



December 2016
HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

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

		Reporting / Action
811	INTRODUCTION:	
811.1	Meeting Attendees: Cllrs, Fitzpatrick (Acting Chair), Beilby, Green, Hawes, Inns, Owers., Clerk	
811.2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Versallion (prior engagement), Cllrs Gell, (childcare issues), Thyer (illness)	
811.3	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Thyer Creative Solutions item 818.1	
812	APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:	
812.1	Approval of Minutes from November 2016 Full Council. Approved & signed by Cllr Fitzpatrick	
812.2	Approval of Minutes from 17th November 2016 Planning Committee. Approved & signed by Cllr Beilby	
813	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: No one present	
814	Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report: None	
815	Police Report. Sgt Wilson report on illegal parking on Birds Hill has been previously circulated Monitoring in the period 13 th to 30 th September resulted in four letters being sent to transgressors. The police are having difficulty providing the manpower to provide continuing monitoring but the Parish Council are extremely concerned that illegal parking will result in a serious accident.	
816	MATTERS ARISING – for information only.	
816.1	Christmas Tree Update. The Clerk contacted the supplier of the planted Christmas tree who has offered to replace the tree in the New Year. There were different views on the best location of the tree and it was agreed to discuss the best location with the supplier.	
816.2	HGVs through the village: Gary Baldwin from CBC emailed the results of the consultation on 3 rd November. Heath and Reach is not mentioned in these restrictions which is unacceptable. Clerk to ask Cllr Versallion to continue to exert pressure.	
816.3	Speed Limits in the village: Nothing further to report. Delivery of SID due end of January. Speed watch action can then be taken.	
816.4	Grit Bins update: One has been installed in Emu Close and one in Abbey Walk.	
816.5	Sandhouse Link update: Cllr Beilby reported that Ian Foll of Arnold White Estates is keen on reopening this foot path and will need to discuss this with CBC.	
816.6	Community Woodland update – Cllr Beilby and Esther Clarke inspected the area on 30 th November the bike jumps have been levelled but there is still a fence in place between the lower section trees and the top half meadow. The Parish Council have been donated 200 + trees from St Leonard’s School and this could be good area to plant, final location of trees to be agreed as there are other area in the village that could benefit. Cllr Beilby to ask James Hoare if he could photograph the area with a drone. Clerk awaiting a response from Arnold White Estates regarding the new lease. And no work should be undertaken until this lease has been agreed.	
816.7	Turbine Application update. This application has been deferred for discussion at CBC until February.	
817	PARISH COUNCIL REPORT	
817.1	Clerk Report Nothing further to report	
817.2	Planning & Environment Committee: Cllr Green attended the Town and Parish Council meeting on 22 nd November and reported the following points: Mark Conway emergency planning officer spoke about contingency plans and this highlighted whether Heath and Reach should have one in place, in the event eg. disaster/ electricity/gas outage. Clerk to contact the speaker and invite interested parties to attend. There is a CBC emergency phone no 07964 111942 . Cllr Green passed the clerk a leaflet on LGGS law company which provides legal services to Town and Parish Councils. As LGSS is part owned by CBC, all legal costs are met from CBC core budget. Another speaker Juliet Wright of Bedfordshire Police spoke about various watch schemes in Parishes, e.g. neighbourhood, speed and streetwatch. The number of schemes operating in	



	<p>Bedfordshire is growing. There was discussion where the consensus was for CBC to give more weight to Parish Council's views in matters of planning. A copy of the presentation can be seen at WWW.CENTRALBEDFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK/COUNCIL/COUNCILLORS/CONFERENCES.ASPX Cllr Beilby said there had been a P3 stall focussing on Toad watch at the Rushmere Christmas Fayre which raised £143 which will go towards hi vis jackets and signage. Also six new volunteers were recruited. Cllr Owers reported on a walkabout meeting at Bryants Lane and Reach Lane quarries with Richard Walpole, Cllr Versallion, Cllr Beilby and David Peachy. The increase in vehicle movements was discussed which would speed up the project towards an earlier end date, also discussed was the future use of restricted areas to public and agricultural. There will be a public meeting in February.</p>	
817.3	Sports & Recreation Committee: Meeting held earlier this evening, minutes to follow.	
817.4	Cemetery Management Committee Meeting: Meeting held earlier this evening, minutes to follow.	
817.5	Finance Committee Meeting: Meeting to be confirmed to discuss the budget for 2017/18 and set the precept.	
818	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION	
818.1	To approve expenditure to erect Christmas tree lights on the Pumphouse by Creative Solutions not exceeding £200. Volunteers to erect Christmas tree lights. It was resolved. To approve renewal of membership of CPRE in sum of £36.00 . It was resolved.	
819	VILLAGE MATTERS.	
820	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	
	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances	
820.1	Current account Balance at 30 th November £30,680.09. Savings account balance £61,080.83	
820.2	Cheques	
	Markland Gardens November £320.00	
	Mark Stasiuk £110.00	
	Nigel Strofton £10.00	
	Axatax £222.00	
	Heath Village Barn £87.25	
	Michelle Green £60.00	
	Francesca Sheppard salary November £558.14	
	Francesca Sheppard expenses £64.24	
820.3	Direct Debits & Standing Orders	
	Cheaper Waste £90.05	
	Eon £62.00	
	Eon £20.00	
	Anglian Water £83.00	
	M Redwood Green £43.33	
821	Administration	
821.1	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED	
821.2	OTHER MATTERS of interest	
	Meeting closed at 8.05pm	