

Reydon Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held at Reydon Village Hall on 1st July 2026

1 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Dale Goldsmith, Cllr David Eccles and Cllr Sarah Jerman and these were duly accepted by the Chair and Councillors.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Pump Track Proposal

The purpose of this discussion was to look at the Pump Track in principle and then to decide about the trial day, as the whole subject was still attracting much debate amongst the Councillors.

The Chair, Cllr Linda Coe said that she thought the Councillors should begin by thinking back to why the Pump Track was thought to be a good idea. Cllr Mike Medland said that talking to children they seemed to be interested in two things – football and cycling. He went on to say that Pump Tracks had grown up from BMX tracks and a 30 x 18 metre modular track would suit small children as well as bigger children. Cllr Kalvyn Friend thought that the addition of a MUGA should also be discussed. Cllr Dexter Kirk asked if they were mutually exclusive, ie, did it have to be one or the other. Cllr Medland went on to say that a modular pump track was more versatile than an asphalt one – quotes had been obtained for both types – as it could be expanded at a later date.

Cllr Kim Harvey said that she thought the Councillors should be looking at other people, not just the young, and that people should be asked what they wanted.

Cllr David Panther asked how much CIL money was currently available and made the point that as Copperwheat didn't look as though it would be starting anytime soon, there would not be much more CIL money coming in for a good while.

The possible uses for the existing CIL money were then discussed. These included the new Pantry, possible investment in the Sports and Community Centre and Cllr Dexter Kirk said he was speaking with St Felix about raising funding to improve their Leisure Centre so it could be open to all.

Cllr Chris Dixon said that she thought the Council was neglecting the needs for those with mental health issues and the disabled.

It was generally thought that there needed to be more investigation into what the Reydon residents really wanted and a survey was suggested. Cllr Kim Harvey said she would speak to CAS about the best way forward and the Clerk said she would investigate what other Parish Councils had done. Cllr David Panther said the survey would have to be very specific with carefully worded questions to make sure relevant answers were obtained.

Cllr Kalvyn Friend proposed that a survey be produced before any further decisions were made about CIL expenditure (including the Pump Track) and Cllr Dominic Knight seconded this. There was one Councillor against the proposal and one abstention. Six Councillors were in favour.

Cllr Kalvyn Friend also said that he also thought a visual presentation of a Pump Track and a MUGA could be a good plan for the future.

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Fun Day Proposal

Having taken the decision to delay any decision on purchasing a Pump Track it was then decided that a Parish Council Fun Day would not be appropriate at the present time, as it wouldn't be fair to ask a Pump Track company to provide the pump track for the day if there was no commitment to proceed. It was therefore suggested instead that the Parish Council take a stall at The Randolph Fun Day on August Bank Holiday Monday. At that Fun Day the survey could be distributed to residents as well as it being online. There could also be information available on any of the suggested usages for the CIL money, such as Pump Tracks, MUGA's etc.

Cllr Chris Dixon proposed that the Parish Council take a stall at the Randolph Fun Day and Cllr Kim Harvey seconded this. All Councillors were in favour. This item to be added to the next Ordinary Meeting Agenda.

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Safeguarding Policy and Health and Safety Policy

These policies had been distributed in advance after amendments had been made by members of the Council. It was confirmed that DBS checks were not necessary for Councillors or Volunteers in the setting of a Parish Council.

Cllr Kim Harvey proposed acceptance of both policies and Cllr Dominic Knight seconded the proposal with all Councillors in favour.

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Cooper & Denny Quote for Repairs to Play Equipment at the Recreation Ground

The quote for this work had arrived after the Agenda was sent out for this Meeting. It was decided to add this on for approval so that the work could start.

Cllr Kalvyn Friend proposed acceptance of the quote in the sum of £789.00, Cllr Chris Dixon seconded the proposal and all the Councillors were in favour.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 23rd July 2026 at 6.30 pm at Reydon Village Hall.

The Chair closed the Meeting at 7.45 pm