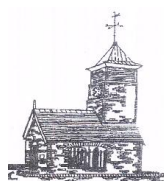




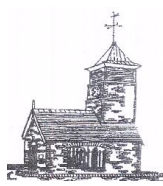
**March 2016**  
**HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

		Reporting / Action
731	<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>	
731.1	Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Thyer, Ellis, Gell, Green, Fitzpatrick, Beilby, Hawes, Clerk and two members of the electorate in attendance.	
731.2	Apologies for Absence Cllr Owers, Cllr Inns	
731.3	Declarations of Interest None	
732	<b>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:</b>	
732.1	Approval of Minutes from February 2016 Full Council. Signed by Cllr Thyer	
732.2	Approval of Minutes from February 2016 Cemetery Committee Signed by Cllr Ellis	
732.3	Approval of Minutes from February 2016 Sports and Recreation Committee signed by Cllr Ellis	
732.4	Approval of Minutes from February 2016 Planning Signed by Cllr Beilby	
733	<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 Chris Roberts and his partner Helen asked about the Parish Council position over the proposed wind turbine. It was explained that an application has not yet been lodged and therefore the Parish Council had not formally considered the matter. Mr Roberts asked whether the Parish Council supported the first application in 2010, Cllr Beilby confirmed that it had with reservations concerning television interference. It was noted that since then public opinion and government policy on the green agenda have changed. Mr Roberts also stated his opinion that a second turbine will have an impact on house prices. Clerk has undertaken to keep Mr Roberts informed of any progress with the application.	
734	<b>Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report</b> In his absence Cllr Versallion emailed this report : “The main matter I would report, is that CBC has just begun a call for sites of 2,000 homes or more. We should expect AWE to put it their 4,500 at Checkleywood. I still believe it is unlikely to be regarded as sustainable by CBC planners but nothing is ever certain in planning. Based on what other parishes and counties around the country have done, perhaps HRPC should consider getting the new style Neighbourhood Plan adopted, which would help in any planning appeal in the future.” (This is an email report from Cllr Versallion that was not reported verbatim at the meeting)	
735	<b>Police Report None</b>	
736	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> – for information only	
686.2	Registering of Birds Hill Green update: Nothing to report	
736.1	Shared Access inspection update: Inspection date to be rearranged.	
736.2	Woburn Road Speed bump update: Cllr Gell reported that Mr Gell, a structural engineer, had physically inspected the hump and the gradient was within the tolerances specified. He has highlighted that the block pavements are not robust enough for this site and are showing signs of damage.	
736.3	HGVs through the village. Clerk has been asked to reiterate to CBC that the Parish Council is seeking to complete a missing link in the HGV ban so that it would extend from the Flying Fox roundabout to Shenley Hill Road.	
736.4	Disabled Ramp Bryants Lane Update Clerk to meet Alan Trill on Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> to discuss further.	



<p>737 737.1 737.2 737.3 737.4 737.5</p>	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS</b> Clerk Report/Outstanding Matters, including Highways walkabout. This has been rearranged for 11<sup>th</sup> March. Planning &amp; Environment Committee: Clerk to ask the agents for ‘The Woods’ development to refix/remove the damaged signage on Woburn Road. Cllr Beilby said there was P3 meeting at the Axe and Compass on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm. Report on Gypsy &amp; Travellers Focus Group. Cllr Ellis attended this group on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Eight parishes were represented. CBC are developing a local plan which will include a Gypsy and Traveller Plan but this can take up to five years to complete. There was discussion of establish a fighting fund to allow the eight member parishes to contest decisions through the court. CBC reluctance to enforce the planning conditions and building regulations was noted by the Focus Group. Cllr Ellis asked if details had been received about the Town &amp; Parish Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April Clerk to check. Also to seek the latest information on the Miletree Road inquiry scheduled for April Sports &amp; Recreation Committee proposed £750 p.a. capital expenditure limit to the pavilion at Bryants Lane. The view was expressed that the pavilion is not used by many villagers and as such expenditure of the precept of more than £750 per annum on the maintenance of the building was not justified. It was argued that the Parish Council has a responsibility to maintain village facilities through the precept and the facility of Bryants Lane as a whole was not too onerous. The proposal was put to a vote proposed by Cllr Ellis seconded by Cllr Hawes. <b>It was resolved.</b> Cemetery Management Committee Cllr Hawes suggested that a tell tale device be placed on the cemetery wall so that any movement to the crack can be monitored. Finance Committee Meeting has been arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> March</p>	<p>Clerk Beilby Ellis</p>
<p>738 738.1 738.2 738.3 738.4 738.4 739 739.1</p>	<p><b>MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION</b> To approve financial contribution to the village celebration for the Queens’ 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday not exceeding £600. The funds to be used towards the hire of a bouncy castle and slide Proposed by Cllr Ellis, seconded by Cllr Thyer. <b>It was resolved.</b> To approve expenditure for Bryant’s Lane court cleaning not exceeding £890 Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Thyer. <b>It was resolved.</b> To approve expenditure to replace fence at Bryant’s Lane pavilion not exceeding £425. Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Thyer. <b>It was resolved.</b> To approve expenditure to lift and relay blocks at Bryant’s Lane pavilion not exceeding £280 Cllr Hawes expressed his doubt that this was an adequate sum to carry out the job properly. He is to contact the contractor to discuss and to obtain a more realistic quotation To approve Open Spaces Risk assessment. Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Hawes <b>It was resolved</b> <b>VILLAGE MATTERS.</b> Cllr Beilby asked why other villages had had their 30 mph limit boundaries moved further out from the village and 40 mph added to these and that this be raised with CBC highways. He believes the village needs a 40 mph limit for the total length of Woburn Road, and better still the 30 mph limit should be extended beyond the Brickhill Road junction. Cllr Ellis re-iterated the precedent has been set by the imposition of a 40 mph from the Stoke Road direction.</p>	



740	<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	
740.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances	
740.2	<b>Cheques</b>	
	Markland Gardens	£320.00
	Axatax	£267.60
	Playground Equipment	£9.20
	Michele Green	£73.15
	Francesca Sheppard salary	£455.11
	Francesca Sheppard expenses	£119.44
	<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>	
	<b>OTHER MATTERS of interest</b>	
	Cllr Beilby asked who was responsible for the recent clearing of the bushes along Woburn Road. Others confirmed it was Central Bedfordshire Council	
	<b>Meeting closed at 8.20pm</b>	