



November 2016
HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

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

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801 801.1 801.2 801.3 802 802.1 802.2 802.3 802.4 802.5 802.6	<p>INTRODUCTION: Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Green, Hawes, Inns, Owers., Clerk and three members of the public in attendance. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Versallion, Cllrs Gell & Beilby Declarations of Interest: Cllr Thyer – Cheque for Creative Solutions</p> <p>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from October 2016 Full Council. Approved & signed by Cllr Thyer Approval of Minutes from 18th October 2016 Planning Committee. Approved & signed by Cllr Owers Approval of Minutes from 24th October 2016 Planning Committee. Approved & signed by Cllr Owers. Approval of Minutes from October 2016 Cemetery Committee. Approved & signed by Cllr Fitzpatrick Approval of Minutes from October 2016 Sports & Recreation Committee. Approved & signed by Cllr Fitzpatrick Approval of Minutes from October 2016 Finance Committee. Approved and signed by Cllr Inns.</p>	
803 803.1 804 805	<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: Mr Terry Ellis spoke on behalf of the Stop The Checkley Wood Turbine Group, reminding the Parish Council that the planning application for the second turbine is to be considered by CBC planning on 7th December at 10am. A representative of Heath and Reach Parish Council is permitted to speak and Mr Ellis urged that this opportunity was taken so that the views of the Parish Council could be ‘forcibly conveyed’. Mr Ellis gave a document to the Clerk which could act as an aide memoire, the key points being lack of local support, evidenced by 609 objections and 83 supporters in response to the CBC application, Cllr Green thought he may be able to attend this meeting.</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report: None</p> <p>Police Report. Clerk reported that the police were having difficulty resourcing cover for the extra work involved in monitoring the parking on Birds Hill, however with the assistance of members of the Special Constabulary periods were covered and, at times when officers were passing, contraventions were noted but as they were always going to or from other commitments and were not attached to the operation they could not stop. These vehicles were sent a warning notice with the time and date of contravention and vehicle details, the majority were from Leighton Buzzard. The Parish Council have not noticed any marked improvement in parking and instructed the Clerk to reinforce to the Police the Parish Council concerns about the dangers caused by parking on the zig zags and zebra crossing itself.</p>	
806 806.1 806.2 806.3 806.4 806.5 806.6	<p>MATTERS ARISING – for information only. Sandhouse Cottages. Cllr Fitzpatrick reported on a meeting at Ruth House with the staff which has resulted in the Parish Council enabling a line of communication between the neighbours and Ruth House. It is hoped that this will allow for a better understanding between the two parties. HGVs through the village: Gary Baldwin from CBC informed the Clerk that there was a meeting on 3rd November to consider the proposals. Speed Limits in the village: The Speed Indicator devices have been ordered and are due for delivery in January 2017. Cllr Fitzpatrick has confirmed with the Police that these devices are compatible with the speed watch programme, once they are installed Cllr Fitzpatrick can then co-ordinate volunteers. Grit Bins update: Clerk has received confirmation from CBC that the request has been received and will be actioned within 28 days. Sandhouse Link update: A meeting with Arnold White Estates is scheduled 22nd November Community Woodland update - Clerk awaiting a response from Arnold White Estates regarding the new lease. The bike jumps have been levelled by Greensand Trust.</p>	Fitzpatrick Beilby



806.7	Speed limit on Thrift Road and surrounding areas. Gary Baldwin from CBC has informed the Clerk that in the coming weeks they will be considering potential sites for inclusion in the 2017/18 capital programme in conjunction with the police. The Parish Council request for a 20mph speed limit on Thrift Road and Woburn Road have been listed for consideration,																				
806.8	If this is unsuccessful the Parish Council has the option of using the Rural Match Funding process Flooding in the Village: Cllrs Thyer, Hawes and Clerk met Rob Porter from CBC who are aware of the problem and are in regular contact with the residents of Emu Close. Again, it is a matter of a limited budget and having to share resources across Central Bedfordshire.																				
807	PARISH COUNCIL REPORT																				
807.1	Clerk Report/Outstanding Matters: Nothing further to report. It was agreed to remove outstanding matters from the agenda, as any outstanding matters should be already included.																				
807.2	Planning & Environment Committee: nothing further to report.																				
807.3	Sports & Recreation Committee: nothing further to report.																				
807.4	Cemetery Management Committee Meeting: nothing further to report.																				
807.5	Finance Committee Meeting: Cllr Inns reminded the Parish Council that future projects and expenditure should be presented prior to the setting of the Budget.																				
808	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION																				
808.1	To proceed with quotation from CPM Playgrounds to repair the playground surface at Thrift Road in the sum of £780. Proposed by Cllr Thyer, seconded by Cllr Fitzpatrick. It was resolved.																				
808.2	To proceed with the purchase of Christmas Tree from Rushmere not exceeding £200. Proposed by Cllr Thyer, seconded by Cllr Hawes. It was resolved. This highlighted the issue of the existing tree on the green, which is not thriving. Clerk to contact the supplier and express Parish Council dissatisfaction.																				
809	VILLAGE MATTERS.																				
809.1	CB/16/04588/MW Eastern Way quarries: Cllr Owers explained that this application has been previously discussed by the Planning Committee (24 th October) but as it is such a large application it is proper it be brought before the whole Parish Council The minutes of the planning meeting had been previously circulated. It was agreed to submit the comments to CBC as minuted.																				
809.2	Neighbourhood plan: Esther Clarke, a villager, has met with CBC officer Siobhan Vincent to discuss a neighbourhood plan Ms Clerk produced a summary of the meeting which has been circulated to the parish council and has requested the support of the Parish Council in the forming of this plan. The Clerk is to act as liaison between a steering group and the Parish Council, and Cllr Thyer is also to be involved.																				
809.3	Footpath accessibility: Foot path at top of Stone Lane is overgrown and difficult to access. Clerk to inform CBC.																				
809.4	Bus Shelter opposite Sheepcote Crescent: There was discussion about the location of a bus shelter and the depth of the hedge to the allotment. Cllr Inns said that the hedge will be cut back in February as scheduled annually. Cllr Hawes as project manager to obtain three quotes and co-ordinate with planning and highways.																				
810	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION																				
810.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Current account Balance at 31 st October £32,156.67. Savings account balance £61,078.32																				
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810.3	Direct Debits & Standing Orders Cheaper Waste £90.05 Eon £62.00 Eon £20.00 Anglian Water £57.00 M Redwood Green £43.33	
811	Administration 811.1 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED Generally correspondence is received by email and circulated to members by the Clerk. It is assumed that these emails are read and considered prior to the meetings. 812 OTHER MATTERS of interest 812.1 Cllr Owers expressed dissatisfaction that the green waste bin collection is to be suspended from end of November to February, this is compounded by the tidy tip also being closed and may lead to fly tipping. Clerk to endeavour to establish when the tidy tip will re-open. 812.2 Consultation on the removal of the phone box on Birds Hill as BT say there have been zero phone calls from this point in the last 12 months. Cllr Hawes said it is a facility for the village and should remain. Clerk to respond to the consultation. 812.3 Cllr Gell had previously offered to lay the wreath at the remembrance service on Sunday, Clerk to deliver the wreath to her house. Meeting closed at 8.25pm	