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403 403.1 403.2	MATTERS ARISING – for information only Meeting dates for 20/21 These dates have been circulated and published on the PC website Chair & Vice-Chair positions will not be standing for Election as their term in office has been extended by 12 months due to Covid 19	Cllr Boyden
404 404.1 404.2 404.3 404.4	PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Cemetery Management Committee - Voluntary work has been suspended due to the Coronavirus so the Clerk has asked Reynolds Landscaping to cut the grass at the Cemetery Finance Committee: Clerk has transferred £20,000 from current account to reserve account. Payments are now being made electronically. Planning & Environment Committee: Meeting to follow. Sports & Recreation Committee: Grass at Bryant's Lane is being cut by Reynolds Landscaping until Woburn and Wavendon are back to training.	
405 405.1	MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION To approve quotation for the fitting out of changing room unit at Bryants lane to not exceed £995. Although this comes under the £1000 limit of requiring 3 quotations, it was agreed that the clerk should procure two more quotations to ensure best value for the Parish Council. It was then agreed that a decision could take place over email with formal resolution at the June meeting.	
406 406.1 406.2	VILLAGE MATTERS PC village response to Covid 19 pandemic. Clerk reported the village 'fairy' scheme was working well, and she was working with the Leighton Linslade Response team to cover referrals from CBC from within the village. A food drop has been arranged at the Co-op , outside No 7 Heath Gren and by arrangement at the Scout Hut, The response has been very good and the items are distributed within the village where necessary and then to the Covid Foodbank in Leighton Buzzard who in return provide necessary items to the village. Community Event for Sumer 2020. Discussion around a potential event for the village but timing dependent on lifting of government restrictions.	



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407	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	
407.1	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Current Account £10,868.86 Reserve account £ 120,011.58 Markland Gardens £395.00 Axatax £222.00 Francesca Sheppard £ 583.59 Heath Village Barn £29.25 Nigel Stofton flags £30.98 ICCM £108.00 Direct Debits/Standing Orders Cheaper Waste £64.27 M Redwood Green £43.33 Am Power £15.72 Am Power £21.41	
408	Administration/OTHER MATTERS of interest Nothing to report Meeting closed at 10.50am	