



Minutes of Full Parish Council Meeting at

**The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach on Monday 6th June
2022 at 7pm.**

06.22 INTRODUCTION:

- a) Meeting attendees –
Cllrs. Fitzpatrick, Boyden, Inns, Bevan and Piciorus
- b) Apologies for absence –
Cllr. Thyer – holiday (granted)
Cllr. O'Brien – Bank holiday arrangements (granted)
- c) Absentees –
Cllr. Smith

06.22.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: - None

06.22.2 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) Approval of full Parish Council minutes for May 2022 – **approved and signed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick**

06.22.3 PUBLIC FORUM – No address made.

06.22.4 CBC COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION – report update:

1. Councillor Versallion requested that the Parish Council seriously consider purchasing the land south of the Church. He feels this would be of benefit to the Village, could be used by the Church for parking. The Council reminded Cllr Versallion that any funds the Council hold are for traffic calming and not for buying unnecessary land. It was also noted that not once has the Owner approached the PC regarding selling the Land and therefore it cannot be discussed. Cllr Versallion was advised to tell the Landowner to make contact with the PC through the Clerk.

2. Cllr Versallion reported that the footpath widening was a good idea as it would help with traffic calming. He reported that Highways have the money available for this and it would also encourage people to cycle more. There is to be a public consultation in July and subject to results the work could start October/November 2022.

The PC have asked the Clerk to ask for more information on this from the CBC and will be discussed at the next meeting on July 4th.



3. Traffic calming – Cllr. Versallion reported that the traffic calming & path widening are dealt with by different departments within CBC but will co-ordinate going forward. Although there is a draft copy of the traffic calming measures suggested, no updated copy has been released yet. It is 70% there and will be available at some stage for public input.

The PC received part copy of a CBC email saying that they will allow the Village to have speed cameras. However, with an 8-bullet point advisory, with one being that CBC will agree to cameras, but any traffic calming measures will then be put on hold indefinitely. It was suggested by the PC that they are 'holding us to ransom'. Cllr. Versallion also mentioned that the annual maintenance cost for 3/4 cameras could be anywhere between £7,000 and £13,000. This to be confirmed.

CBC feel that speed cameras and traffic calming measures are not a good use of taxpayer's money and if we were to agree to traffic calming measures only, there will be money available via the CBC House build 106 contributions, money available next financial year. Cllr Versallion was reminded that the money we hold is for cameras and traffic calming and if it is not used for those purposes the PC needs to go back to its parishioners to discuss.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick suggested a meeting with CBC either face to face or via a Teams meeting. It is felt that one comprehensive plan is needed to talk about the path widening and traffic calming as a whole.

Cllr. Versallion also mentioned that the suggested speed increase by Brickhill Road from 30mph to 40mph had been refused.

PC has issued a formal complaint with the Ombudsman regarding lack of work and support from CBC regarding the traffic calming.

06.22.5 MATTERS ARISING (for info only):

- a) Highway speed restrictions update – **as above (Cllr Versallion report)**
- b) Speed watch update – Cllr. Boyden confirmed a couple of sessions have taken place, one in Woburn Road (by The Heath Inn), 23 cars were recorded over 30mph and one in Leighton Road 12 cars recorded over 30mph. This is more of an educational tool than a prosecution tool. The data goes to Beds Police of which they send out letters and anyone caught over three times in a six month period will receive a visit from the Police.
- c) Path widening – Path widening plans by CBC from Leighton Buzzard through to Heath & Reach. – **as above (Cllr Versallion report)**

06.22.6 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

- a) Planning committee
CB/22/01487/FULL 10 Lanes End – Erection of picket fence to inner garden and replacement of damaged fences to edge of garden (retrospective)
The PC has no comment



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- b) CB/22/01998/LDCP Overend View Barn, Overend Green Lane, LU7 9LD – Insertion of 4 rear facing pitched roof dormers.
The PC has no comment

06.22.7 MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION:

- a) Deep clean and maintenance to Bryants Lane Sports pitch fake grass by SSP £ 950.00 plus VAT (plus £5.25 plus VAT per 25kg for top up of sand) - **Agreed unanimously**
- b) To accept the proposal from LBSS regarding the commuted sum for the community woodland. - **Agreed by majority**
- c) To Co-opt Helen Loomes as Councillor
Item 06.22.7c) will be held in private session and will therefore be moved to the end of the meeting.
Helen Loomes was co-opted as Councillor. The Council is now complete.
- d) Huggle Pictures have donated £500.00 for a Charity of the PC's choice. Charity to be decided on.
The money will be evenly distributed between St Leonards lower school, Heath Barn Pre School, The Barn, The Scouts & The British Legion.
Agreed unanimously

06.22.8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Treasurers: £ 34,941.64 Savings: £125.048.21
- b) **Payments:**
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| Reynolds Landscaping | £ 825.60 |
| Markland Gardens | £ 537.90 |
| Sue Grierson-Hill | £ 682.33 |
| HMRC | £ 176.32 |
| Sue Grierson-Hill (expenses) | £ 151.50 |
| Heath Village Barn | £ 15.00 |
| Julie Betts (Auditor) | £ 145.00 |
| Community Heartbeat | £ 48.00 |
| CPM Playgrounds | £1344.00 |
| Simplink | £ 20.05 |
- c) **Direct debits/Standing orders:**
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| Bri Gas (Bryants Lane) | £ 41.83 |
| Bri Gas (Clock tower) | £ 11.51 |
| Alan Ward | £ 43.33 |
| Anglian Water | £ 68.00 |
| Waste Managed | £ 90.00 |

Meeting closed at: 8.02pm