



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes – Full PC Meeting

**Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023
at 7.00pm at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach**

02.23.0 INTRODUCTION:

- a) **Meeting attendees:** Cllrs. Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Boyden, Bevan & Loomes
- b) **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. Inns & Smith
- c) **Absentees:** None

02.23.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Thyer payment

02.23.2 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) **Approval of full Parish Council minutes for January 2023** - approved and signed by Cllr. Bevan.

02.23.3 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.
4 MOP present, 3 to observe only, 1 to listen to planning application discussion.

02.23.4 CBC COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION – report update:
Cllr. Versallion was unable to attend but did text through a minor report which was read out by the Clerk. In this, he stated that CBC shared traffic calming measure designs with the PC via a Teams video meeting in February 2021. CBC are still reluctant to move forward with any further designs until the PC say a definitive no to speed cameras. Clerk informed Cllr. Versallion an email had been sent on the 16th of January to himself, Arthur Macklin, Jill Dickinson, and Andrew Selous with a suggestion for resolving the traffic calming/ speed cameras issue. Yet no response has been received from any of the above.

02.23.5 MATTERS ARISING (for info only):

- a) **PC meeting in May – The previously agreed date for the meeting due to the Coronation bank holiday is now the 4th May as The Barn is booked on the 11th of May. – This was confirmed.**
- b) **Forthcoming elections – new process. –** Clerk informed the Councillors that the election process will begin middle to end of March 2023. From this year on it is believed that anyone wishing to take up a position on the PC will need to complete their application form and hand deliver it to CBC, Chicksands possibly by an appointment system? Clerk to attend SLCC AGM early March to gain further information.



02.23.6 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

- a) **Clerks report:** Report was provided by the Clerk to the full PC via email with up-to-date listings of information only, since meeting in January.
- b) **Planning:**
 - i) **9 Lanes End – CB/22/04493/FULL – Installation of solar panels to roof**
Further information required as to the regulations of installing solar panels in a conservation area. After receiving this information, a decision will be made accordingly.
 - ii) **22a Lanes End CB/22/04491/FULL – Installation of solar panels to roof**
Further information required as to the regulations of installing solar panels in a conservation area. After receiving this information, a decision will be made accordingly.
 - iii) **Stone Lane quarry, Woburn Road – CB/23/00245/SCN – EIA screening opinion: for a solar array area.**
Further information required.
 - iv) **Location: Land rear to 15 Leighton Road, Heath and Reach, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0AA CB/23/00275/OUT Proposal: Outline Application: Erection of dwelling and demolition of existing barns. All matters reserved.**
The PC agree that there is minimal change to the original application and therefore does not support it.

02.23.7 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION:

- a) **Traffic calming –** Cllr. Boyden confirmed that speed watch will start up again in March. Figures for the 16 sessions carried out in 2022 report that out of 3,382 cars 242 were driving over 35mph (just over 7%) .
Due to the lack of response from CBC Highways regarding traffic calming measures, a letter has been produced. It informs the Public of the current situation and asks for them to get involved and write to CBC Highways (Arthur Macklin), Cllr. Versallion or Andrew Selous. This is to be uploaded to the H & R Village Facebook page and the PC website.
- b) **Contract for services –** This to be drawn up and emailed to PC for approval.

02.23.8 MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION:

- a) **Dog off lead area sign purchase –** Request for a sign was made with rules for the dog off lead area. Contents to be decided on via email before final production – IT WAS AGREED.
The Contractor responsible for fencing the area is to return to try and secure the area a little more, however due to the ground there is a risk that it will not be totally secure for all dogs.
- b) **Precept – PC confirmed receipt of precept calculation.** No signature required.



- c) **Barriers at Bryants Lane** – 3 quotes for the height & width barriers were brought to the meeting. However, the Clerk was not made aware that the barrier needs to be 5mtrs long to allow for future film crew vehicles so therefore a decision could not be made. It was decided that quotes would be amended and emailed to the PC for final approval – IT WAS AGREED.
- d) **King Charles Coronation village party contribution – request has been made for a contribution towards celebration costs. Contribution amount to be discussed.**
The PC will contribute £1,500.00 to the cost of the celebrations. Should the full amount not be used, they request any balance to be returned to the PC.
- e) **Payment for Cemetery work – Invoice received, approval for payment as no allowance on 22/23 budget – IT WAS AGREED.**

02.23.9 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Treasurers: £ 36,259.61 Savings: £ 125,160.58

- b) **Payments:**

Reynolds Landscaping	£4548.00
Markland Gardens	£ 455.00
Sue Grierson-Hill	£ 725.90
HMRC	£ 181.60
Clerk's expenses	£ 10.00
Village Barn	£ 15.00
Creative Solutions	£ 538.80
Axatax	£ 222.00
CPM Playgrounds	£ 234.00
B Perry	£ 563.00

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

Bri Gas (Bryants Lane)	£ 236.94
Bri Gas (Clock tower)	£ 39.22
Alan Ward	£ 43.33
Nest Pension	£ 12.11
Anglian Water	£ 86.00
Waste Managed	£ 90.00

- 02.23.10 **AOB** – Condition of Gig Lane and Reach Lane overgrown areas. CBC are responsible for this. Cllr. Boyden mentioned that as part of the plans for the refurbishment of the pit, the Quarry are going to reinstate a pathway down to the houses in Gig Lane. It is believed that side of the Quarry is completed so Cllr. Boyden will liaise with previous clerk to confirm situation.

- 02.23.11 **Items to go on next agenda** – The purchase of further dog waste bins.

- 02.23.12 **Date of next meeting: 6th March 2023**

Meeting closed at: 8pm