



September 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th September 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Barn,
Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

Minutes

		Reporting / Action
910	INTRODUCTION:	
910.1	Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Fitzpatrick (Chairman), Inns, Green, Owers, Gell. Cllr Versallion and Clerk in attendance and eleven members of the electorate,	
910.2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Malone – unwell, Cllrs Thyer, Beilby work commitment.	
910.3	Declarations of Interest Cllr Thyer (Absent) - cheque Creative Solutions Cllr Inns - United Charities Trust bus shelter	
911	APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:	
911.1	Approval of Minutes from July 2017 Full Council. Resolved and signed by Cllr Fitzpatrick	
911.2	Approval of Minutes from July 2017 Planning Committee. Resolved and signed by Cllr Owers	
911.3	Approval of Minutes from August 2017 Planning Committee. Deferred	
912	PUBLIC FORUM A group of Thrift Road residents raised their concern about Greensand Trust purchasing the land at the top of Thrift Road including the car park. GST have said this will be an access point for bicycles but the residents view is that this will exacerbate an already congested parking area. Thrift Road is used by many dog walkers, with particular congestion at school drop off and pick up times. The residents highlighted the safety concerns, where inconsiderate parking has restricted access for emergency vehicles. Cllr Inns said that GST are aware of the concerns and she will reiterate these at the next liaison meeting. A further safety concern is the speed and the residents asked for a 20mph restriction. The Clerk has contacted CBC Highways about this in the past and will contact them again. Cllr Versallion suggested that a residents parking scheme would alleviate many of these concerns. Clerk to arrange a meeting between the residents of Thrift Road, Greensand Trust, Highways, Cllr Versallion and St Leonard's Lower School. Further concerns on Thrift Road are the amount of canisters left from legal highs, residents were encouraged to report any antisocial/illegal behaviour to the police. Also, there is a regular noise nuisance from dogs in the early morning, the concerned resident was advised to inform Environmental Health.	
913	Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion reported that after six years of legal argument Central Beds Council lost the Mile Tree Road appeal, which allows for six pitches to be sited. The DMC are discussing the second wind turbine on 13 th September, Planning officers have recommended approval but Cllr Versallion said he would be speaking against it and encouraged others to attend. Cllr Green will be speaking against the application on behalf of the Parish Council.	
914	Police Report This had been previously circulated to the parish councillors.	
915	MATTERS ARISING – for information only	
915.1	Speed Indicator devices location and installation. The two that have been installed seem to be having a positive impact. Clerk to chase suppliers for correct bracket to install the third one and also to activate data capture. The siting of the third device will involve purchasing a new post and some postcrete, Cllr Thyer will install free of charge,	
916	PARISH COUNCIL REPORT	
916.1	Clerk Report NFR	
916.2	Planning & Environment Committee: Clerk passed Cllr Owers an application, meeting to be arranged	
916.3	Sports & Recreation Committee: NFR	
916.4	Cemetery Management Committee: NFR.	
916.5	Finance Committee: BDO have confirmed the completion of the audit with no comments to make,	

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917	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION
917.1	Installation of bus shelter. This matter was further discussed with councillors for and against and given the public response was split evenly it was decided that the parish council should vote, the outcome of which is that it was refused . Cllr Inns abstained.
917.2	Purchase of Remembrance Wreath not exceeding £25. Proposed by Cllr Inns, seconded Cllr Owers. It was resolved.
918	VILLAGE MATTERS.
918.1	Recruitment of new parish councillor. The Clerk is concerned that there remains a vacancy on this council. A Thrift Road resident had expressed interest earlier in the meeting and the Clerk will provide further information.
918.2	Car Park Bryants Lane. Clerk informed the Council that M O'Brien have kindly filled in pot holes in the car park and provided materials and assistance to erect the rugby posts.
918.3	Bryants Lane access to community woodland. In Cllr Beilby's absence this was deferred
918.4	Community Wood Lane Clearance. Cllr Green said that their project will require professional help. Cllr Beilby is in contact with Esther Clarke regarding costings and once these have been established it may be possible to apply for a grant from Tesco or similar.
918.5	Parish Council Website. Cllr Fitzpatrick requested that a counter be put on the website so that the number of people using it can be monitored this can help inform any decision on the future of the website regarding redesign etc. Clerk to ask Cllr Beilby. Clerk also to circulate the details of the website on social media and put on minutes.
919	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION
919.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Current Account £36,348.50 Reserve Account £61,103.66 Cheques Markland Gardens £655.45 Francesca Sheppard salary £547.20 Michele Green £136.80 SSP Ltd £1,068.00 Broxap £449.88 Ray Nixon Brown £885.00 Pear Technology Services £3,570.00 Maxwell Amenity £719.40 Came Insurance £1,528.73 Heath Village Barn £39.00 Axatax £222.00 BDO £240.00 Creative Solutions £91.14 Reynolds Landscaping £1668.00
<u>919.2</u>	Direct Debits & Standing Orders Cheaper Waste £79.63 Anglian Water £105.50 M Redwood Green £43.33 British Gas £158.71 British Gas £49.94
<u>919.3</u>	Administration
<u>919.4</u>	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
<u>919.5</u>	OTHER MATTERS of interest Cllr Green has been invited to attend the Stop the Checkley Wood Turbine Group to a meeting to co-ordinate responses at the DNC meeting on 13 th September. The view of the meeting was that he should decline as the response of the Parish Council had been previously agreed. Cllr Owers reported a car that had been parked on Reach Green for some months. He was advised to contact DVLA. MEETING CLOSED 7.45pm

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