



Minutes – Full PC Meeting

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

Signed – S D Grierson-Hill

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- 11.23.0 INTRODUCTION:**
- a) **Meeting attendees:** *Cllrs. Fitzpatrick, Boyden, Inns, Bevan, Smith & Loomes*
 - b) **Apologies for absence:** *None*
 - c) **Absentees:** *None*
- 11.23.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** *None*
- 11.23.2 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES:**
- a) Approval of full Parish Council minutes for October 2023 – *Approved & signed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick*
 - b) Approval of Finance Committee minutes for July 2023 – *Approved & signed by Cllr. Loomes*
 - c) Approval of Finance Committee minutes for October 2023 - *Approved & signed by Cllr. Loomes*
- 11.23.3 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.
10 Members of the Public present.
- a) *MOP 1 asked for update on Clock Tower/Pumphouse repairs. Cllr. Boyden explained this was discussed at the Finance Meeting and should go ahead Spring 2024 with or without financial help from Heritage Lottery funding.*
 - b) *MOP 2 +1 asked about the raised tables suggestion at The Stile & Emu Close. It was explained that the raised tables were to help with flooding, in particular Emu Close. The table is to help water flow down Linslade Road into the open watercourse beyond The Stile, with the help of the second raised table at the entrance to The Stile. Information received from CBC stated, 'The drainage at Emu Close is a soakaway, this has a very limited capacity and water from Linslade Road is added to from Thrift Road and easily overwhelms the small system designed for Emu Close'. The work has been withdrawn temporarily as it has been listed as traffic calming which is incorrect.*
 - c) *MOP 3 +5 were present in relation to 11.23.7g. Cllr Fitzpatrick confirmed they would be able to speak when asked during the discussion.*
- 11.23.4**
- a) **Police report -** *Police Community Police Support Officer 8850 Apostolidis attended with 2 colleagues PCSO's Samantha & Tom.*
 - i) *Cllr. Fitzpatrick asked about parking on zebra crossing and zig zag lines, what do we do when this happens? PCSO Tom reported under section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulations act there is a £50 fine. This can be reported online.*
 - ii) *Cllr. Loomes asked about parking on pavements. PCSO Tom confirmed this is generally controlled by Highways unless serious obstruction prevents the Public from passing (wheelchair user, parent with a pram) at which stage*



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Police would get involved.

iii) Cllr. Bevan asked about the control of drugs, in particular laughing gas which she often clears up evidence of in Thrift Road Park. PCSO Tom confirmed they are limited to what can be done until Government brings it in as law, The Police can then look at including laughing gas to the list of illegal drugs and prosecute accordingly.

iv) Cllr. Inns asked how often the Police visit the Village. PCSO Tom confirmed they visit a few times a week, recently carrying out speed watch at the 40mph to 30mph area of Woburn Road with significant positive results. It was pointed out that very little crime is passed on in the Village, so they concentrate more on areas where crime is reported. If more crimes reported, they would visit more.

v) Cllr Loomes asked about very loud cars, how do you enforce this? PCSO Tom explained, very difficult to Police however organised car meets can be dealt with.

- b) **CBC COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION** – report update: No report or contact made from Cllr. Versallion despite multiple requests.*
- c) **Clerks report** – Report sent to PC along with agenda items.*

11.23.5 MATTERS ARISING (for info only):

- a) **Highway speed restrictions update:** Wording should read ‘traffic calming’ Despite many emails, the chain of communication with CBC has gone quiet. Clerk has emailed Cllr Versallion following report that he had a meeting with CBC week after October’s PC meeting. No response yet, Clerk will continue to chase.*
- b) **Speed watch update:** No speed watch reports this month.*
- c) **Neighbourhood plan update:** - Cllr. Fitzpatrick confirmed Jane Hubbard from CBC to attend FPC meeting in December.*

11.23.6 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

Planning & Environment:

- a) **CB/TCA23/00524 37 Lanes End** – Eucalyptus – (T1) died after cold Winter weather – Fell to ground level. – **NO COMMENT***
- b) **CB/TCA/23/00472 Hethermead**, 20-22 Leighton Road. Tree work to several trees. – **NO COMMENT***
- c) **CB/TRE/23/00466 18 Abbey Walk** – Tree reduction work to an Oak tree protected by a tree preservation order. – **NO COMMENT***
- d) **CB/23/03031/FULL Nares Gladley Farm**, Old Linslade Road – Construction of a new hay storage barn. – **NO COMMENT***
- e) **CB/23/03260/FULL 23 The Stile** – Single storey side extension. – **NO COMMENT***
- f) **CB/23/03271/ADV Land south of A5 near Double Arches Wind Farm, Garside Sands**, Eastern Way – Advertisement: Building signage: Various illuminated signage. –
*Concern raised that area would look like a service station. Cllr Loomes to draft questions to CBC Planning before decision made regarding designation of dark skies in the area.**
- g) **CB/23/03479/FULL 12 Reach Lane** – defer to Decembers meeting due to late information. Councillors unable to look at notes.*
- h) **CB/23/03518/MWS Bryants Lane Quarry** – Restoration work. Cllr Loomes concerned over height of the bunds as she feels a lot of the view is now hidden and causes Bryants Lane to be very dark. It is believed bunds were in*



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place to abate noise, sand dust etc. so assume these will be restored to original height? Clerk to speak to Quarry owner.

