



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



Full Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.00pm at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

11.22.0 INTRODUCTION:

- a) **Meeting attendees** – Cllrs. Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Inns, Bevan, O'Brien & Loomes
- b) **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs. Boyden & Piciorus
- c) **Absentees** – Cllr. Smith

11.22.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

11.22.2 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) Approval of full Parish Council minutes for October 2022 – Approved by Cllr, Thyer.

11.22.3 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. MOP 1 asked 2 questions

1. Second wind turbine – MOP asked if planning permission has expired and if any work has been started. Chairman confirmed base for the crane has been installed and planning permission is still in place as this was granted just prior to Covid lockdown.

2. MOP 1 questioned the quote for the possible new barrier at Bryants Lane compared to the one originally agreed in October 2021? Chairman explained the barrier quoted for was no longer available and the new price was the best price possible by the same Company. LB Silica Sands will dig a cubed meter channel for power to be laid. Also looking at height barrier as well as arm barrier.

11.22.4 CBC COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION – report update:

Cllr. Versallion sent his apologies. He reported that CBC are still waiting for the PC to confirm they will hold off from spending money on cameras so that CBC know it is worthwhile drawing up detailed plans. He asks for the PC to confirm they will spend the earmarked money for speed cameras on match funded physical calming measures. If this was to happen detailed plans could be drawn up in this financial year 2022/23 with a view to the work being started 2023/24. Councillor Versallion believes he has CBC in a good place to help with what is needed in the Village & reports that neither CBC or the Police will be able to enforce cameras. The only thing that will reduce the amount of traffic and speed are physical calming measures. Chairman stated that the PC have a letter from the Police stating yes, they would struggle to prosecute every vehicle caught but were confident 25% would be prosecuted and they would support the cameras. Chairman confirmed once again that the PC will not sign away their right to cameras until the PC has definitive details of proposed work. This would then be put to the Villagers to understand their choice.



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11.22.5 MATTERS ARISING (for info only):

- a) **Highway speed restrictions update** - November 16th for face-to-face meeting with Arthur Macklin between 12 & 1pm. Cllrs. Thyer & Boyden to attend.
- b) **Speed watch update** - There have been 2 speed watch sessions:
4th November, Woburn Road. 269 vehicles, 7 over 36mph, highest being 41mph.
5th November, Leighton Road, 221 vehicles, 8 over 36mph highest being 40mph.
Speed watch will continue through the Winter, weather permitting.

11.22.6 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

- 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 October.
- b) **Planning applications:**
 - bi) **CB/22/03750/FULL - 4 Woburn Road, LU7 0AW**
Erection of a dwelling on plot behind existing property. Parish Council has no comment to make.
 - bii) **CB/TRE/22/00547 - 32 Abbey Walk**
Works to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order
SB/TPO/83/00002/G10 Scots Pine tree (T3) Crown thinning out or felling if dead – The Parish Council has no comment to make.

11.22.7 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION:

- a) **5-10-year Village plan.** – Clerk reported to the PC that she has looked into what is involved. It is a very complex & time-consuming process and has extensive financial implications. Clerk to forward CBC website details to the PC so that any Councillor that wishes to consider this project can assess what is required & expected of them.
- b) **Dog off lead area – To vote on exact requirement of boundary required with a view to the costing to be looked at during the next Finance meeting** – It was decided that a like for like fence would be put up along the LH side & back of the area with a gate & stock wire on the Front. Quotes to be considered on the finance committee agenda in December.
- c) **Bike track – anonymous email received by clerk from MOP regarding activity along Miletree Road. There is substantial digging and movement of soil, possibly being worked on for bike track?** Clerk read out an email from CBC Planning confirming they are looking into this and making contact with the Owner. They will update Clerk accordingly.
- d) **Remembrance Sunday wreath laying** - Cllr. Boyden is unable to do this, Clerk to lay the wreath on behalf of the PC and Village.

**11.22.8****MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION:**

- a) **Price for arm barrier at Bryants Lane – £5052.35 plus £1200.00 max for groundwork & concrete.**
Price for height barrier at Bryants Lane - £3577.66
 This could not be resolved due to cost, much discussion regarding reasons for height barrier and the necessity of the arm barrier. Current users of the grounds have locked the gate but feel an obligation to leave it open if other cars are parked there. Therefore, resulting in wooden fence pole broken, assumingly to enable some-one to remove the lock?
 Due to the lack of resolve a vote was taken for the most necessary
 Vote on arm barrier – no votes
 Vote on height barrier – majority vote
 Height barrier cost to be agreed at the Finance meeting.
- b) **Christmas tree - £240 inc. of VAT plus £50 delivery (James Rogers – usual supplier) – IT WAS AGREED.**
- c) **Defib pad - £58.80 plus £4 postage (in date till Dec 24) – IT WAS AGREED.**
- d) **Cost of electric control – Bryants Lane courts £500 - £600 – IT WAS AGREED.**
- e) **CPRE – Understanding Planning Workshop - £30.00** Clerk to attend this course – IT WAS AGREED.

11.22.9**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:**

- a) Treasurers: £41,876.15 Savings: £125,065.14
- b) **Payments: October**
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| Reynolds Landscaping | £914.16 |
| Markland Gardens | £455.00 |
| Sue Grierson-Hill | £686.85 |
| HMRC | £171.80 |
| Clerk's expenses | £ 10.00 |
| Village Barn | £ 15.00 |
| Simplink | £ 36.00 |
| Pozitive Energy | £ 47.36 |
| Axatax | £222.00 |
| British Legion | £ 50.00 |
- c) **Direct debits/Standing orders**
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| Bri Gas (Bryants Lane) | £105.32 |
| Bri Gas (Clock tower) | £ 25.62 |
| Alan Ward | £ 43.33 |
| Anglian Water | £ 86.00 |
| Waste Managed | £ 90.00 |



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11.22.10 Items to go on next agenda

- a) Ever growing amount of signage in village.
- b) CBC contact now received for work on Pump house.

11.22.11 Date of next meeting: December 5th 2022

Final note from Chairman to wish Cllr. O'Brien well as he stands down from his position as Councillor.

Meeting closed at: 7.40pm