



## May 2018

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

### Minutes

		Reporting / Action
<p>990</p> <p>990.1</p> <p>990.2</p> <p>990.3</p> <p>990.4</p> <p>991</p> <p>991.1</p> <p>991.2</p>	<p><b>INTRODUCTION:</b></p> <p>Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Thyer, Malone, Inns, Green, Fitzpatrick, Owers. Chivers. Cllr Versallion, Clerk and three members of the electorate in attendance</p> <p>Apologies for Absence: Cllr Beilby</p> <p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Owers re item 996.1, neighbour to 28 Reach Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Thyer announced Cllr Gell's resignation and asked the Clerk to formally minute the Parish Council's thanks and appreciation for her service.</p> <p><b>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:</b></p> <p>Approval of minutes from April 2018 Full Council signed by Cllr Thyer</p> <p>Approval of minutes from May 2018 Planning Committee signed by Cllr Owers</p>	
<p>992.1.</p> <p>992.2</p>	<p><b>Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion</b> reported that the bin consultation has concluded, and they have agreed to continue to collect green waste at no extra charge as well as initiating food recycling. This will be reviewed September 2019.</p> <p>The CBC Local Plan has been submitted and it can take up to 18 months before approval.</p> <p>Cllr Versallion suggested the Clerk contact Oakley Parish Council who may be able to share advice on the average speed cameras.</p> <p>Cllr Versallion is meeting Steve Lakin from Highways on 5<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm to discuss parking on Thrift Road, there are several options to discuss including residents parking, new/allocated bays. Cllr Versallion will invite Mick O'Brien from LB Silica Sand and Cllr Chivers will attend.</p> <p>Cllr Owers reiterated the Parish Council concerns about the planning application at Double Arches, Cllr Versallion said this application has been withdrawn and another one is due, Cllr Owers requested that the Parish Council is invited on a site visit with Cllr Versallion and the planning officer.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> Mr Ellis raised his concerns about the upkeep of the Millennium Garden which he does not consider is being carried out to a suitable standard by the contractor. He said that no work had been carried out, this was refuted by the Clerk as they had carried out an initial tidy up. Clerk to meet with Reynold Landscaping to discuss the scope of works. Mr Ellis also raised his frustration at the delay in erecting the third speed indicator device and quoted from previous meeting minutes. Cllr Thyer said that the pole had been erected and the device would be going up in the next few days. Mr Ellis said the Parish Council should consider the value of getting work carried out at no charge if it means the work is delayed.</p> <p>Mrs Loomes informed the meeting about the degrading of the road surface at the junction of Birds Hill/Gig Lane and Birds Hill/Old Linslade Road.</p> <p>Mr Miles Walker is extremely concerned about the number of potholes in the village and surrounding roads. He has made several videos and asked the members of the Parish Council to view these. Cllr Thyer said the Parish Council are sympathetic to Mr Walker's concerns and explained to Mr Walker that Highways are not within the Parish Council jurisdiction but are the responsibility of the Highways department. Cllr Thyer said potholes are a national issue and it is most likely due to budget restraints that the work is not carried out. Mr Walker disagreed and said this was a health and safety issue and he is anxious that cyclists may be seriously hurt or killed, especially down Eastern Way. Mr Walker requested the Parish Council put as much pressure on Central Bedfordshire Highways department to address these issues, to repair the potholes and, in the interim, to provide warning notices. The Clerk advised that she has a meeting with Rob Porter from Central Beds Highways on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May and will discuss these issues. She also said it was important that villagers individually report concerns to CBC and when the Parish Council is informed of them they will also add their report. Mr Ellis said that he had not seen this minuted, Clerk does not minute each time she does this but there are tracking numbers issued by CBC. Mr Walker is also extremely concerned about the damage bridge on Old Linslade Road and asked when this occurred, the parish Council have no information on the date. The Clerk is to try and escalate this matter to Highways due to the health and safety concerns.</p>	

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992.3	<b>Police Report</b> Report previously circulated.
993 993.1	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> – for information only Speed Indicator devices location and installation. Pole has been installed, device to go up in the next few days.
994 994.1 994.2 994.3 994.4 994.5	<b>PARISH COUNCIL REPORT</b> Clerk Report. Clerk to circulate dates for four meetings for Cemetery, Sport & recreation and Finance committees to comply with the statutory requirements. Planning meetings to be held on an ad hoc basis. Planning & Environment Committee: Two applications below to be discussed by full Council. Clerk handed Cllr Owers an application that arrived today. Sports & Recreation Committee: Nothing to report Cemetery Management Committee: Repairs to the Church Wall are complete. Finance Committee: Nothing to report
995 995.1 995.2 995.3 996 996.1 996.2 996.3 996.4	<b>MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION</b> To amend the time of the Parish Council meetings. A proposal was made to move the meeting time to 7.30pm. A vote was taken and six to two voted against. To Purchase a laptop for the Clerk in a sum not exceeding £800. Proposed by Cllr Chivers, seconded by Cllr Inns. <b>It was resolved.</b> To approve the appointment of Mrs Julie Betts as internal auditor. Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Inns, <b>It was resolved.</b>  <b>Village Matters</b> CB/18/01146/FULL 28 Reach Lane Erection of 3 bed bungalow The Parish Council endorsed the Planning Committee conclusions and object to this application. (See Planning minutes May 2018) CB/18/01232/OUT Stern Land, Land East Of Vandyke Road residential development of up to 270 dwellings. The Parish Council endorsed the Planning Committee conclusions and object to this application ,furthermore the Parish Council would like the Planning Officer to attend a meeting to explain the overall strategy and scheme as the applications are in a piecemeal fashion and there seems to be a lack of coherent structure. Damage to bridge on Linslade Road. Discussed in the public forum, see above Parish Council compliance with GDPR/data protection At this stage there is no legal requirement for the Parish Council to act on the new GDPR regulations coming into force on 25 <sup>th</sup> May. Investigation into this has highlighted some security concerns with our existing website which does not have a privacy statement and there are security concerns. The Clerk was asked to look at quotations for a redesign of the website to make it more attractive and compliant and to present to the June meeting.



<u>997</u>	<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	
<u>997.1</u>	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances	
	Current Account       £31,662.68	
	Reserve Account       £74,925.09	
	<b>Cheques</b>	
	Markland Gardens       £320.00	
	Francesca Sheppard     £620.13	
	Francesca Sheppard expenses   £729.48	
	Michele Green         £71.75	
	Reynolds Landscaping   £637.20	
	Axatax Pest Control     £222.00	
	ICCM                    £90.00	
	BATPC                   £316.00	
	John Bunyan             £180.00	
	Heath Village Barn      £42.25	
	CPM Playgrounds       £348.00	
	Fun 4 Kidz              £555.00	
<u>998</u>	<b>Direct Debits &amp; Standing Orders</b>	
	Cheaper Waste         £64.51	
	Anglian Water         £105.50	
	M Redwood Green      £43.33	
<u>999</u>	<b>Administration</b>	
	<b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b> Nothing further to report	
	<b>OTHER MATTERS of interest</b>	
	Meeting closed at 8.45	