



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

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th September 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

		Reporting / Action
781 781.1  781.2 781.3	<b>INTRODUCTION:</b> Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Green, Gell, Beilby, Owers. Cllr Versallion, Clerk and three members of the public in attendance. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Ellis, Hawes, Inns – holiday. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Thyer – cheque for Creative Solutions.	
782 782.1 782.2 782.3	<b>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:</b> Approval of Minutes from July 2016 Full Council. Approved & signed by Cllr Thyer Approval of Minutes from July 2016 Planning Committee. Approved and signed by Cllr Beilby Approval of Minutes from July 2016 Finance Committee. No one present at the meeting able to sign. Defer to October.	
783   783.1   783.2   783.3	<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:  Messrs Davis, Hopkins, and Baker from Sandhouse Cottages raised their concerns over the establishment of Ruth House, a care home at no 1 Sandhouse Cottages where there have been some incidents of anti-social behaviour. One night in particular where the emergency services were called and the disturbance continued for some hours. The neighbours have been unable to find out any information from the management of Ruth House and questioned the planning status. They also questioned the fact that it is a business operating on a residential premises which has consequences regarding refuse collection. Cllr Versallion expressed his sympathy and has made enquiries with Central Bedfordshire. Planning is not required for a change of use as there are only four residents, he also confirmed the services are not used by Central Bedfordshire. The Clerk is in contact with the management of the home who have apologised and explained the exceptional circumstances of the incident. There are issues of confidentiality but they have invited the Clerk, members of the Parish Council, the police and neighbours of Ruth House to visit the house and open up lines of communications. Clerk to arrange a meeting and circulate a date. Mr Hopkins also said there were extremely high conifers on the public verge at Sandhouse Lane, he was advised to report this directly to Central Bedfordshire but to revert to the Clerk if he needed further assistance. <b>Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report:</b> The proposed area weight restrictions for HGVs does not include Heath and Reach, Cllr Versallion has been informed that it is possible that Heath and Reach may be added at a later date. He is going to press for a definitive answer. Cllr Versallion was asked to intervene in trying to establish a reduced speed limit on Woburn Road, he explained the issue with this is enforcement but will ask an officer from CBC to address the Parish Council directly to hear the village concerns and explain the Council's stance. <b>Police Report.</b> None.	



786	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> – for information only.																					
786.1	Shared Access inspection update: Nothing further to report. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.																					
786.2	HGVs through the village: Nothing further to add to Cllr Versallion’s report above.																					
786.3	Speed Limits in the village: Clerk had previously circulated two quotations for Speed indicating devices. Westcotec £2,800 each. Thermotor solar powered £2230 each. It was agreed to proceed with Thermotor. To be formally resolved at the October meeting.	Clerk																				
787.4	Parish Council website: Cllr Beilby said that an ‘add-on; to the website will simplify and the process of updating to the website. The add-on costs \$20 Cllr Beilby to arrange a meeting with the Clerk to demonstrate.	Fitzpatrick																				
787.5	Community Asset update: The Co-operative Store has been registered as a community asset.	Clerk																				
787.6	Grit Bins update: Clerk yet to receive a response from CBC Highways.																					
787.7	Bus Shelter Sheepcote. Planning department has confirmed it does not have view on this matter and directed the Clerk to Highways department. Clerk has been unable to get a response to date.																					
787.5	Stone Lane Path Arnold White Estates and P3 group to meeting in late December to discuss.																					
787.6	Community Woodland. Clerk suggested that the land is taken into the Parish Council demise. A new lease would cost circa £500 and the upkeep of the area would be the responsibility of volunteer groups.																					
788	<b>PARISH COUNCIL REPORT</b>																					
788.1	Clerk Report/Outstanding Matters: Nothing further to report.																					
788.2	Planning & Environment Committee Cllr Beilby reported that the Dick Denton memorial walk will take place on 25 <sup>th</sup> September from Potsgrove to Battlesden. Cllr Owers reported on a meeting with Aggregate Industries regarding the revision of planning permissions (ROMP) on all quarries in the area. The meeting was part of a consultation and no details have yet been released. The Parish Council highlighted the rights of way issues which must be considered in future plans and restoration.																					
788.3	Sports & Recreation Committee: Clerk reported that bookings were coming in for the Autumn Season as well as an enquiry from a film crew to use the Bryant’s Lane car park.																					
788.4	Cemetery Management Committee nothing to report.																					
788.5	Finance Committee Meeting Clerk conformed that the audit was now complete and approved by BDO.																					
789	<b>MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION</b>																					
789.1	To approve amendment to Planning & Environment Committee terms of reference. <b>It was resolved.</b>																					
789.2	To approve the engagement of police officers to manage parking on Birds Hill for a period of six weeks. <b>It was resolved.</b>																					
790	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS.</b>																					
790.1	No 1 Sandhouse Cottages. See Public Forum item 783.1 above.																					
790.2	Planning Application CB/16/01389 wind turbine. Amendments have been made to the planning application, the Parish Council agreed that it did not warrant a revision to the original submission.																					
791	<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>																					
791.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Current account Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> August £27,736.75. Savings account balance £61,073.14.																					
791.2	<b>Cheques</b> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Markland Gardens July/Aug</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£640.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Stasiuk June/July/August</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£630.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BDO</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£360.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Creative Solutions</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£88.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Axatax</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£222.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSP</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,068.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Be Safe Fire Protection</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£45.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Francesca Sheppard salary July</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£503.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Francesca Sheppard salary August</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£492.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michele Green July &amp; August</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£110.50</td> </tr> </table>	Markland Gardens July/Aug	£640.00	Mark Stasiuk June/July/August	£630.00	BDO	£360.00	Creative Solutions	£88.79	Axatax	£222.00	SSP	£1,068.00	Be Safe Fire Protection	£45.60	Francesca Sheppard salary July	£503.44	Francesca Sheppard salary August	£492.48	Michele Green July & August	£110.50	
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<hr/>	<p><b>Administration</b></p> <p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b> A letter from the Post Office stating the planned changes to the Birds Hill store will proceed.</p> <p><b>OTHER MATTERS of interest</b> None.</p> <p><b>Meeting closed at 8.00pm.</b></p>											