



## March 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

### Minutes

		Reporting / Action
848	<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>	
848.1	Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Beilby, Gell, Inns, Green, Malone, Owers. Clerk in attendance. Cllr Versallion, Dee Macdonald and Mick O' Brien, Bob Reeve.	
848.2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Hawes	
848.3	Declarations of Interest Cllr Thyer regarding item 852.2	
849	<b>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:</b>	
849.1	Approval of Minutes from February 2017 Full Council. <b>Resolved, signed by Cllr Thyer.</b>	
850	<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. Mr O'Brien is the new owner of LB Silica Sands and Ms Macdonald as his representative introduced themselves to the Parish Council. The Parish Council have recently received a number of complaints about the condition of Woburn Road with debris etc and also the increased number of vehicle movements. Mr O'Brien informed the Council that the wheel washing facilities had been improved and would be careful to monitor the roads. It was agreed there was a happy medium to be found with keeping the road clean and safe and the noise pollution caused by the road cleaners. Mr O'Brien said he would instruct the road sweepers to clean the gulleys on a regular basis as well. The number of vehicle movements were also questioned, Mr O'Brien said there was a high concentration of movements in the early mornings but they were within the limit. Clerk to check with David Peachy the correct number and to raised concern that this may be exceeded. Miss Macdonald offered to come to any meetings concerning LB Silica sands to build a good working relationship with the village.	
851	<b>Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report</b> There has been an ongoing speed problem at the Bragenham Lane/Linslade Road crossroad, CBC are going to consult on installing rumble strips <b>CBC Budget</b> has been approved but the amount is still short of what is required and services will be cut. <b>Miletree Road</b> It has not yet been decided if there is to be a judicial review into the decision, <b>Local Plan</b> The date of September 18 for CBC to publish their plan has now slipped to January 2019 Bedfordshire Police has been named as the worst performing police force in the country. Cllr Versallion has still to hear from Paul Salmon regarding the <b>HGV ban</b> through the village. Cllr Beilby stated This is becoming critical as work will be starting soon at Chamberlains Barn. Cllr Versallion to check the planning conditions regarding the relief road.	
852	<b>Police Report</b> As previously circulated by the Clerk	
853	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> – for information only	
853.1	Speed Indicator devices location and installation. The devices are in safe storage and Rob Porter from CBC has offered to make a site visit to identify suitable locations. Cllr Green will attend this meeting with the Clerk at a date to be confirmed.	Clerk/Green
853.2	Emu Close Bollards A log to be kept to be submitted to CBC to prove the need for bollards.	Hawes
853.3	Ground maintenance tender report Prices have been returned but Clerk needs to obtain clarification on some of the figures quoted.	
854.4	Stone Lane Community woodland A draft lease has now been received Clerk has tried to contact LGS law the CBC in-house legal team to advise.	
855.5	“Report on Preparing for an emergency “Meeting at CBC Cllr Green attended on 22 <sup>nd</sup> February. The idea is to plug into local knowledge in the event of an emergency, eg pandemics, terrorism, electrical shut down. It was suggested that a group be formed to identify risks and resources locally available as well as places of safety. Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Beilby, Green and Clerk to form a group Clerk to invite others with appropriate knowledge and experience.	Clerk



856	<b>PARISH COUNCIL REPORT</b>	
856.1	Clerk Report	
856.2	Planning & Environment Committee: Meeting to take place after this meeting	
856.3	Sports & Recreation Committee: NFR	
856.4	Cemetery Management Committee: Monument Safety test scheduled for 21 <sup>st</sup> March.	
856.5	Finance Committee: <b>NFR</b>	
857.	<b>MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION</b>	
857.1	To approve the installation of three no Speed indicator devices: Deferred. See item 853.1	
857.2	To approve servicing of floodlights at Bryants Lane all weather courts not exceeding £2300 excluding replacement parts. Cllr Thyer absented himself from the meeting at this point. Three quotes were discussed. Creative Solutions £1,931 Exclusive Leisure £2290, and Osprey £2,335. The benefits of LED lights were discussed but it was decided not to proceed at this point but to replace the standard lamps. It was agreed to proceed with Creative Solutions quotation. <b>It was resolved</b>	
857.3	To approve the annual deep clean maintenance of the courts at Bryants Lane in sum of £890. <b>It was resolved</b>	
857.4	To approve the purchase of a village flagpole not exceeding £300. <b>It was resolved.</b>	
858	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS.</b>	
858.1	Discussion of Neighbourhood plan Cllr Green has been given some contact details of people who would be willing to advise the Parish Council. Clerk was asked to take this off the agenda until there was something to report.	
858.2	Provision of bus shelter opposite Sheepcote Crescent update. A public consultation is now necessary to gauge the neighbours' opinion. Cllr Hawes and Clerk to liaise.	
858.3	Woburn Road condition from quarries. Discussed at public forum	
858.4	Replacement Christmas Tree Clerk had passed the supplier, Colin Carpenter's number to Cllr Beilby to arrange a time to choose a replacement tree.	Beilby
859	<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	
859.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Current Account £28,214.42 Reserve Account £61,088.52	
	<b>Cheques</b>	
	Markland Gardens £400.00	
	Jewsons £121.39	
	CPM £936.00	
	Exclusive Leisure £31.20	
	Francesca Sheppard salary £612.86	
	Francesca Sheppard expenses £40.80	
	Michele Green £50.30	
	<b>Direct Debits &amp; Standing Orders</b>	
	Cheaper Waste £60.53	
	Eon £62.00	
	Eon £20.00	
	Anglian Water £83.00	
	M Redwood Green £43.33	
<u>860</u>	<b>Administration</b>	
<u>861</u>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b>	
	Letter from Bob Reeve – various matters. Condition of Woburn Road discussed earlier. The footpath from Stone Lane to Reach green is being overgrown with grass, CBC to be notified.	
<u>862</u>	<b>OTHER MATTERS of interest None</b> <b>Meeting closed at 8.pm</b>	



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