



Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7.00pm at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

10.22 INTRODUCTION:

- a) Meeting attendees – **Cllrs. Thyer, Fitzpatrick, Boyden, Piciorus, Inns, Bevan, Smith & Loomes.**
5 members of the public.
- b) Apologies for absence – **Cllr. O'Brien**
- c) Absentees - **None**

10.22.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Thyer

10.22.2 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- a) Approval of full Parish Council minutes for September 2022 – **approved & signed by Cllr. Bevan**
- b) Approval of Cemetery committee minutes September 2022 – **approved & signed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick**
- c) Approval of Sports & Recreation committee minutes September 2022 – **approved & signed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick**

10.22.3 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 attended to hear updates on speed restrictions, nothing specific to talk about.**

10.22.4 CBC COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION – report update: Cllr. Versallion sent his apologies and forwarded a report for the Clerk to read out in whole – in short: **Cllr. Versallion continues to assist the PC with a traffic calming scheme. He requested the PC notify in writing to CBC that they will put the speed cameras on hold and that the PC use the camera money held, towards CBC traffic calming proposals.** **Cllr Versallion re-iterated that he is available to help the PC with anything they need help with now or in the future.**

10.22.5 MATTERS ARISING (for info only):

- a) Highway speed restrictions update – **Cllrs, Thyer & Boyden to meet with Arthur Macklin (Contract Manager, Highways and Environmental Services) on 13th October and confirmed questions will be put to Arthur Macklin prior to the meeting for preparation. Cllr. Thyer confirmed the PC will not say that they will put speed cameras on hold, as at this time they have nothing to compare them to. Anyone who wishes to join the meeting is welcome.**
Cllr Fitzpatrick said that the moneys collected on the premise of speed cameras will not be used for ANY other purpose without consulting the



public first.

- b) Speed watch update – **Cllr. Boyden reported that whilst the current work in the village is present, speed watch has been put on hold. Once the temporary traffic lights have been removed, speed watch will be up and running again.**

10.22.6 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS:

- a) Clerks report: **Report provided by the Clerk to the full PC via email with up-to-date listings of information only, since meeting in September.**
- b) **Planning applications:**
CB/22/03566/FULL Location: Land to the East of 9A Sheepcote Crescent, Heath and Reach, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0AJ
Proposal: erection of a detached dwelling – **The Parish Council have no comment.**

10.22.7

- a) 5 -10-year Village plan – **Clerk will continue to look for a course that should help create the plan at some time in the future.**
- b) Land next to Church – **Cllr. Thyer has spoken with the Church following information and a request provided at the previous PC meeting. He is awaiting call back from the Church. The PC has not been formally approached by the landowner and therefore no further discussion will be had.**
- c) Commonwealth war graves – **The clerk showed the council two photos of possible locations for the sign. These were on the gate, and on a nearby wall. It was agreed that the gate would be the best location. Clerk to confirm with the Church that this is acceptable before applying for it.**
- d) Carols on the Green – **It was agreed that the PC would donate to Carols on the Green as opposed to being responsible for the sparklers.**
- e) Discuss the cost of electricity at Bryants Lane – with confirmed costs & decide if hire costs should be increased – **It was agreed that with rising electricity costs and annual maintenance costs, the hire of the courts will rise from £22ph to £25ph from the 1st January 2023. Cllr Thyer also mentioned about a unit to purchase so that the lights can be controlled by the PC via an app on the phone.**
- f) Price for height barrier at Bryants Lane car park & agree cost – **Cllr Thyer provided different options and prices for the barriers. Cllr Thyer to email the Councillors details of barriers and prices enabling Councillors to assess and resolve at next meeting. Cost could not be agreed due to different options.**
- g) Dog off lead area – **cost in the region of £4,500 – Cllr Boyden read out a statement requesting reasons for fencing in and securing this area**



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completely. It was agreed that this would be requested and budgeted for on the 23/24 budget.

10.22.8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Treasurers: £ 45,215.12 Savings: £ 125,059.83
- b) **Payments: September**
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| Reynolds Landscaping | £1154.16 |
| Markland Gardens | £ 515.00 |
| Sue Grierson-Hill | £ 687.05 |
| HMRC | £ 171.60 |
| Clerks expenses | £ 67.25 |
| Insurance | £1708.97 |
| Village Barn | £ 15.00 |
| CPM | £ 294.00 |
| Mazars | £ 360.00 |
| SLCC | £ 171.00 |
| Creative Solutions | £ 423.60 (£199.20 to be credited back from insurance company) |
- c) **Direct debits/Standing orders**
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| Bri Gas (Bryants Lane) | £ Nil (currently in credit) |
| Bri Gas (Clock tower) | £ 16.90 |
| Alan Ward | £ 43.33 |
| Anglian Water | £ 68.00 |
| Waste Managed | £ 90.00 |

10.22.9 Items to go on next agenda

Resolution – App for Bryants Lane lights.
Resolution – Bryants Lane barrier.

10.22.10 Date of next meeting: November 7th 2022

Any other business:

Rushmere meeting – Rushmere are trialling visits by bus. They have been asked to not use signage in village with directions. Cllr Loomes asked about a path being laid along front of Rushmere where trees were removed. It was pointed out this is Rushmere land and currently a 'no walking' area. More trees to be felled by entrance. Barrier had many attempted repairs, still not fixed.

Clock tower – The PC need a contact with CBC before getting quotes and going to English Heritage. Cllr Boyden dealing with.

Cllr. Piciorus raised a concern about cars driving over the grass area at the entrance to Thrift Road rather than waiting their turn. Suggested, that maybe in the future large stones are placed to stop this happening although it should be dealt with as a Police matter?

Meeting closed at: **7.50pm**