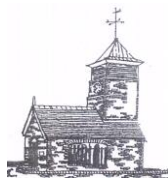


December 2015
HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes

Meeting held on **Monday 7th December** in the Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

		Reporting / Actions
701	INTRODUCTION:	
701.1	Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Thyer, Ellis, Inns, Gell, Fitzpatrick, Owers, Beilby, Green, Hawes,	
701.2	In attendance, Clerk, PCSO Retallack (part of the meeting)	
701.3	Apologies for absence: None	
701.4	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Hawes expenses	
702	APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:	
702.1	Approval of Minutes from November Full Council. Approved and signed by Cllr Thyer	
702.2	Approval of Minutes from November Cemetery committee meeting Approved and signed by Cllr Owers	
702.3	Approval of Minutes from November Sports and Recreation committee meeting Approved and signed by Cllr Owers	
702.4	Approval of Minutes from 2 nd November Planning committee meeting Approved and signed by Cllr Beilby	
702.5	Approval of Minutes from 30 th November Planning committee meeting Approved and signed by Cllr Beilby	
702.6	Approval of Minutes from December Finance committee meeting Approved and signed by Cllr Ellis	
703	PUBLIC FORUM – members of the public have a cumulative 15 minutes to address the Parish Council, no resolutions other than those on the agenda can be resolved from items raised in the public forum. None	
704	Police Report. This had been circulated to the Parish Council earlier. PCSO Retallack reminded the Parish Council of the need for greater awareness and security at this time of year and also that vulnerable residents can take up the Bobby Scheme where the Police arrange to visit to check on home security. The issue of parking on zig zags was discussed and PCSO Retallack explained again that her powers were limited and reports should continue to be emailed to the Police.	
705	Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report. None provided	
706	MATTERS ARISING – for information only	
595.1	Registering of Birds Hill Green. Cllr Beilby reported that Pauline Hey had the forms and would pass them to Cllr Thyer for signature. No progress, Cllr Beilby to follow this up.	Beilby
697.1	Banwell Place Section 106 money. Clerk reported that the Parish Council has now submitted an invoice to Central Bedfordshire Council for the release of these funds.	
707	PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS	
707.01	Clerk Report/Outstanding Matters: Outstanding matters included Bryant's Lane storage boxes which are too small to store posts. The solution is to either remove the lip around the inside of the cabinet, or shorten the posts. Cllrs Ellis, Hawes and Green to assess. Removal of dead tree in cemetery to take place on Wednesday 16th January.	Ellis/Hawes Green
707.2	Planning & Environment Committee: Further to the minutes from two meetings this month as approved earlier, Cllr Ellis reported on a meeting held on 4 th December with the planning committee, David Peachy of CBC and Martin Dady representing the operators at Stone Lane Quarry. The Committee was reassured by the visit. They were briefed on the controls in place to minimise the risk of contaminated materials being imported. There was a demonstration of the wheel cleansing and washing facilities. The noise pollution problem last month was attributed to the location of the area in which a compactor was operating and is no longer an issue. There is approximately 6 years of infill work remaining, in the meantime there are plans to increase the height of the bund between the quarry and Bryant's Lane sports field which will help reduce the noise levels to the village. The Committee took the opportunity to mention the backing up of lorries on Woburn Road outside Bryant's Lane quarry. It was agreed that Cllr Ellis would attend the meeting of the Gypsy and Travellers Focus Group meeting referred to in the minutes of 30 November as the representative of the Parish Council	



707.3	Sports & Recreation Committee: Cllr Owers reported that the future of the Pavilion at Bryant's Lane was discussed. Cllr Hawes was asked to carry out a visual structural survey of the building so that the committee can formulate say a 5-year plan. Clerk to establish the lease and grant obligations for the building.	Hawes
707.4	Cemetery Management Committee: Nothing further to report.	
707.5	Finance Committee: Cllr Ellis reported on the budget meeting held on 1 st December. A draft budget had been previously circulated to the Council, some items were removed from the budget such as the newsletter and other have increased in costs. It was agreed, subject to a final review at January's PC meeting, to maintain the precept at last year's level in order to insure against any loss of income and add to the Parish Council reserves; without an additional burden on the electorate.	
708	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION	
708.1	Approval of new contracts for electricity contracts at Bryant's Lane and the Clock Tower. Clerk presented various options and after discussion it was agreed to sign a 12 month contract with EON . It was resolved.	Clerk
709	VILLAGE MATTERS.	
709.1	Dog Control measures in public places. Clerk reported that signs should have been erected by CBC last week. This has not happened. Clerk to follow up.	Clerk
709.2	Update on Woburn Road speed hump. Clerk had sent the specification and drawings to Cllr Gell to pass on to Mr Gell for his professional assessment.	Gell
709.3	Speed Watch Update. Cllr Fitzpatrick has received notification of the safe sites and will start asap.	Fitzpatrick
709.4	HGVs through the Village. Further to the HGV getting stuck in Grange Gardens, it is now established that Heath and Reach is not covered by the HGV ban. This is of concern given the likely increase in heavy traffic with the imminent building works in the east of Leighton Buzzard. It was proposed that Cllr Versallion be asked how this ban can be widened to incorporate Heath and Reach. Cllr Owers also stated that the condition of the verge after the incident in Grange Gardens is not acceptable and should be reinstated by CBC.	
709.5	Christmas Tree. Cllr Beilby proposed that the Parish Council should consider buying a Christmas tree that can be planted on the Green. Clerk asked to establish costs of this for next year.	Clerk
710	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	
710.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances. Current account £25,707.78 Savings account £61,052.22	
700.2	Cheques Mark Stasiuk £290.00 Markland Gardens £395.07 Terry Hawes Expenses £ 15.24 Michele Green £ 75.50 Paul's Skips £500.02 All Trees and Hedges £2,500.00 Francesca Sheppard salary November £628.49 Greensand Trust £120.00 Francesca Sheppard expenses £221.55	
700.3	Direct Debits & Standing Orders Cheaper Waste £ 60.53 Eon £ 62.00 Eon £10.00 Anglian Water £57.00 M Redwood Green £43.33	
700.4	Administration CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The Parish Council has been approached by Shared Access a company looking for suitable sites for mobile phone transmitters. An exploratory meeting has been arranged for 9 th December	



<hr/>	<p>OTHER MATTERS of interest</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8pm</p>	
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Agenda prepared