



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



February 2020 MINUTES

MINUTES of Meeting held on Monday 3rd February at 7pm at Heath Village Barn

Item No.		Reporting / Action
280	INTRODUCTION:	
280.1	Meeting Attendees Cllrs Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Inns, Smith, Chivers, Boyden, O'Brien, Clerk and one member of the electorate, PC Madden and colleague in attendance	
280.2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Malone - unwell	
280.3	Declarations of Interest None	
280.4	Co-opting of Danny O'Brien to the Parish Council. It was resolved	
281.0	APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:	
281.1	Approval of full Parish Council minutes January 2020 Approved and signed by Cllr Fitzpatrick	
281.2	Approval of Cemetery Committee minutes January 2020. Approved and signed by Cllr Fitzpatrick	
281.3	Approval of Sports and Recreation Committee minutes January 2020. Approved and signed by Cllr Fitzpatrick	
282.1	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 Leslie asked for the parish council support in getting an abandoned car removed. It has been parked on Reach Green for some months and is taking up a space and attracting vandalism. PC Madden said the police are aware, but the registered owner is no longer on the DVLA register and it is not on the public highway so little the police can do but CBC is also aware, and they have different powers of removal. Clerk to place a notice on the vehicle giving notice of removal. Mr Leslie asked the parish council to consider a time restriction for parking on Reach Green, this has been previously considered but it would prevent legitimate parking by residents	
282.2	Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report:	
282.3	Police Report: PC Madden reported that the police are aware of the dirt bikes running over the allotments and have visited the riders where possible. He said if he is informed of times and places and registration numbers the police will speak to those responsible. Cllr Boyden asked PC Madden if he and his team had yet received driver training for HGV enforcement, once this has happened the police will be able to challenge HGV lorry drivers safely. This has not yet happened,	
283	MATTERS ARISING – for information only	
283.1	Speed watch update Cllr Boyden reported that ten people have volunteered and he is being vetted as a co-ordinator. There is also a challenge of being able to use the equipment when required as it is shared with other villages. Cllr Boyden will obtain quotes to hire or buy speed watch equipment for Heath and Reach.	Cllr Boyden
284	PARISH COUNCIL REPORT	
284.1	Cemetery Management Committee - Clerk reported that two bags of gravel have been purchased. Ivan Quince have been to quote for the reinstatement of the toppled stones.	
284.2	Finance Committee: Clerk reported that the regulations have changed, and the Parish Council is now permitted to pay by BACS.	
284.3	Planning & Environment Committee: Nothing to report	

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284.5	Sports & Recreation Committee: Clerk said some of the picnic tables at Thrift Road are badly damaged and has asked Tony Markland to remove. Also the report from CPM playgrounds highlighted the algae on the basketball hoop stand, Cllr Chivers to ask his window cleaner to clean. Community Payback will clear the algae from the trim trail when the weather has improved. The rope is still to be replaced. Tony Markland is aware,.																											
285	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION																											
285.1	To approve the rental agreement for Bryants Lane Pavilion. This will only be signed once the building has been officially handed over to the parish council. Proposed by Cllr Boyden, seconded by Cllr Thyer. It was resolved.																											
285.2	To approve and sign updated Standing Orders. Proposed by Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr Boyden. . It was resolved																											
285.3	To approve and sign Data Breach policy Proposed by Cllr Inns seconded by Cllr Boyden. It was resolved																											
285.4	To approve and sign updated NALC policy. Proposed by Cllr Inns seconded by Cllr Boyden. It was resolved																											
285.5	To approve Francesca Sheppard as Trustee of United Charities. Proposed by Cllr Inns seconded by Cllr Boyden. It was resolved																											
286	VILLAGE MATTERS																											
286.1	HGV traffic through the village There is no ban on HGVs through the village in place. The large number of hgv movements has been particularly noticeable over the past few weeks deo to Chamberlains Barn development. Cllr Versallion is checking on the planning conditions as the route through the village should be excluded. Cllr Boyden offered to apply for an HGV weight ban.	Cllr Boyden																										
286.2	Broadband Survey Report Webmaster , Barrie Simpson carried out a survey on broadband service in the village to see if it was something the Parish Council could influence. The results how that speed varies according to the prices paid for the package.																											
287	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION																											
287.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Current Account £21,789.41 Reserve account £ 99,999.11 <table><tr><td>Markland Gardens</td><td>£375.00</td></tr><tr><td>Heath Village Barn</td><td>£29.25</td></tr><tr><td>Francesca Sheppard</td><td>£595.50</td></tr><tr><td>Francesca Sheppard expenses</td><td>£79.99</td></tr><tr><td>Reynolds Landscaping</td><td>£532.80</td></tr><tr><td>BATPC</td><td>£319.00</td></tr><tr><td>Simplink</td><td>£60.00</td></tr><tr><td>CPM</td><td>£186.00</td></tr><tr><td>Axatax</td><td>£222.00</td></tr></table> Direct Debits/Standing Orders <table><tr><td>Cheaper Waste</td><td>£160.03</td></tr><tr><td>M Redwood Green</td><td>£43.33</td></tr><tr><td>Am Power</td><td>£17.19</td></tr><tr><td>Am Power</td><td>£24.02</td></tr></table>	Markland Gardens	£375.00	Heath Village Barn	£29.25	Francesca Sheppard	£595.50	Francesca Sheppard expenses	£79.99	Reynolds Landscaping	£532.80	BATPC	£319.00	Simplink	£60.00	CPM	£186.00	Axatax	£222.00	Cheaper Waste	£160.03	M Redwood Green	£43.33	Am Power	£17.19	Am Power	£24.02	
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288	<p>Administration /OTHER MATTERS of interest</p> <p>Cllr Fitzpatrick asked if it would be possible to have double yellow lines on Eastern Wa because the parking on Wednesday evenings and Saturday morning create a hazard. Cllr Smith offered to car park at the Dukes to barn users during these sessions. Cllr Boyden will also inform Paul Salmon at CBC.</p> <p>Cllr Inns attended a Rushmere meeting and asked about a footpath along Linslade Road as requested by a villager at the last meeting. Rushmere are happy to consider this but said the land is very boggy, and it would involve a financial contribution from the Parish Council . It was also pointed out that there are already permissive pathways through the allotments.</p> <p>Cllr Chivers reminded the Parish Council that the parking issues continue at Thrift Road.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.10pm</p>	
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