



October 2016
HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd October 2016 at 7.00pm in the Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

<p>791 791.1 791.2 791.3 791.4 791.5</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION: Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Green, Gell, Hawes, Inns Beilby, Owers., Clerk and two members of the public in attendance. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Versallion Declarations of Interest: None Cllr Thyer noted the resignation of Terry Ellis which has created a vacancy for Vice Chairman Appointment of Vice Chairman. Cllr Hawes nominated Cllr Beilby, seconded by Cllr Green. Cllr Inns nominated Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Thyer. A vote was taken and Cllr Fitzpatrick was appointed as Vice Chairman.</p> <p>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES: 792.1 Approval of Minutes from September 2016 Full Council. Approved & signed by Cllr Thyer 792.2 Approval of Minutes from September 2016 Planning Committee. Approved and signed by Cllr Beilby 792.3 Approval of Minutes from July 2016 Finance Committee. Approved and signed by Cllr Inns.</p>	<p>Reporting / Action</p>
<p>793 793.1 794 795</p>	<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: 793.1 Two residents from Emu Close (no 32 and 34) asked for the Parish Council support regarding the flooding issues in Emu Close. The new soakaway recently installed is not sufficient to absorb heavy downpours. No 33 has been severely flooded causing the resident to move out. Flooding in the village was generally discussed and it appears that flooding has got worse in the past one to two years. Clerk to write to Central Bedfordshire to inform CBC that the drainage in the village appears to be inadequate and a full drain survey is required so that CBC can budget for the works. Cllr Versallion also to be asked to intervene. 794 Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report: Cllr Versallion asked the Clerk to report in his absence: He has sourced a funded program regarding banning HGVs in the village, that may get any works done sooner than the standard program. He is due to consult with Gary Baldwin (CBC) regarding Heath and reach being considered for that program, Cllr Versallion to update. Also, the consultation into Miletree Road has concluded but no further news is expected before Christmas. 795 Police Report. Clerk reported that the police has been carrying out spot checks on parking on Birds Hill zebra crossing and zig zags. The exact numbers have not yet been given but apparently, there were not many offenders in the initial week. Cllr Thyer had seen a uniformed officer parked in a bay in clear view which it could be said defeated the object. Clerk to highlight this to Sgt Wilson.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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796.7	Sandhouse Link update Cllr Beilby reported that the meeting with Arnold White Estates scheduled for end of September was postponed to a later date.														
796.8	Community Woodland update - Clerk awaiting a response from Arnold White Estates regarding the new lease.														
797	PARISH COUNCIL REPORT														
797.1	Clerk Report/Outstanding Matters: Nothing further to report.														
797.2	Planning & Environment Committee Cllr Green has agreed to be co-opted to this committee. Cllr Owers attending a meeting of the sandpit steering group which is run by Leighton town Council who have asked if Heath and Reach Parish Council would like to contribute. It is unclear what contribution they require as they are yet to write to the Clerk formally. Cllr Owers said the group has a value as approximately 75% of sandpit activity is within Heath and Reach. It is a useful forum for hearing about future plans/schemes from developers such as Arnold White Estates. Cllr Ellis had previously represented the Parish Council on the Travellers forum and a volunteer is required to continue with this as it gives Heath and Reach a voice in the pressure group. Clerk to circulate date of the next meeting when she receives notification. Planning committee meeting to take place after this meeting.														
797.3	Sports & Recreation Committee: Meeting held earlier this evening. Minutes to follow														
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797.5	Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for 18 th October. Cllr Green to replace Cllr Ellis on the bank mandate														
798	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION														
798.1	To proceed with quotation from Thermoter solar powered speed indication devices @ £2230 There was discussion as to the benefit of these and it was argued that they have no impact on speeding drivers. This was disputed. Cllr Thyer proposed to proceed with the purchase. Cllr Green seconded. It was resolved.														
798.2	To proceed with the purchase of Remembrance wreath in sum of £18. Proposed by Cllr Beilby. It was resolved.														
798.3	To renew membership of SLCC in sum of £118 Proposed by Cllr Beilby It was resolved.														
799	VILLAGE MATTERS.														
799.1	Discuss speed limit on Thrift road. Cllr Green requested a speed limit of 20mph be imposed on Thrift Road and it was suggested this be extended from Emu Close to Birds Hill on Linslade Road. Clerk to make written request, highlighting the presence of the school preschool and elderly residents.														
799.2	Flooding in village – see item above.														
800	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION														
800.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Current account Balance at 31 st August £40,049.85. Savings account balance £61,075.73.														
800.2	Cheques <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>SLCC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£118.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Markland Gardens September</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£320.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heath and Reach Village Barn</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£42.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michelle Green</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£59.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Francesca Sheppard salary September</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£558.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Francesca Sheppard salary August</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£27.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CPM</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£108.00 (to be put on November agenda)</td> </tr> </table>	SLCC	£118.00	Markland Gardens September	£320.00	Heath and Reach Village Barn	£42.25	Michelle Green	£59.50	Francesca Sheppard salary September	£558.14	Francesca Sheppard salary August	£27.63	CPM	£108.00 (to be put on November agenda)
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801	Administration	
801.1	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED A letter from the Post Office stating the planned changes to the Birds Hill store will proceed.	
801.2	OTHER MATTERS of interest Cllr Beilby asked for an update on the community speed watch, Cllr Fitzpatrick is to co-ordinate this in conjunction with the new sped indicator devices when they are installed. Cllr Beilby asked for confirmation that the Heath and Reach Veterans football team were paying for the use of Bryants Lane courts. Clerk confirmed this was the case. Cllr Hawes asked who would lay the Parish Council wreath at the Remembrance Service on 13 th November. Cllr Gell volunteered. Meeting closed at 8.00pm.	