



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council held on Monday 7th July 2025 at 7.00pm at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

Signed – S D Grierson-Hill

07.25.0 INTRODUCTION:

- a) Meeting attendees: *Cllrs. Bevan (JB), Inns (AI), Smith (SS), Ellis (TE). (Cllrs. White (SW) and Milne (LM) as from agenda item 07.25.7a)*
- b) Apologies for absence: *Cllrs. Reading (CR) and Webb (JW).*
- c) Absentees: *None.*

07.25.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: *None.*

07.25.2 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) Approval of full Parish Council minutes for June 2025: *Approved and signed by Cllr. Bevan.*
- b) Approval of Cemetery Committee minutes for June 2025: *Approved and signed by Cllr. Ellis.*
- c) Approval of Sports & Recreation Committee minutes for June 2025: *Approved and signed by Cllr. Inns.*
- d) Approval of Finance Committee minutes for June 2025: *Approved and signed by Cllr. Smith.*

07.25.3 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. *Three members of public present, no speakers.*

07.25.4 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

- a) CBC Councillor Mark Versallion report: *Cllr. Versallion did not attend, Clerk received no report from him.*
- b) Clerks report: *Report emailed to all members of PC prior to meeting.*

07.25.5 MATTERS ARISING (for info only):

- a) Traffic Calming update: *JB confirmed Police speed device has been in situ by The Heath Inn Public House. This will be removed Tuesday 9th July and data analysed. PC will consider the results at meeting in September.*
- b) Speed watch update: *One of the original volunteers has agreed to take on the running of Speed watch and is currently going through checks with the Police. Once these have been completed, Clerk will advertise on Facebook for possible volunteers. One previous volunteer is happy to continue.*
- c) Extension of lease agreement on Bryants Lane car park & pavilion: *The lease agreements on the car park and the Sports Ground have now been signed and returned to Solicitor for completion. CR to meet with Gym Owner within the next couple of weeks regarding the lease agreement for the Pavilion.*
- d) Roadwork signs corner of Birds Hill & Woburn Road: *Clerk reported this to CBC. Some of the metal work has been taken but signs are still discarded on the ground. Clerk has chased CBC.*
- e) Dog waste bin by allotment entrance – Thrift Road: *Clerk has reported the damaged bin with photo evidence to Environmental Services at CBC, currently awaiting a response.*
- f) Village sign on Heath Green: *This has been painted and new lettering applied. The decorative plaques are being repainted and should be back in place very soon. TE requested consideration be made next year to replace Village sign. This will be considered when setting next year's budget.*



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- g) Bus stop by Co Op full of cigarette butt ends: *Clerk confirmed TM has swept this out and will add the four bus stops to his work schedule for a sweep out throughout the month.*

07.25.6 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT:

- a) **CB/25/01964/FULL** The Poplars, Eastern Way. Garage conversion with new windows. *NO COMMENT.*
- b) **CB/25/01403/FULL** Nares Gladley Farm. Erection of a single storey extension to an existing barn conversion currently under construction. *NO COMMENT.*
- c) **CB/25/00700/FULL** Land next to Church – DMC decision. *TE represented the PC at the recent DMC meeting reconfirming the objection from the Parish Council. CBC Planning were also against the application. However, the committee voted in favour and passed the application with conditions. Reasons to accept the application were given as, the very poor state of the site was more harmful to the greenbelt than the proposal, buildings on the opposite side of the road were closer to Leighton Buzzard than the proposed dwelling, CBC support self builds and there had previously been a building of sorts on the land. Cllr. Versallion had supported the application and said it will improve the current unsightly area. The final decision is still to be received in print.*
- d) **CB/25/01253/FULL** The Ranch – response from CBC regarding disposal of foul sewage. *Following concern raised from PC last month, Clerk emailed CBC who have confirmed that they have requested further details from the applicants' agents regarding this.*
- e) **CB/25/01999/FULL** – Land opposite The Flying Fox. Change of use from a bare land to agricultural land, erection of a building for livestock. *NO COMMENT.*

