



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



December 2019 Minutes

MINUTES of Meeting held on Monday 2nd December at 7pm in Heath Village Barn

Item No.	Agenda	Reporting / Action
260	INTRODUCTION:	
260.1	Meeting Attendees Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Smith, Inns, Boyden, Thyer, Malone. IN	
260.2	attendance Cllr Versallion , Clerk and two members of the electorate.	
260.3	Apologies for Absence Cllr Chivers	
	Declarations of Interest Cllr Thyer – Christmas lights	
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261.1	APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:	
	Approval of full Parish Council minutes November 2019 Approved and signed by	
261.2	Cllr Inns	
	Approval of Planning Committee minutes November 2019. Approved and	
261.3	signed by Cllr Boyden	
	Approval of Sports and Recreation Committee minutes October 2019.	
261.4	Approved and signed by Cllr Malone	
	Approval of Finance Committee minutes November 2019. Approved and signed	
261.5	by Cllr Inns.	
	Approval of Cemetery Committee minutes October 2019. Approved and signed	
	by Cllr Malone	
262.1	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.	
	Mr Ellis reminded the Parish Council to formally minute the decision to replace the old pavilion building with a new one donated by LB Silica Sands and to document the consents and ongoing commitment of the Parish Council.	
	Mr Reeve asked the Parish Council to contact CBC to clear the footpath from Stone Lane Hill, Brickhill Road into the village, the verge has crept to only allow a half person width. He also gave a verbatim report that Mile Tree Road has more than the permitted number of plots. Cllr Versallion responded that CBC are aware and dealing with this.	
262.2	Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report. Cllr Versallion advised	
262.3	Clerk to contact Mark Macdonald regarding the footpath on behalf of Mr Reeve. He also reported that the planning applications for 45 Woburn Road have been withdrawn.	
	Police Report. Clerk has emailed to Councillors.	
263	MATTERS ARISING – for information only	
263.1	Update on speed limit in the village and speed checks. Cllr Boyden reported that the Village has a highlighted speed issue confirmed by data from the speed indicator devices. CBC have been approached and Bedfordshire Police installed their own monitoring grey boxes. The data from these boxes reinforced our own data and these have been reported to Paul Salmon the traffic operations manager at CBC. It is accepted that there is a problem with traffic speed through the village. CBC cannot support us installing Speed cameras, due to the cost of back office processing. This cost is around £11000 per year, and there is no mechanism for parish to pay it, even if we did have the funding. There would also be a £3000 annual maintenance fee to the camera suppliers. BedsPol also do not	



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	currently have enough staff to support the processing of speed tickets . Mr Salmon, however, is keen to work with the Parish Council but unfortunately was taken ill before he could meet Cllrs Boyden and Thyer in the village to observe the traffic first hand. CBC would like to improve the speed humps and install measures to deflect traffic away from the village to the A5 /by pass, The village will be consulted on future proposals and to gather information on what is possible.	
263.2	Update on replacement pavilion Clerk reported this should be mostly complete in 6 weeks. (by Christmas)	
263.3	Discussion on Community Woodland. The Parish Council agreed to maintain the bridleway but not to pursue the suggestion for picnic area etc at this stage.	
264	PARISH COUNCIL REPORT	
264.1	Cemetery Management Committee Nothing further to report	
264.2	Finance Committee: Budget meeting to be held before Christmas.	
264.3	Planning & Environment Committee: Meeting due this evening	
264.5	Sports & Recreation Committee: Nothing further to report	
265	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION	
265.1	To approve putting up Christmas lights not exceeding £200 Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Malone. It was resolved.	
265.2	To approve CPM Playgrounds Ltd to carry out safety inspections at Bryants Lane @£65 per visit. Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Malone. It was resolved.	
265.3	To approve adoption of NALC standing orders Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Inns. It was resolved.	
265.4	To approve adoption of NALC financial orders. Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Inns. It was resolved.	
266	VILLAGE MATTERS	
266.1	Discuss provision of dog waste bags at Thrift Road. It was agreed not to act on this.	
266.2	Broadband survey HRPC Website. Barrie Simpson, the H&R webmaster is undertaking a survey for broadband provision in the village. To be reported at the February meeting.	



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267	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION													
267.1	<p>Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances</p> <p>Current account Balance £24,405.99 Savings Account £99,991.02</p> <p>Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances</p> <table><tr><td>Markland Gardens</td><td>£ 375.00</td></tr><tr><td>Francesca Sheppard</td><td>£ 678.87</td></tr><tr><td>Francesca Sheppard</td><td>£ 48.00</td></tr><tr><td>G I Rogers</td><td>£ 216.00</td></tr><tr><td>SSP</td><td>£1,068.00</td></tr><tr><td>Nigel Strofton sparklers</td><td>£ 15.00</td></tr></table>	Markland Gardens	£ 375.00	Francesca Sheppard	£ 678.87	Francesca Sheppard	£ 48.00	G I Rogers	£ 216.00	SSP	£1,068.00	Nigel Strofton sparklers	£ 15.00	
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268	<p>Administration /OTHER MATTERS of interest</p> <p>Cllr Fitzpatrick requested that the planted Christmas Tree on the Green be assessed and if dead to be removed. She also reported that there was a suggestion to have a ‘buddy’ bench in the village, it was discussed and agreed that there are already a number of benches in the village and the green at the corner of Sheepcote Crescent, a suggested location, is not Parish Council land.</p> <p>Cllr Boyden asked that the Expressway is put on January Agenda</p> <p>Cllr Inns reported that Francesca Sheppard is to replace Sara Clarkson as Trustee for United Charities.</p> <p>Clerk reminded the Parish Councillors about Carols on the Green on 20th December</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.45pm</p>													