



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



Draft Minutes

Draft minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025 at 7.00pm (following Annual Parish Meeting) at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

Signed – S D Grierson-Hill

04.25.0 INTRODUCTION:

- a) Meeting attendees: *Cllrs. Boyden (MB), Inns (AI), Bevan (JB) & Reading (CR).*
- b) Apologies for absence: *Cllrs. Fitzpatrick & Smith.*
- c) Absentees: *None.*

04.25.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: *None.*

04.25.2 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) Approval of full Parish Council minutes for March 2025: *Approved and signed by Cllr. Bevan.*
- b) Approval of Finance Committee minutes for March 2025: *Approved and signed by Cllr. Reading.*

04.25.3 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.
8 Members of the Public present.
MOP 1 expressed his support for the land next to Church application.
MOP 2 & 4 expressed objection to same application.
MOP 3 asked about increased noise recently at Bryants Lane Quarry. Cllr. MB believes it to be the use of tracked caterpillar diggers which are carrying out work to help with noise prevention in future.

04.25.4 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

- a) CBC Councillor Mark Versallion report: *Please see Annual Parish Meeting report.*
- b) Clerks report: *Emailed to PC members prior to meeting.*

04.25.5 MATTERS ARISING (for info only):

- a) **Traffic Calming and speed watch update:** *Cllr. MB reported once again that traffic calming is at a standstill due to CBC not responding. SID's within Village continue to provide unacceptable data. Cllr. MB called for more volunteers to help with speed watch. Cllr. CR has recently attended Community Policing Meeting. He met a contact (independent traffic representative) who has advised, can set up an SDR (speed detection receiver) in Village for 7-10days. If proves successful, he will petition for the much-needed camera.*
- b) **Extension of lease agreement on Bryants Lane car park & pavilion:** *All agreements have now been received and will be signed imminently.*
- c) **AWE & TV signal:** *Clerk continues to gather information on possible issues regarding TV signal following installation of 2nd wind turbine. It was suggested information could be provided, maybe in the form of a newsletter for leaflet distribution to ensure all residents are able to get help if needed. Clerk will*

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prepare.

- d) **Parking on Woburn Road** (raised by a member of the public at last meeting):
- i) *Parking next to bus stop, close to entrance of Bakerswood: Clerk has been in contact with CBC officer both areas of concern. Clerk was informed without the presence of any restrictions/road markings, cars are not committing any offence by parking in front of the bus stop currently.*
 - ii) *Woburn Road outside Red Lion Court. CBC could make footway parking an offence by putting the appropriate signage in place to cover the location. CBC Officer will check with relevant team to see if this would be appropriate. He did state however, given the time of year (financial year end) the work Delivery Officer priority has been towards finalising schemes within the close down of last year, and making sure everything in place for the early schemes to progress in the new year. The team will look in to and assess in due course.*
- e) **Tree on Heath Green.** *Confirmation received back CBC Tree Works Planning Department that permission has been granted for the removal of the decayed Lime Tree. Clerk is waiting for price for this work to include a tree to be planted in its place.*
- f) **Flood equipment.** *Clerk has received delivery of all equipment. This will be stored at Bryants Lane for future use.*

04.25.6 Planning & Environment:

- a) **CB/25/00700/FULL:** Land next to Church – Erection of single storey dwelling: *The PC will not support any application on greenbelt and are committed to retaining the rural nature of the Village. It was not felt there were any special circumstances to support this application and concern for the Great Crested Newts was also considered. It is believed the Ecology report supporting the application was out of date, proof of a Great Crested Newt habitat has recently been forwarded to to Cllr. MB. OBJECTION VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.*
- b) **CB/TCA/25/00142:** 26 Lanes End – Tree work. *Fell out of control conifers that are causing damage. NO COMMENT*
- c) **CB/25/01031/FULL:** Glascoed, Reach Lane – Single storey rear/side extension, two storey side extension, front porch, and new roof over existing first floor bedroom with removal of balcony. *NO COMMENT.*
- d) **CB/17/06062/FULL:** PC were approached by AWE asking for updated comment regarding the response to questions PC had previously asked regarding the new link road between Chamberlains Barn and Shenley Hill Road. *Whilst PC were happy to see that consideration had been given to the crossroads at the bottom of Shenley Hill Road, they did not feel that the improvements would be to the benefit of Heath & Reach. A stopped up area will be in place before junction so all cars will turn right onto new road created, before turning left, and left again onto Vandyke Road. This would potentially encourage drivers through Heath & Reach. PC to ask CBC to consult with developers and including some S106 money for the Village towards traffic calming.*

04.25.7 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION & RESOLUTION (where possible):

- a) **Bryants Lane Courts:** To hear ideas on converting the current 2G pitch to a 3G pitch. *Not discussed, no information received on this item.*
- b) **Bench in Cemetery:** Executor of nieces Will has requested a bench be placed



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in the Cemetery in honour of her.

Motion: To consider position of request and whether a further bench is necessary. *PC felt that there were enough benches on the pathways, however, Cllr. JB suggested if in agreement, a bench could be useful on the Cemetery side of the hedge in front of the Cremation area – IT WAS AGREED.*

- c) Updating policies: PC policies to be updated on website: *Clerk has reviewed the following policies and confirmed no amendments are necessary at this stage to the following policies.*

Risk Management, Village Green Infringement, Website Management, Safeguarding, Document Control & Record management, FOI Act, Grants, Open Space Risk Assessment, Health & Safety and Memorial Testing Policy.

An update will be made to the Social Media Policy regarding the use of WhatsApp.

04.25.8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Treasurers: £ 1,550.32 Savings: £ 381.69
32 day notice account: £76,646.49 Unity Bank: £ 37,517.14

b) **Payments:**

Markland Gardens	£ 430.00
CPM Playgrounds	£ 234.00
Camtec (replacement barrier sensor)	£ 495.00
One Group Services (Monthly toilet clean Bryants Lane)	£ 72.00
Sue Grierson-Hill	£1,002.02
Sue Grierson-Hill expenses	£ 16.99

c) **Direct debits/Standing orders:**

Bri Gas (Bryants Lane)	£ 103.17
Bri Gas (Clock tower)	£ 28.60
Litter picker (Bryants Lane)	£ 57.60
Anglian Water	£ 45.00
NEST Pension	£ 16.87
Waste Managed	£ 98.40

04.25.9 AOB/ Items to go on next agenda:

Dog off lead area review.

04.25.10 Date of next meeting:

12th May 2025

Meeting closed at: 8.20pm

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