



May 2016
HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

		Reporting / Action
751 751.1 751.2 751.3 752 752.1 752.2	<p>INTRODUCTION:</p> <p>Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Thyer, Ellis, Green, Fitzpatrick, Beilby, Hawes, Owers, Clerk two member of the electorate in attendance.</p> <p>Apologies for Absence: Cllr Inns holiday and Cllr Gell – work commitment</p> <p>Declarations of Interest: None</p> <p>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:</p> <p>Approval of Minutes from April 2016 Full Council Signed by Cllr Ellis</p> <p>Approval of Minutes from April 2016 Planning Committee Signed by Cllr Beilby</p>	
753 754 755 756 686.2 756.1 756.2 756.3 756.4 756.5	<p>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.</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report: This was given earlier at the Annual General meeting as Cllr Versallion was unable to stay. He confirmed with the Clerk that Heath and Reach Parish Council were receiving the emails regarding consultations etc. from CBC as some parishes were being omitted. Clerk was not aware of any omissions. Cllr Versallion to arrange a meeting with Paul Salmon from CBC regarding the missing link in the HGV ban as neither he or the Parish Council are happy to wait until the link road is open in Spring 2017. Broadband update – the latest email from CBC confirmed that the reason some parts of Heath and Reach were without access to fibre optic is that the plan was always to be in two phases and Cabinet is scheduled for enablement for the end of 2017/18. Even if the community decided to self-fund the time scale would not be shortened so it would seem prudent to take advantage of the CBC programme.</p> <p>Police Report: Clerk has been in contact with the local PCSO and has registered for crime alert updates. The latest update was in February so nothing further to report.</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING – for information only</p> <p>Registering of Birds Hill Green update: Clerk has received confirmation that Birds Hill Green is now an official village green</p> <p>Shared Access inspection update: Shared Access have offered to pay the Parish Council £40,000 for a 25-year sub lease to install a phone mast within new floodlights at the all-weather courts. The clerk has been in discussion with Arnold White Estate, the land owner, who have agreed in principle to this subject to suitable legal arrangements and planning and have agreed to allow the Parish Council to retain the full sum offered by Shared Access as their contribution towards promoting sports in the village. The Clerk asked that this be formally acknowledged and minuted.</p> <p>HGVs through the village see Cllr Versallion report above.</p> <p>Disabled Ramp Bryant's Lane Update: A quote has been received for £20,670 plus VAT. After some discussion it was agreed not to proceed any further in light of the fact the car park and field are not owned by the Parish Council</p> <p>Speed Limits in the village: Speed signage was discussed and other traffic calming measure such as speed cameras and pinch points. Cllr Fitzpatrick to contact Steve Welahm regarding signage.</p> <p>Update on Miletree Farm Cllr Ellis attended the public hearing in April but it was postponed due to lacking information and has been rescheduled for 13th September (Terry I didn't really follow what more was said here)</p>	



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<p>758 758.1 759 759.1 759.2 759.3 759.4 759.5</p>	<p>MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION To approve redesign /refresh of Parish Council website not exceeding £600. Clerk has presented two quotes for the website. The Clerk explained in her opinion as the main user she did not find the current site easy to use and that the design could be improved. After discussion it was agreed to form a committee to agree the best way forward comprising of Cllrs Beilby, Thyer, Green and the Clerk VILLAGE MATTERS. Projects Traffic Calming: see above 756.4 Grit Bins: the placing of grit bins on Emu Close as discussed at an approximate cost of £100. The location to be agree with CBC. To be put in the June agenda Parking:The creation of a small car park in Reach Lane was discussed but it was agreed that as this land did not belong to the Parish Council not to proceed. Bus Shelters: Clerk to look into the costs and possibility of a new bus shelter by the stop opposite Sheepcote Crescent. Neighbourhood Plan. There was discussion about the advantages to the village of having a neighbourhood plan and whether it was likely to be a serious proposal to build more houses in the parish. On balance it was decidedTerry where did this end up please? Community Assets update. This was raised at the Annual Parish meeting as to whether certain buildings should be awarded community asset status. After discussion it was agreed that the Co-operative as the village shop was a good example and Clerk to find out more about this process. Stone Lane Path Cllr Beilby raised concern about horses encroaching on to the playing field at Bryant Lane from the new bridleway. Community Woodland The Greensand Trust has asked if the Parish Council would like to tale on the lease for the community woodland. More details are needed for a worthwhile consideration, ie how much would the lease cost, what level and cost of maintenance is required?</p>	



750	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	
750.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances	
	Current account Balance at 31 st March £18,999.52	
	Savings account balance £61,060.34	
750.2	Cheques	
	Markland Gardens £320.00	
	CPM Playgrounds £144.00	
	WDF Builders £988.00	
	Colin Carpenter Horticultural £300.00	
	Axatax £324.00	
	ICCM £90.00	
	Mark Stasiuk £215.00	
	BATPC £4.00	
	Michele Green £67.05	
	Francesca Sheppard salary £619.19	
	Francesca Sheppard expenses £17.20	
	Fun 4 Kidz £550.00	
	T Hawes Expenses £11.82	
	Heath Village Barn £56.88	
	Direct Debits & Standing Orders	
	Cheaper Waste £ 60.53	
	Eon £62.00	
	Eon £10.00	
	Anglian Water £57.00	
	M Redwood Green £43.33	
	Administration	
	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED	
	OTHER MATTERS of interest	
	Clerk asked to publicise the Passenger Transport Strategy Consultation, closing date 12 th July	
	Clerk to draft a letter to Andrew Selous MP asking for him support the bill giving Parish Councils a right of appeal in planning matters.	
	Meeting closed at 8.30pm	