07.25.7 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION & RESOLUTION (where possible)

- a) **New PC Members:** Applications have been received by two residents of the Village to join PC. **Motion** – to consider and vote on applications. *Both applicants left the room whilst co-option took place. Lesley Milne & Steve White were called back in and invited to take their place at the table as new members of the PC.*
- b) **VJ Day 80th Anniversary celebration:** Although celebrations were held in May to mark Victory in Europe (VE Day), Britain, along with other nations, continued their efforts in the ongoing conflict. VJ Day commemorates the conclusion of World War II, signifying the end of six long years of war. **Motion** – to vote on the purchase a flag £19.99. *IT WAS AGREED.*
- c) **Millenium Gardens:**
- i: Insurance claim update. *Clerk provided driver's Insurance Company with details provided from Police, car registration, insurance details, incident number. However, with not having the driver's name, Insurance Company will not process. Police cannot give name due to data protection. Clerk has completed application with MIB (Motor Insurance Bureau) and is awaiting response.*
- ii: Future of Millenium Gardens: **Motion** – to consider ideas for the long-term future of the Garden and vote where necessary. *Suggestions included a nature area (allotment side) with densely packed hedging on bank roadside. It was agreed that as little as necessary for long term management should be done and final decision will be postponed until meeting in September. Concern was raised over the damaged stock fencing and hedging as a potential safety risk. Clerk to request Reynolds Landscaping carry out preliminary work to make area safe. In the meantime, damaged hedge area will be taped up. A request will be made on Facebook to ask for volunteers one Friday morning to assist with a general tidy up, weeding etc within the garden.*



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iii. Cutting of the hedge along front roadside of Birds Hill: *This will be carried out by Reynolds Landscaping whilst tending to area as noted above.*

d) **Old damaged and unused notice board and posts at vehicle entrance to park, dog off lead area & Bryants Lane.**

The board by the vehicle entrance to the park, is damaged and not used. The sign in the dog off lead area has duplicated wording and unnecessary. The notice boards at Bryants Lane do not open and are in poor condition, therefore cannot be used.

Motion – to vote on removal of notice boards and signs.

It was discussed and accepted to remove all listed items including a COVID sign at the park entrance. The Clerk will coordinate with Tony Markland for item removal. IT WAS AGREED.

e) **Move money as protected amount exceeded.** Money in Lloyds Bank exceeds the protected balance of £85,000.

Motion – to agree to transfer £10,000.00 to Unity Trust Account. *IT WAS AGREED.*

07.25.8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

a) Community ac: £ 12,264.19 Savings ac: £ 382.51
32 day notice ac: £ 77,053.14 Unity Trust Bank ac: £ 37,736.59

b) **Payments:**

Markland Gardens	£ 400.00
Reynold Landscapes (Monthly grass cutting)	£ 1,624.80
Sue Grierson-Hill	£ 1,054.82
Expenses (H & R lettering, print paper, rubbish sacks,post)	£ 72.80
BATPC (annual membership)	£ 350.00
BATPC (New chairman training)	£ 45.00
CPM (Playground & trim trail inspection)	£ 234.00
Community Heartbeat (replacement defib battery)	£ 360.00
Simplink (Website and email hosting)	£ 420.00

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

Bri Gas (Bryants Lane)	£ 116.03
Bri Gas (Clock tower)	£ 25.36
Litter picker (Bryants Lane)	£ 61.05
Anglian Water	£ 45.00
NEST Pension	£ 16.87
Waste Managed	£ 117.75

07.25.9 AOB/Items to go on next agenda:

*Bryants Lane Quarry condition 7 – Reach Green revision.
Local plan & NLRS meeting.*

07.25.10 Date of next meeting: 1st September 2025.

Meeting closed at: 7.54pm

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