.17 To discuss Planning Applications and Progress.

1. Thatchers. The appeal against refusal of planning permission had been refused some weeks ago. It was reported that lights had been seen in the building. Clerk to write to North Herts to enquire as to the current position.
2. Brickyard Lane. Cllr. Lawrence queried the position of the southern boundary. The hedge alongside the ditch had been removed and the ditch had been piped. Clerk to write to North Herts regarding the southern boundary. The chairman reported preparatory work for the installation of two LPG gas tanks. The council were unaware of any notice or planning information. It was noted there was sufficient space within the development for these tanks to be cited without placing them close to existing houses. The clerk to question NHDC.

9.12.17 To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda. The clerk to obtain a quote for work on trees on Church Lane and Blacksmiths Lane. There would be a report of the meeting of 29 November to note.

10.12.17 To Note correspondence received. Nothing of significance.

11.12.17 To agree date of next meeting. 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018. Agreed.  
The meeting closed at 9:25 PM