NO OBJECTION AS LONG AS BUNDS ARE RESTORED TO ORIGINAL HEIGHT AND COMMUNICATION CONTNUES WITH PARISH COUNCIL DIRECT.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION & RESOLUTION (where possible):

- a) **1st Aid course** – Clerk confirmed only 6 people interested proving not financially viable. Therefore, the course will not go ahead – **IT WAS AGREED**
- b) **Carols on the Green & donation** – 15th December. PC will donate £20 towards expenses – **IT WAS AGREED.**
- c) **Remembrance Sunday** – Cllr. Smith to lay wreath on behalf of Village – **IT WAS AGREED.**
- d) **Christmas tree & lights** – Tree, same as last year and new lights to be ordered, Clerk has arranged cherry picker to put tree and lights up with the help of Cllr. Boyden, Tony Markland & two other Villagers. Tony Markland to make repairs to concrete hole for tree – **IT WAS AGREED.**
- e) **Public access to Bryants Lane Car Park** – Following a recent irate anonymous call from a gentleman to the Clerk regarding access to Bryants Lane car park with his disabled son, Cllr. Boyden suggested that blue badge holders should be given the code to the barrier – **IT WAS AGREED.**
- f) **Road signs on Brickhill Road** – Concern raised by Villager of a danger along Brickhill Road for pedestrians and horses. Photographic evidence was provided. Clerk to speak to CBC regarding some warning signs up to the border with Great Brickhill – **IT WAS AGREED.**
- g) **Gym floor & additional work at Bryants Lane** – Cllr Fitzpatrick reported initial upgrade on lights in the car park and the area by the courts and repairs to toilet block roof have been completed. Further work to lights and water supply to pavilion have been agreed and instructed.
October's minutes advised PC would arrange a structural Engineers report. SE was reluctant to carry out a full report without taking up the whole of the floor causing considerable inconvenience. However, he did give the PC some advice taken from information provided by a Structural Engineer who has looked at a very small area of the damaged floor arranged by Gym Owner. Gym owner was reminded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick that he is on a repair lease, and at the very least the floor would need to be re-instated to its original condition. Should he wish to strengthen the floor, this cost would be down to him and not something the PC would contribute to. The gym owner asked about the lease agreement being renewed, and also, concern with the length of lease on the car park. Cllr Fitzpatrick reminded him that his lease agreement was only for the pavilion, it did not include the car park. However, it was considered that, if possible, the car park lease should be brought in line with the Sports Field lease agreement between the PC and the Landowner (Arnold White Estates). Clerk to contact AW and ask if this is possible. The PC were advised by the Gym Owner that he had laid out considerable cost at the beginning of the Contract, Cllr Fitzpatrick asked if they could provide evidence of this. No further decisions were agreed. Gym owner asked for it to be noted that the gym is run with health & safety in mind.
- h) **Raised tables at Emu Close & The Stile** – See agenda item 11.23.3 (b)
- i) **Review on policies:** - No further policies reviewed during October.



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11.23.8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

a) Treasurers: £10,382.94 Savings: £154,392.72

b) **Payments:**

Reynolds Landscaping	£1,633.20
Markland Gardens	£ 759.00
Sue Grierson-Hill	£ 728.10
HMRC	£ 182.00
Sue Grierson-Hill (expenses)	£ 29.21
Heath Village Barn	£ 18.75
R & H Investments	£1,038.00
CPM Thrift Road & Trim Trail inspection	£ 234.00
CPM (Credit of S106 money due back of £2,699.82)	£3,480.00
British Legion (poppy wreath)	£ 18.50
Axatax	£ 234.00
B Kent Electrical	£ 582.00

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

Bri Gas (Bryants Lane)	£ 289.65
Bri Gas (Clock tower)	£ 33.61
Alan Ward	£ 43.33
Anglian Water	£ 72.00
NEST Pension	£ 10.16

11.23.9 **Items to go on next agenda:**

- i) *Lack of communication with Cllr Versallion*
- ii) *Picnic table in dog off lead area*

11.23.10 **Date of next meeting:** 4th December 2023

Meeting closed at: 8.25pm

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