



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



March 2020 MINUTES

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

Item No.		Reporting / Action
290	INTRODUCTION:	
290.1	Meeting Attendees Cllrs Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Inns, Smith, Chivers, Boyden, O'Brien, Clerk and one member of the electorate in attendance.	
290.2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Malone – holiday	
290.3	Declarations of Interest Cllr Thyer – cheque for Creative Solutions	
290.4	Co-opting of Donna Thompson to the Parish Council . Proposed by Cllr Inns, seconded Cllr Smith It was resolved	
291.0	APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:	
291.1	Approval of full Parish Council minutes February 2020 Approved and signed by Cllr Thyer	
292.1	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 questioned why the bus shelter at the Co-op has not yet been repaired or the ropes replaced to the trim trail at Bryants Lane. He noted that he had previously been informed that Tony Markland has these jobs on his list to do in the winter months and his concern is that replacement ropes were paid for with public funds and had not yet been utilised. Mr Ellis said that Mr Markland should work to the direction of the Parish Council and tasks should be prioritised for him. He had totalled up the amount paid to Mr Markland this financial year and asked for clarification of what the money was for, Clerk read out the line by line invoice submitted by Mr Markland for February and said she could make others available if needed. Clerk said that Mr Markland is not an employee of the Parish Council but a contractor and so manages his own work schedule, he is however , very responsive to urgent situations that often arise and deals with them immediately. Cllr Thyer will speak to Mr Markland and ask him to prioritise these two tasks.	
292.2	Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report: Cllr Versallion was not present but asked the Clerk to report that he has identified a re-routing to stop construction lorries through the village so they should now use Shenley Hill Road, Mile tree road and Eastern Way on to the A5, CBC agreed o this last week and will promote this asap.	
292.3	Police Report: Clerk has forwarded these to the Parish Council.	
293	MATTERS ARISING – for information only	
293.1	Speed watch update Cllr Boyden has three training dates that he has circulated to the volunteers and would hope to have the scheme running within three months.	Cllr Boyden
293.2	HGV traffic through the village CBC have removed the option to request an HGV ban online. It is hoped Cllr Versallion will continue to pursue this on behalf of the Parish Council.	
293.3	Dumped car Reach Green This was removed by CBC on 12 th February, Clerk thanked Mr Ellis for his tenacity with the CBC and the police in this matter.	



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293.4	Pavilion Update The Building has been formally handed over by Mick O’Brien, and a rental agreement signed with Mr Tritton commencing on 1 st March 2020 . There is still some drainage connection to the toilet block and soakaway works to be completed of which Mr O’Brien is aware																					
294	PARISH COUNCIL REPORT																					
294.1	Cemetery Management Committee - Meeting took place earlier this evening.																					
294.2	Finance Committee: Clerk to arrange meeting for end of March																					
294.3	Planning & Environment Committee: Nothing to report																					
294.5	Sports & Recreation Committee: Meeting took place earlier this evening.																					
295	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION																					
295.1	To approve and sign Safeguarding & Child Protection policy: Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr O’Brien																					
295.2	To approve Ivan Quince quotation for monument repairs Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick , seconded by Cllr Thyer It was resolved with the proviso that the Clerk seeks reimbursement from families responsible where possible.																					
296	VILLAGE MATTERS.																					
296.1	Satisfaction survey 2020 The webmaster, Barrie Simpson , has published a survey available online to limit the carbon footprint . The results of this will help form future plans for the Parish Council in addition to the Annual Parish meeting due on 6 th April. It became apparent that many parish councillors will not be available on that date due the Easter holiday, Clerk to look into an alternative date.																					
297	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION																					
297.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Current Account £21,939.31 Reserve account £ 100,003.49 <table><tr><td>Markland Gardens</td><td>£375.00</td></tr><tr><td>Creative Solutions</td><td>£420.00</td></tr><tr><td>Jewsons</td><td>£112.29</td></tr><tr><td>Brooklands Flooring</td><td>£5760.00</td></tr><tr><td>Francesca Sheppard</td><td>£655.05</td></tr><tr><td>Francesca Sheppard expenses</td><td>£34.59</td></tr></table> Direct Debits/Standing Orders <table><tr><td>Cheaper Waste</td><td>£64.27</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	Creative Solutions	£420.00	Jewsons	£112.29	Brooklands Flooring	£5760.00	Francesca Sheppard	£655.05	Francesca Sheppard expenses	£34.59	Cheaper Waste	£64.27	M Redwood Green	£43.33	Am Power	£17.19	Am Power	£24.02	
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299	Administration /OTHER MATTERS of interest Clerk reported that the defibrillator was nearly used last month, fortunately the gentleman responded just before use., The Clerk suggested the Parish Council investigate a second defibrillator for Bryants Lane pavilion. Cllr Fitzpatrick asked if the drains could be cleared on Eastern Way as the excess																					



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	<p>water causes flooding to her house. These are probably caused by the broken culvert that has been known about for some time. CBC were due to close the road to attend to this last year, but the work did not happen.</p> <p>Cllr Boyden reported that the Oxford to Cambridge expressway route has been abandoned.</p> <p>Cllr Thyer asked that CBC clean the mud from the road surface at Reach Lane.</p> <p>Clerk had circulated an email from Mrs Bevan regarding the unadopted area of road at the top of Thrift Road, Cllr Versallion was liaising with Mick O'Brien. Cllr Inns to advise Ian Richardson of Greensands Trust.</p> <p>Clerk said BATPC were offering training for new councillors in April. Cllr Thompson to attend, Cllr Boyden and Smith to confirm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.50pm</p>	
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