



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



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

03.23.0 INTRODUCTION:

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

03.23.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Thyer - payment

03.23.2 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) **Approval of full Parish Council minutes for February 2023** – Approved and signed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick.

03.23.3 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's present – they believe the planning application for Bakerswood has been re-issued. As yet nothing received from CBC, public advised that it would be discussed at a forthcoming PC meeting once the application is available.

Mop 1 asked why the Ward Councillor is not in support of cameras in the Village.

03.23.4 CBC COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION – report update: Cllr. Versallion sent report via email stating *'CBC is still waiting for a reply from the Parish Council about the average speed cameras and the traffic calming measures.'*

03.23.5 MATTERS ARISING (for info only):

- a) **Pumphouse - Ongoing enquires with Historic England and English Heritage.** – EH work with Historic England regarding charity money raising. Cllr. Boyden confirmed the pumphouse is a grade I listed building which should help with match funding. Clerk confirmed 2 quotes received, varying between £30,000 to £65,000. 3rd quote to be sought.
- b) **Bryants Lane barrier – Update** – Work on barrier has now started, should be completed within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

03.23.6 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:



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- a) **Clerks report:** Report provided by the Clerk to the full PC via email with up-to-date listings of information only, since meeting in February.
- b) **Planning:** No applications received.

03.23.7 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION:

- a) **Traffic calming – Further Press release re: Safety Cameras/what next?**
Cllr. Boyden confirmed that the Journalist who published in the local paper about the Village traffic calming issues has confirmed that she will take the issue to a national level.

The process for developing traffic calming or speed restrictions is set out on gov.uk. The PC's point of contact is the ward councillor (Cllr. Versallion) and he in turn will go to CBC.

The PC have previous proof that Beds Police are very happy with the type of speed cameras being suggested (average speed cameras, moveable around the Village) although Cllr. Versallion reports Police do not support the cameras due to lack of back-office capacity to issue tickets.

Pc know system installation cost and annual maintenance and can budget for this going forward.

Traffic calming has problems regarding noise etc, cars speeding up over humps for example. Speed cameras are unintrusive.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick to contact Cllr Versallion to ask him to attend the next PC meeting and to discuss a way forward with resolving the lack of communication.

- b) **Cubs/scouts summer activity project.** Clerk has been approached regarding activities that the cubs and scouts could help the Village with during the Summer. Such things as litter picking at Bryants Lane and Thrift Road Park, careful weeding of Millennium Garden and cemetery (cremation area), sign cleaning and possibly painting of large stones along the Church drive. Clerk to go back to Scout Leader.
- c) **Gig Lane footpath –**
Bridle path to be extended down to the houses in Gig Lane once quarry work finished.
Email from Villager regarding the state of the lane following a large truck bringing mud down from the banks over the road. Clerk to contact CBC to clear mud and repair potholes. This has previously been reported on Fix my Street but not actioned.

03.23.8 MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION:

- a) **Dog off lead area sign - £85 plus VAT – IT WAS AGREED**
- b) **Clock Tower repair - £150 callout fee - IT WAS AGREED**
- c) **Updating policies**
 - i) <https://heathandreach.org.uk/retention-and-disposal-policy/>
Remove allotment section and show CBC as holders of info for member's (ROI). – IT WAS AGREED.



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ii) <https://heathandreach.org.uk/communications-policy/>

Cllr. Boyden requests a change regarding social media postings. Email to be sent to Clerk with correct wording. – IT WAS AGREED

iii) <https://heathandreach.org.uk/equal-opportunities-and-diversity-policy/>

No change – IT WAS AGREED.

03.23.9 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Treasurers: £ 24,654.68 Savings: £ 125,224.36
- b) **Payments:**
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| Reynolds Landscaping | £ 691.20 |
| Markland Gardens | £ 455.00 |
| Sue Grierson-Hill | £ 728.10 |
| HMRC | £ 182.00 |
| Clerk's expenses | £ 10.00 |
| Village Barn | £ 15.00 |
| Creative Solutions | £ 102.00 |
| Camtec | £3412.50 (deposit for Barrier) |
- c) **Direct debits/Standing orders**
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| Bri Gas (Bryants Lane) | £ 484.11 |
| Bri Gas (Clock tower) | £ 27.72 |
| Alan Ward | £ 43.33 |
| Nest Pension | £ 10.16 |
| Anglian Water | £ 86.00 |
| Waste Managed | £ 90.00 |
| TGS | £ 100.00 |

03.23.10 AOB –

a) Toilets at Bryants Lane. Now that these have been repaired (following burst pipes) Clerk confirms she has asked the Gym people to turn off water, flush toilets, and leave taps open during extreme cold weather. There is no heating inside and the container is steel. All pipework now lagged.

b) Query on accounts listing for some bills. Clerk confirmed amount is put in as a whole under VAT column until invoice is received showing breakdown.

03.23.11 Items to go on next agenda –

No requests

03.23.12 Date of next meeting: 3rd April 2023

Meeting closed at: 7.30pm

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