



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



Draft Minutes

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council held on Monday 2nd June 2025 at 7.00pm at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

Signed – S D Grierson-Hill

06.25.0 INTRODUCTION:

- a) Meeting attendees: *Cllrs. Reading (CR), Bevan (JB), Inns (AI) & Smith (SS). (Cllrs. Webb & Ellis as from agenda item 06.25.7.)*
- b) Apologies for absence: *None.*
- c) Absentees: *None.*

06.25.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: *None.*

06.25.2 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) Approval of full Parish Council minutes for May 2025: *Approved and signed by Cllr. Reading.*
Approval of draft minutes for Annual Parish Council Meeting May 2025: *Approved and signed by Cllr. Reading.*

06.25.3 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.
4 Members of the Public present, no speakers.

06.25.4 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

- a) CBC Councillor Mark Versallion report:
Cllr. Versallion was unable to attend. Report emailed to Clerk prior to meeting. MV has requested the 'list of ideas' from CBC's Highways Officers, regarding traffic calming measures as asked of by CR last month.
MV does not believe the list of features (cosmetic entrances to village & road markings) is anywhere near adequate and feels something more physical and permanent in the village, particularly along Woburn Road and Linslade Road is much more necessary. MV has requested another meeting with CBC's Highways Management to get this progressed with serious and credible proposals, not cosmetic treatments.
- b) Clerks report: *Report emailed to PC members prior to meeting.*

06.25.5 MATTERS ARISING (for info only):

- a) Extension of lease agreement on Bryants Lane car park & pavilion: *This continues to be no further on and is still with the Legal teams. PC are requesting an old planning permission clause is removed from the head lease and a longer term is allowed on the Pavillion lease to allow security for lessee. Clerk continues to chase.*
- b) Local plan update: *Central Bedfordshire Council have released possible sites for development. CBC has published a map indicating potential sites for future development. This map is not a final plan but shows the locations put forward by landowners at the invite of CBC for possible future development.*



- 06.25.6 Planning & Environment:**
- a) CB/25/0125/FULL - The Ranch, Miletree Road.
Continued use of the land as a gypsy and traveller caravan site. 7 pitches for the stationing of 7 static caravans, 7 touring caravans & associated infrastructure.
The Parish Council noted that there is currently no foul and surface water drainage in place. The clerk will note this comment on the CBC planning portal.
- 06.25.7 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION & RESOLUTION (where possible)**
Councillor Reading brought item d forward to be heard as 1st item.
- a) Speed watch & traffic calming: *CR has liaised with Pete Wood who was responsible for setting up the control box outside The Axe, recording volume of traffic and speeds. He was hesitant but agreed to put another box at the other end of the village, towards the Heath Inn, CR will advise on position for this. This will record for 10days, before data is shared with Parish Council and the Police.*
Speed watch – Due to Martin Boyden’s resignation, current volunteers will be asked if they wish to take the running of speed watch over. If no interest, Clerk will look for a volunteer leader via Facebook.
- b) Collision into Millenium Gardens: *Clerk has details of car involved and is liaising with the drivers Insurance Company. Clerk obtaining a quote for work needed and will forward to Insurance Company for approval. Terry Ellis has cleared area as much as possible but noted there is broken glass in beds, he has made it as safe as possible. Clerk to speak to Markland Gardening Services to ascertain his availability to remove remnants of crash.*
- c) New Chairman course: *BATPC are running a new Chairman course: Motion – approve Cllr. Reading's attendance at £45.00. IT WAS AGREED.*
- d) Positions available following resignations:
Motion – To review applications for new members and vote on filling available positions.
i) *Parish Council members x 5: Applications received from 2 members of the public. Both left the room whilst co-option took place. Terry Ellis and Jessica Webb were called back in and invited to take their place at the table as new members of the PC.*
ii) *Vice Chair: Julie Bevan put herself forward, unanimously agreed.*
iii) *Finance committee Chair: Anna Inns put herself forward, unanimously agreed.*
iv) *Planning committee Chair: Terry Ellis put himself forward, unanimously agreed.*
- The Parish Council would like to thank Dawn Fitzpatrick and Martin Boyden for their time as members, Vice-Chairs and Chair of the PC and committees. Thanks also go to Seri Gell who resigned from the PC for personal reasons.*
- e) *No agenda item listed.*
- f) Duke of Edinburgh voluntary work – Clerk has been contacted by H & R resident regarding voluntary work for her Son.
Motion - *PC to consider gardening work at Millenium Gardens. Clerk has heard nothing further from resident however PC did discuss and considered better use for voluntary work could be at different areas of the village ie: Thrift Road Park, litter picking, general tidying throughout park and Village as agreed with PC.*

