

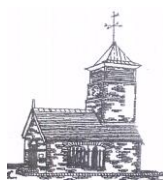


## May 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

### Minutes

		Reporting / Action
873 873.1 873.2 873.3	<b>INTRODUCTION:</b> Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Beilby, Inns, Green, Malone, Owers, Gell. Clerk in attendance. Cllr Versallion and one member of the electorate, Helen Loomes Apologies for Absence: None Declarations of Interest Cllr Thyer cheque Creative Solutions	
874 874.1 874.2	<b>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:</b> Approval of Minutes from April 2017 Full Council. <b>Resolved, signed by Cllr Fitzpatrick</b> Approval of Minutes from March 2017 and April 2017 Planning Committee <b>Resolved, and signed by Cllr Beilby</b>	
875 876 877	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> Ms Loomes asked who was responsible for the flower bed on Birds Hill outside Holly Tree Farm, it was confirmed it was not Parish Council. Ms Loomes also said that she and her neighbours maintained the alley way at Birds Hill/Gig Lane, Clerk to ask Tony Markland to include in his duties. <b>Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report</b> asked that the Parish Council write to the Cooperative on Birds Hill to ask them to tidy up the front area of the shop. The crates are always on show and look unsightly. CBC have deferred the decision meeting for the wind turbine until July due to an issue with the noise report. Cllr Versallion also reported that the A5/M1 link was due to open at midnight. <b>Police Report</b> This had been previously circulated to the parish councillors.	
878 878.1 878.2 878.3	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> – for information only Speed Indicator devices location and installation. Clerk requested assistance to move this project forward. It was agreed to get a quotation for an electrician to isolate the electricity supply to the two redundant signs on Woburn Road and Heath Road. Stone Lane Community woodland Clerk has an appointment to sign the lease on 9 <sup>th</sup> May. Provision of bus shelter opposite Sheepcote Crescent. Following Cllr Hawes resignation this now needs to be taken forward by others. Clerk to recirculate quotations so a decision can be made at the June parish council meeting.	
879 879.1 879.2 879.3 879.4 879.5	<b>PARISH COUNCIL REPORT</b> Clerk Report NFR Planning & Environment Committee: CB/17/00683 - The Police House Leighton Rd, this application was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council have no comment to make Sports & Recreation Committee: Clerk has asked for a second quotation for a swing at Thrift Road. Cemetery Management Committee: Alison, manager of the community payback scheme, is investigating applying for a Green Flag for the cemetery in recognition of the improvements made Finance Committee: Clerk is dealing with the audit	
880. 880.1	<b>MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION</b> To appoint Julie Betts as internal auditor. <b>It was resolved</b>	
881 881.1	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS.</b> Neighbourhood plan update: Cllr Green has researched neighbourhood plans and had earlier circulated his notes to the Parish Council. In conclusion, he found preparing a NP could be expensive, arduous and long-winded, with many meetings, much consultation with the residents, questionnaires, exhibitions and consultation with CBC and other bodies and given the geographical location of the Village with the proximity of the quarries, the value is questionable. A discussion established that there was no one willing to take the project on and so it was agreed to remove from the agenda. Cllr Beilby and Cllr Green are attending a planning conference at CBC on 17 <sup>th</sup> May and will report on merit.	



881.2	Draft Community Plan Cllr Beilby submitted comments as agreed through an email trail with the Parish Council .																										
881.3	<p>Quarry Liaison Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Cllrs Green, Owers and Clerk attended a meeting at LB Silica Sands and were given a tour of Bryants Lane Quarry and could see cell one is nearing completion. The owners are enthusiastic to keep the parish council informed and to react to any concerns there may be. Atkins Planning Consultants have not been retained so the Parish Council are interested to see where/how the plans will change.</p> <p>It was noted that Stone Lane Quarry was filling up fast, Cllr Owers confirmed that there was a restoration plan to revert the land to grazing.</p>																										
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882.1	<p>Cashbook Summary &amp; Bank Account Balances          Current Account £27,710.28          Reserve Account £31,090.86</p> <p><b>Cheques</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Markland Gardens</td><td>£400.00</td></tr> <tr><td>CPM</td><td>£108.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Francesca Sheppard salary</td><td>£503.42</td></tr> <tr><td>Francesca Sheppard expenses</td><td>£32.80</td></tr> <tr><td>Michele Green</td><td>£57.10</td></tr> <tr><td>Creative Solutions Ltd</td><td>£2,317.20</td></tr> <tr><td>Axatax</td><td>£222.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Reynolds Landscaping</td><td>£691.20</td></tr> <tr><td>Nigel Strofton</td><td>£27.60</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Direct Debits &amp; Standing Orders</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Cheaper Waste</td><td>£60.53</td></tr> <tr><td>British Gas</td><td>£53.23</td></tr> <tr><td>Anglian Water</td><td>£83.00</td></tr> <tr><td>M Redwood Green</td><td>£43.33</td></tr> </table>	Markland Gardens	£400.00	CPM	£108.00	Francesca Sheppard salary	£503.42	Francesca Sheppard expenses	£32.80	Michele Green	£57.10	Creative Solutions Ltd	£2,317.20	Axatax	£222.00	Reynolds Landscaping	£691.20	Nigel Strofton	£27.60	Cheaper Waste	£60.53	British Gas	£53.23	Anglian Water	£83.00	M Redwood Green	£43.33
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<u>885</u>	<p><b>OTHER MATTERS of interest</b></p> <p>Cllr Green reported a loose flagstone at Bryants Lane car park. Clerk to ask Tony Markland to fix The missing dogs on lead sign. Cllr Thyer to make a replacement, Cllr Inns reminded that expenditure would need to be approved by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Green received a response from David Peachey regarding debris on the road from the quarry vehicles. Mr Peachey has advised that drivers are now required to check their rear wheels before driving onto the road.</p> <p>Richard Thyer replaced the lamps in the floodlights at Bryants Lane. There was a mouse nest in one of the columns and one of the cables has been damaged. There is therefore only one power source which is a potential problem, if this fails it is possible the courts may have to be dug up to trace the route.</p> <p><b>Meeting closed at 8.25.pm</b></p>																										