



## MEETING

Minutes of meeting of the Full Parish Council held

**At 7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

At The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

Item No	Agenda	Reporting / Action
670	<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>	
670.1	Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Bevan, O'Brien, Smith, Inns, Clerk and Webmaster in attendance	
670.2	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Versallion, Thyer, Piciorus & Boyden Absent Cllr Chivers	
670.3	Declarations of Interest: None	
671.	<b>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:</b>	
671.1	Approval of Full Parish Council minutes December 2021 <b>Approved Cllr Inns</b>	
671.2	Approval of Cemetery committee minutes <b>Approved Cllr O'Brien</b>	
671.3	Approval of Sports and Recreation committee minutes <b>Approved Cllr O'Brien</b>	
671.4	Approval of Finance committee minutes <b>Approved Cllr Inns</b>	
672	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> – 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. <b>No one present.</b>	
672.1	Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report Update Clerk read in his absence: "I met the Police and Central Beds with Ringway Jacobs, highways contractor, and I am getting something pulled together which I will be able to share with the parish council in a week or two." Hopefully there will be a proposal about cameras/pinchpoints.	
672.2	Police Report: As previously circulated	

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673	<b>MATTERS ARISING – for information only.</b>	
673.1	<p>Highways Speed restrictions update. Cllr Boyden submitted the following, read by the Clerk in his absence.</p> <p>On the 23rd of December 2021, Heath and Reach Parish Council submitted a formal complaint to Central Beds Council. The complaint related to the lack of action and absence of communication by the Highways department regarding the village traffic calming project which was promised two years ago. The complaint was rejected by CBC on the basis that only individuals can register a complaint, and it must relate to matters that have occurred within the last 12 months. There appears to be no process by which an elected body can register a formal complaint. We were assured that the matter would be forwarded to the relevant department. A further request for information was made last Wednesday 5th January. Whilst Customer Services service level agreement is fixed at two working days, by 5 o'clock today, Monday 10th January, we have still had no reply. The Parish Council is now considering a formal approach to the Ombudsman.</p> <p>The option of contacting the press was discussed as this may be more effective in getting CBC attention. It was agreed to wait and see if there is a response and or Cllr Versallion's update by the February Parish Council meeting.</p>	
663.2	<p><b>Change of energy supplier.</b> This is now British Gas on a two-year contract from 1<sup>st</sup> January. There is a final bill from the previous suppliers to come.</p>	
674	<b>PARISH COUNCIL REPORT</b>	
674.1	<p><b>Cemetery Management Committee:</b> Church warden meeting Cllr Fitzpatrick and Clerk met Jane Dempster, Church warden and Fr Noel the vicar. The damaged wall is being dealt with by the church and the Clerk has forwarded two quotations for repair. Church warden has asked if payback could be used as cleaners at the Church Hall. This was not agreed as the contract is specific to the cemetery. Clerk also said the numbers of community payback people were still low due to covid.</p>	

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674.2	<b>Finance Committee:</b> Budget to be resolved below.	
674.3	<b>Planning &amp; Environment Committee:</b> CB/21/05493/FULL Old Quarry House, 28 Reach Lane GARAGE EXTENSION Parish Council has no comment on this.	
674.4	<b>Sports &amp; Recreation Committee:</b> Zip wire has been broken, probably due to more than one person using it at a time. CPM Playgrounds have made it safe and will provide a quotation to repair/replace. Also, some of the posts at Bryant's Lane trim trail have been vandalised, Clerk to source quotation for repair and replacement and then there should be a discussion as to the viability of the trim trail or whether it should be removed as stages become unsafe.	
675	<b>MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION</b>	
675.1	To approve budget and precept request for 2022/23. Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded Cllr O'Brien. <b>It was resolved.</b>	
675.2	Review of risk assessments. Clerk to circulate for Councillors to approve by email.	
676	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b>	
676.1	Appointment of new litter picker. Clerk informed the council that Alan Ward, a villager, has been appointed as litter picker at Bryants Lane.	

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677	<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b> Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Markland Gardens £405.00 Reynolds Landscaping £691.20 Heath Village Barn £ 25.00 CPM Playground £ 186.00 Pear Technology £ 270.00 Francesca Sheppard £612.00 Francesca Sheppard expenses £ 79.99  Direct Debits/Standing Orders Anglian Water £68.00 Waste Managed £90.00	
678	<b>Administration /OTHER MATTERS of interest</b> The Clerk resigned effective from 31 <sup>st</sup> March. She has been in the role for 9 years and longer as cemetery clerk and as there are other calls on her time has made the difficult decision to resign. She will advertise the post locally and on the Clerks network, BATPC and SLCC and will be available for a full handover. The Councillors present thanked the Clerk for her service.	

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