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HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held Friday 30th January 2015 at Heath Village Barn 10.30am

1 **Present:** Cllrs Inns, Ellis, Clerk

2 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Thyer, McCoulough

3 **Declarations of Interest:** None

4 **Review of financial records for the period 1st April – 30th January:** There has been some variation in expected income /expenditure and actual, however these have generally balanced out, eg, the budgeted income in the Cemetery has not yet been achieved but correspondingly the expenditure is not as much as budgeted.

Budgeted income of £6000 section 106 money is yet to be received.

It was agreed that the financial position was adequate for the requirements of the rest of the financial year.

The closing figures on the accounts and statements were checked and verified by Cllr Inns.

5 **Electricity contract renewal:** Given the predicted drop in energy supplies it was agreed to opt for a 12 month contract at the best available prices on Monday 2nd February . Clerk will report to the full Parish Council meeting.

6 **Bryants Lane Pitch maintenance** Linslade Galaxy has enquired whether they could mark and cut the pitches themselves as the Parish Council have advised them that it was no longer cost effective to bear this cost for one team. Clerk reported that Mr Stasiuk confirmed this would not affect his contract with the Parish Council but asked that the grass cutting work be carefully monitored so as not to cause any damage.

The Clerk further reported that an adult team had been in contact with a view to making Bryants Lane there 'home' pitch. In September. Clerk to continue discussions.

7 **Cemetery Expenditure:** Clerk requested approval of expenditure not in excess of £400 to the end of the financial year to cover gravel, membrane and skip for use by the Community Payback Scheme. This was approved and will be taken to the full PC on Monday 2nd February.

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The removal of the gates to St Leonard's hall was also discussed and it was agreed that this should not take place until the Parish Council has seen the agreement between the Church and the Parish Council.

- 8 Any Other Business There has been a statutory increase in the Clerks's salary scale equating to 23p per hour w.e.f Jan 1st. This was approved.
The Clerk reported that the VAT refund for £1167.02 had been received

The meeting closed at 11am

Signed

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