



**January 2016**  
**HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**

Meeting held on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016** in the Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

		<b>Reporting / Actions</b>
711	<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>	
711.1	Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Thyer, Ellis, Inns, Fitzpatrick, Owers, Beilby, Green, Hawes, In attendance, Clerk, Mr & Mrs Bevan	
711.2	Apologies for absence: Cllr Gell (family commitment) Cllr Versallion (post meeting)	
711.3	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Thyer – Creative Solutions Invoice	
712	<b>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:</b>	
712.1	Approval of Minutes from December Full Council. <b>Approved and signed by Cllr Thyer</b>	
713	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> – 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. Mr & Mrs Bevan from Thrift Road raised their concerns about the newly erected fence at Thrift Road. They support the intention of the fence but question whether it will be effective in preventing dogs off leads in the designated area. It was explained that the purpose of the fence is to act as a visual reminder to dog walkers to keep dogs on leads in the play /picnic area. Mr & Mrs Bevan also highlighted the increase in drug use at the top of Thrift Road in the evenings. Clerk to notify PCSO Retallack and Cllr Versallion to request increased patrols to discourage. There is also an issue of litter in the area and Mr Bevan suggested that more bins were required.	Clerk
714	Police Report. This had been circulated to the Parish Council earlier and will be published on the Parish Council website.	
715	Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report. None provided	
716	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> – for information only	
595.1	Registering of Birds Hill Green. Cllr Beilby passed the form to the Clerk for completion and submission as well as the justification report as prepared by Pauline Hey, who was thanked for her assistance.	Clerk
697.1	Banwell Place Section 106 money. Clerk reported that there was no further news on this and will continue to chase CBC.	Clerk
717	<b>PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS</b>	
717.01	<b>Clerk Report/Outstanding Matters:</b> Outstanding matters include Bryant's Lane storage boxes, repairs to trim trail, status of Bryants Lane Lease, cost of living Christmas Tree,	
717.2	<b>Planning &amp; Environment Committee</b> The planning application for an additional wheelwash at Fox Corner Quarry was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council are supportive of any measures which prevent debris on the road. Cllr Ellis had attended the meeting of the Gypsy and Travellers Focus Group on 16 <sup>th</sup> December and previously circulated a report. The key points are that there must be a clear distinction between the day to day issues of the sites and the Gypsy and Traveller plan going forward. Also that the Mile tree Road application will be considered under the new Government policy. There are to be regular monthly meetings between a representative of the forum and CBC. It is CBC's intention to engage with Parish and Town Councils in the production of the G&T plan. Cllr Ellis will update the Council on progress..	
717.3	<b>Sports &amp; Recreation Committee:</b> Clerk has yet to establish the lease and grant obligations for the Pavilion building and Cllr Hawes is still to carry out visual survey	
717.4	<b>Cemetery Management Committee:</b> Clerk reported that ten headstones had been laid down during the monument safety test in December. There is an allowance in the budget for repairs and Ivan Quince stonemasons has been asked to quote. Clerk to report when this is received.	
717.5	<b>Finance Committee:</b> Nothing to report	
718	<b>MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION</b>	
718.1	The Budget for 2016/17 as previously circulated was agreed and it was agreed that the Precept for 2016/17 should remain at the same level as 2015/16. Proposed by Cllr Inns, seconded by Cllr Thyer. <b>It was resolved.</b>	



<p>719 719.1  719.2  719.3  719.4  719.5</p>	<p><b>VILLAGE MATTERS.</b> St Leonard's Church PCC has contacted the Parish Council about an initiative for Dementia friendly communities. It was agreed that the Clerk should find out more information with a view to holding an open meeting in the future Dog Control measures in public places. Clerk reported that signs should have been erected by CBC in December. This has not happened. Clerk to follow up. Update on Woburn Road speed hump. Clerk to ask Cllr Gell for an update. Cllr Ellis requested that if Councillors are unable to attend they submit an update through the Clerk on any matter(s) they are progressing in order to minimise delays. Disabled Ramp at Bryant's Lane. Cllr Green suggested that, as an alternative to a ramp, access to the playing field for motor vehicles be improved. The Clerk is to seek advice from CBC about disabled access and to investigate the possibility of grant funding. HGVs through the Village. Clerk has asked Cllr Versallion for advice on the process of extending an HGV ban throughout the village</p>	<p>Clerk  Clerk  Gell</p>
<p>720 720.1  720.2          720.3       720.4</p>	<p><b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b> Cashbook Summary &amp; Bank Account Balances. Checked and signed by Cllr Inns Current account £17,443.95 Savings account £61,054.23  <b>Cheques</b> Smith of Derby                      £180.00 (repairs) Mark Stasiuk                              £1760.00 Markland Gardens                      £320.00 CPM Playgrounds                      £108.00 Michele Green                              £ 48.00 Heath Village Barn                      £19.50 All Trees and Hedges                      £500.00 Francesca Sheppard salary December £346.75 Creative Solutions                      £179.00 Francesca Sheppard expenses              £209.47  <b>Direct Debits &amp; Standing Orders</b> Cheaper Waste £ 60.53 Eon                      £ 62.00 Eon                      £10.00 Anglian Water      £57.00 M Redwood Green £43.33  <b>Administration</b>  <b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b> Clerk has received notification about lighting beacons for the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and also a request about the Clean for the Queen scheme. Both items to be include in February's agenda.  OTHER MATTERS of interest Cllr Thyer expressed a concern that the fencing at Thrift Rd may not be adequate. Clerk suggested that signs be erected at entrances to inform users of the purpose of the new fence. It was agreed that laminated notices be put up. Meeting closed at 8pm</p>	



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