



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



April 2020 MINUTES

MINUTES of Meeting held on Monday 6th April at 10.30am via Zoom

Item No.		Reporting / Action
300	INTRODUCTION:	
300.1	Meeting Attendees Cllrs Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Inns, Chivers, Boyden, Malone, Thompson. Clerk in attendance.	
300.3	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Smith. O'Brien: technical issues.	
300.3	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Thyer – cheque for Creative Solutions	
301.0	APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:	
301.1	Approval of full Parish Council minutes March 2020. It was resolved.	
301.2	Approval of Cemetery Committee minutes March 2020. It was resolved.	
301.3	Approval of Sports and Recreation Committee minutes March 2020. It was resolved.	
302.1	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. Members of the public had been invited to attend via Zoom, but no requests were received by the Clerk	
302.2	Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report: Nothing to report	
302.3	Police Report: Clerk has forwarded these to the Parish Council.	
303	Update on tasks outstanding: Bus shelter and ropes to Bryants Lane. Now done by Cllr Thyer and Tony Markland	Cllr Boyden
303.1	Councillor training scheduled for April to be re-arranged.	
303.2	Speed watch scheduled for April to be re-arranged.	
303.3	Thrift Road parking: Due to the large number of cars with people coming out of the village to park and walk in Rushmere, large gatherings of people have been gathering on Thrift Road, giving rise to a health risk, inconvenience and stress to the residents. The Parish Council have erected a temporary roadblock signed for Residents Only. This block can be easily circumnavigated but is working well as a deterrent, Cllr Chivers said Thrift Road are supportive of this. The police are aware.	
304	PARISH COUNCIL REPORT	
304.1	Cemetery Management Committee - Voluntary work has been suspended due to the Coronavirus so the Clerk has asked Reynolds Landscaping to cut the grass at the Cemetery	
304.3	Finance Committee: Clerk to arrange meeting to finalise end of year for April.	
304.3	Planning & Environment Committee: Meeting to follow.	
304.5	Sports & Recreation Committee: Woburn and Wavendon FC are not able to maintain grass cutting during the virus so Reynold Landscaping will take this on as well. Cllr Inns asked for idea of costs, Clerk estimated £100-£120 per cut. Parish Council have agreed to a three month rent holiday for Glen Tritton hiring of the pavilion. If restrictions are lifted sooner, then rent will become due.	
305	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION	
305.1	To approve online bank payments as authorised by NALC change in regulations Proposed by Cllr Thyer, seconded by Cllr Inns. It was resolved	

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306	VILLAGE MATTERS																					
306.1	PC village response to Covid 19 pandemic. Clerk has a list of vulnerable residents and willing volunteers and is using a “buddy” system to match people up. The main requirements are pharmacy runs and shopping for the shielding/self-isolating. The response has been positive. The Co-op and local pubs have been extremely supportive as well. Cllr Inns thanked the Clerk for her efforts.																					
306.2	Facebook survey results. A disappointing response of 47 with a range of views. Clerk to circulate the full report. Cllr Thompson suggested a new survey be carried out when the current crisis is over and to ask more specific questions about the Parish Council response to the coronavirus.																					
307	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION																					
307.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Current Account £15,527.18 Reserve account £ 100,007.33 <table><tr><td>Markland Gardens</td><td>£440.00</td></tr><tr><td>Creative Solutions</td><td>£296.34</td></tr><tr><td>Jewsons</td><td>£116.68</td></tr><tr><td>Reynolds Landscaping</td><td>£355.20</td></tr><tr><td>Francesca Sheppard</td><td>£ 774.15</td></tr><tr><td>Francesca Sheppard expenses</td><td>£ 55.00</td></tr></table> Direct Debits/Standing Orders <table><tr><td>Cheaper Waste</td><td>£170.35</td></tr><tr><td>M Redwood Green</td><td>£43.33</td></tr><tr><td>Am Power</td><td>£17.10</td></tr><tr><td>Am Power</td><td>£34.03</td></tr></table>	Markland Gardens	£440.00	Creative Solutions	£296.34	Jewsons	£116.68	Reynolds Landscaping	£355.20	Francesca Sheppard	£ 774.15	Francesca Sheppard expenses	£ 55.00	Cheaper Waste	£170.35	M Redwood Green	£43.33	Am Power	£17.10	Am Power	£34.03	
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308	Administration/OTHER MATTERS of interest An email received from Mr Beilby asking about enforcing bye laws to keep dogs on a lead. Parish Council has asked the police to keep patrolling the area. Meeting closed at 11.15am																					