



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

At St Leonards Church Hall, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach at 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs. Fitzpatrick, Inns, Bevan, Smith & Loomes. 7 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs. Thyer & Boyden.

1. Introduction by Parish Council Chairman: Vice Chairman Cllr. Fitzpatrick opened the meeting at 7pm.

Chairmans report read out by Cllr Fitzpatrick – report available at <https://heathandreach.org.uk/chairmans-annual-report/>

2. Parish Reports (written or verbal) The Allotment Trustees (United Charities), Heath Barn, St Leonards Church, Cllr. Versallion, Parish Council Chairman's report, Police reports.

The allotment Chairman (Cllr. Inns): confirmed the allotments are doing well and are still very popular – Report attached.

Heath Barn: NS confirmed The Barn has recovered well following Covid. The Barn has recently had some improvements made to it.

NS also took the opportunity to mention the Coronation party that is open to all. This will happen on Sunday 7th May 12pm– 6pm, weather permitting.

NS asked about the light above the Pumphouse not repaired. Clerk believed this had been done so will look

into it.

NS also asked if there was any development on the Pumphouse repairs. Cllr Fitzpatrick informed the public that a 3rd quote was being sourced and then will be sent to English Heritage for match funding.

St Leonards Church: Richard Lane mentioned that the Insurance are still dealing with the Church wall and hopeful it would be repaired soon.

Cllr. Versallion report: Cllr. Versallion was unable to attend but sent in a report read out by Clerk. – Report available on request.

Police report: None received.

3. Q & A session to Parish Council Chairman

MOP 1

a) Why is the PC bank balance so high? Cllr. Fitzpatrick confirmed money is being held for projects including the traffic calming & the Pumphouse.

b) Would it be possible to consider bus stop shelters, 1 on Birds Hill (opposite the Co-Op and another on Woburn Road (opposite The Heath Inn Pub) PC believe it may be awkward on Birds Hill due to obstructing traffic views, however, would consider it. Clerk to add to next agenda.

c) Could there be some daffodils planted on Birds Hill? MOP 1 & NS happy to help with planting. PC think this is a lovely idea and will discuss.

MOP 2 - Any update on Bakerswood planning application. PC confirmed again, that no re-submitted application had been received so therefore nothing to discuss.

This meeting is not a Parish Council (PC) meeting: it is aimed to give residents a chance to raise any village issues that they would like to share with others and for the Parish Council to consider for 2023/24.

Meeting closed at 7.21 pm

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