



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



November 2019 Minutes

MINUTES of Meeting held on Monday 4th November at 7pm in Heath Village Barn

Item No.	Agenda	Reporting / Action
250	INTRODUCTION:	
250.1	Meeting Attendees Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Smith, Inns, Boyden, Chivers, four members of the electorate.	
250.2	Apologies for Absence Cllrs Thyer, Malone	
250.3	Declarations of Interest None	
251.	APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:	
251.1	Approval of full Parish Council minutes October 2019 Approved and signed by Cllr Boyden	
251.2	Approval of Planning Committee minutes October 2019/ Approved and signed by Cllr Chivers	
251.3	Approval of Sports and Recreation Committee minutes October 2019 No one present to sign . Defer to December meeting	
251.4	Approval of Cemetery Committee minutes October 2019. No one present to sign . Defer to December meeting	
252.1	<p>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.</p> <p>Mr Ellis raised four issues of concern. 1, an update on repairs to the bus shelter: The clerk reported this is on Tony Markland's list of winter tasks. 2, Replacement rope at Bryants Lane: The clerk reported this is on Tony Markland's list of winter tasks. 3, Website Mr Ellis is still unable to access documents for the year 17/18. Clerk to ask Webmaster to address. 4, Mr Ellis was concerned about the planning status of the replacement pavilion: Clerk has a written response from planners stating that the parish council has permitted development right to erect a building that does not exceed 4 meters for the purpose of any function exercised by the parish council which includes a sports pavilion. Mr Ellis also asked about AWE approval as landowners, Clerk has spoken to Mr Ian Foll who has given verbal consent, Clerk to ask for this in writing.</p> <p>Mr Leslie from the P3 group asked for an update on the parish council plans for the community woodland and if it could be made more useful with better access. He suggested a picnic area where the bike jumps were. Access is difficult but Mr Leslie suggested that once the heavy work was done, P3 and/or community payback could manage. Cllr Fitzpatrick asked for more details of the area so that councillors could visit the area. Any works would have to be considered in the next budget. Mr Leslie to drop off maps of the area to the Clerk.</p>	
252.2	<p>Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report Cllr Versallion reported he had further discussions with CBC Highways regarding the bus stop by the Flying Fox but there is nothing more to be done at this stage.</p> <p>Rushmere Park There is to be a road closure when the poplar trees on old Linslade Road are taken down Cllr Versallion has received assurances from GST that these will be replaced with more suitable trees, but they will obviously take time to become established.</p>	



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252.3	<p>Bryants/Reach Lane Quarries: There have been long discussions with the planning about the revised timetable planning application including increase in lorry movements. Cllr Versallion's view is that if there are substantial amendments the application will have to come back to consultation with the village.</p> <p>Luton Airport are consulting on a proposed expansion. Whilst this may lead to a local boost in the economy, the revenue from Luton Airport goes to Luton Borough Council even though the impact of noise etc is felt more widely. There may be an argument to access community contribution for inconvenience to the village.</p> <p>Average Speed Cameras Cllr Versallion said that CBC and the police are in agreement in principle. A meeting is to be arranged at Chicksands to discuss further. Cllr thyer and Boyden to attend.</p> <p>Police Report. Clerk circulates when received.</p>	
253	MATTERS ARISING – for information only	
253.1	Update on speed limit in the village and speed checks, As discussed by Cllr Versallion above.	
253.2	Update on replacement pavilion Clerk reported this should be complete in 6 weeks. (by Christmas)	
253.3	Discuss provision of pathway at Thrift Road play area. Clerk has obtained three quotations. The project was agreed in principle by the Parish Council but Clerk to ask Mrs Gray if she is aware of any grant donations that could help towards the cost.	
254	PARISH COUNCIL REPORT	
254.1	Cemetery Management Committee Meeting was held earlier this evening	
254.2	Finance Committee: Meeting due in November	
254.3	Planning & Environment Committee: Meeting due this evening	
254.5	Sports & Recreation Committee: Meeting was held earlier this evening	
255	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION	
255.1	To approve purchase of Christmas tree not exceeding £200 Rushmere are unable to provide a suitable tree. Clerk has found an alternative source. Proposed Cllr Inns. Seconded Cllr Chivers. It was resolved.	
255.2	To approve purchase of sparklers for Carols on the Green not exceeding £30, Proposed Cllr Smith seconded Cllr Chivers. It was resolved.	
255.3	To approve expenditure on sample light fitting and associated hire cost for court lights at Bryants Lane, Proposed Cllr Boyden, seconded Cllr Chivers. It was resolved.	
256	VILLAGE MATTERS	
256.1	Discuss the Greensand Country Gateway Signs offer. In principle this was agreed, depending on location and cost.	
256.2	To discuss trim trail inspections. Clerk suggested this task is too onerous for a volunteer. CPM Playground can undertake it for £65 plus VAT each quarter It was agreed in principle To be resolved at December meeting.	
256.3	Nominate a representative from Parish Council to lay the Remembrance wreath. Cllr Smith volunteered. Clerk to pass over wreath,	
256.4	Nominate a representative to Rushmere Users group, Cllr Boyden volunteered, Clerk to pass on details.	



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256.5	To discuss village participation for VE day, St Leonard’s church has asked if the Parish Council was arranging a specific event for VE day in May 2020. It was agreed not to but perhaps to hold a general summer party.																					
257	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION																					
257.1	<p>Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances</p> <p>Current account Balance £26,013.41 Savings Account £99,986.50</p> <p>Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances</p> <table><tr><td>Markland Gardens</td><td>£450.00</td></tr><tr><td>Francesca Sheppard</td><td>£619.32</td></tr><tr><td>Reynolds Landscaping</td><td>£1495.20</td></tr><tr><td>CPM Playgrounds</td><td>£108.00</td></tr><tr><td>Axatax</td><td>£222.00</td></tr><tr><td>Community Heartbeat</td><td>£42.00</td></tr><tr><td>British Legion</td><td>£50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Jewsons</td><td>£43.02</td></tr><tr><td>SLCC</td><td>£ 6.00</td></tr><tr><td>Heath Village Barn</td><td>£ 35.75</td></tr></table>	Markland Gardens	£450.00	Francesca Sheppard	£619.32	Reynolds Landscaping	£1495.20	CPM Playgrounds	£108.00	Axatax	£222.00	Community Heartbeat	£42.00	British Legion	£50.00	Jewsons	£43.02	SLCC	£ 6.00	Heath Village Barn	£ 35.75	
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258	<p>Administration /OTHER MATTERS of interest</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.50pm</p>																					