



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes – Full PC Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council held on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 7.00pm at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

Signed – S D Grierson-Hill

10.23.0 INTRODUCTION:

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

10.23.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: *None*

10.23.2 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) Approval of full Parish Council minutes for September 2023 - *Approved and signed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick*
- b) Approval of Sports & Recreation Committee minutes for September 2023 – *Approved and signed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick*
- c) Approval of Cemetery Committee minutes for September 2023 – *Approved and signed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick*

10.23.3 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.

MOP 1 & 2 – observation only.

MOP x 3 produced a P3 document for information only, previously spoken about.

10.23.4 CBC COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION – report update: *Cllr. Versallion did not attend, however, he reported on the items below following a request from the PC:*

- a)
 - i) Cameras at Bryants Lane. Cllr. Fitzpatrick had asked Clerk to request Cllr. V instructs CBC to put CCTV cameras up following a spate of fly tipping in Bryants Lane – *Cllr. V has asked for these to be installed to help with fly tipping.*
 - ii) Checkley Wood. Concerns raised following a post on Facebook about the continued speculation of plans to build a considerable housing estate. - *Cllr V responded 'There are no current plans for Checkley Wood, it is currently all gossip'*
 - iii) Concern over Travellers – Clerk received email from other PC Clerks about the lack of support from CBC regarding the activity of Travellers. *Cllr. V responded 'He is not aware of any possible issues with Travellers within H & R, he works closely with Tilsworth and works with them on their Parish issues. He continues to have CBC address Traveller site issues.*
- b) *Cllr, Versallion also reported that BT want to remove public phone boxes and this includes the one on Birds Hill.*



10.23.5 MATTERS ARISING (for info only):

- a) Traffic calming update: *Clerk has contacted Highways requesting update. Clerk informed that there is a design ready for Woburn Road path widening. They do not have to consult on this scheme as legally they are not required to. They need to check the design drawings and when happy they will pass them ready for the implementation stage. Clerk emailed back to say that the PC were waiting for design drawings for traffic calming throughout Heath & Reach. As of today's meeting, no further response was received. Clerk asked Cllr. Versallion if he had any update, he is meeting with CBC next week (w/c. 9th October), Clerk asked him to update PC as soon as possible.*
- b) Speed watch update: *2 sessions carried out over last month with reasonable compliance.*

10.23.6 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

- a) Clerks report: *Report provided to Parish Council*
- b) Planning & Environment:
 - i)CB/23/02166/FULL 10 Thrift Road, Heath and Reach
Single story rear extension & loft conversion with rear dormer & hip to gable extension. – **NO COMMENT**

10.23.7 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION & RESOLUTION (where possible):

- a) Bryants Lane Shelter – *Cllr. Bevan was unable to come up with ideas for a community scheme. Therefore, Tony Markland will be asked to paint – IT WAS AGREED.*
- b) Gym floor & additional work at Bryants Lane (*moved to final item to discuss*) – *Quotes received were in the region of £9 – 10k. Clerk has been asked to arrange a Structural Engineers report before further discussion. Clerk also to contact Gym Owner and ask him to put in writing some proposals he had regarding work to the gym. This can then be considered and discussed at a future PC meeting.*
- c) 1st Aid Course – *Clerk confirmed she has 6 people interested in course, however, to make this financially viable Clerk will re-post on Facebook. To be deferred to November's meeting.*
- d) Neighbourhood plan – *Cllr. Loomes has spoken with a contact at CBC who strongly advise creating a neighbourhood plan. Although this does not give any right to stop development, it does allow requests such as certain building materials, facilities etc. PC have no formal standing without a NP, and as long as one has been started PC would have to be included in any consultations. Grants are available to help support PC with costings. Leighton Buzzard are about to start their Neighbourhood Plan and Hockliffe, it is believed have one but has not gone through final stages. Clerk to contact Leighton Buzzard and Hockliffe Clerks to potentially share some information and consider using same Consultancy firm. Clerk also to invite CBC contact to a future meeting.*



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- e) Wildflowers – Clerk has made enquiries as it seems a permit will be needed; however she has been unable to speak with the correct person at CBC to ascertain possible cost implications. Cllr. Versallion has now provided a possible contact, Clerk to follow up. – Deferred to November's meeting.
- f) P3 group – Clerk reported H & R P3 group is not currently active due to lack of members, however, Leighton Buzzard P3 group would possibly be able to help with work on rights of way if necessary but will not be able to consult or attend meetings.
- g) Review on policies:
No policies reviewed this month.

10.23.8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Treasurers: £12,188.83 Savings: £154,255.30
- b) **Payments:**

Reynolds Landscaping	£ authorised to pay on receipt of invoice if amount does not supersede expected amount.
Markland Gardens	£ 480.00
Sue Grierson-Hill	£ 728.10
HMRC	£ 182.00
Sue Grierson-Hill (expenses)	£ 26.07
Heath Village Barn	£ 31.25
Simplink	£ 36.00
- c) **Direct debits/Standing orders:**

Bri Gas (Bryants Lane)	£ 134.54
Bri Gas (Clock tower)	£ 29.91
Alan Ward	£ 43.33
Anglian Water	£ 86.00
TGS	£ 100.00
NEST Pensions	£ 10.16

10.23.9 Items to go on next agenda:

*!st aid course
Wildflowers*

10.23.10 Date of next meeting: 6th November 2023

Meeting closed at: 7.44pm

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