



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 2015 at Heath Village Barn

- Present: Cllrs Thyer, Inns, Green, Clerk in attendance
- Apologies for Absence Cllrs Ellis and Hawes
- Declarations of Interest None
- Review of financial records for the period 1st April – 30th June. It was noted that there was a misposting in Bryant's Lane income , Clerk to rectify.
Current Account balance at 30th June 2015 is £39,494.84
Savings account balance at 30th June 2015 is £41,044.52
As the funds need to be readily available the interest rate is low, it was agreed a regular review should be made on this account.
Clerk reported that income was likely to be higher than budgeted for the Cemetery and that Bryant's Lane hire was yet to be invoiced up to the end of June and furthermore VAT return to be submitted which would result in refund.
- Review of projects. Clerk presented 3 quotes for works to the Clock tower

BW Decorating £2,400.00
RPL Construction £3,840.00
Ray Wood £2,478.00

It was agreed that the works required were more than decorating, Ray Wood appears to be cheaper than RPL but Cllr Thyer to establish that they have included for the same works. They have not including for re –oiling the canopy so this was added at RPL cost giving an overall quote of £2,698.00 On the basis that they have also included for re pointing the brickwork to the pump house and the surrounding wall and masonry paint to the interior, then acceptance of Ray Wood quote to be put to the Parish Council for resolution at the July meeting.

- Quote also presented for the replacement of the railings in the sum of £880 plus VAT powder coated or £600 plus VAT spray painted. It was agreed to put the lower amount to the Parish Council for resolution at the July meeting
- There was £1850 in the budget for the redecoration of the clock tower with a note that the work could expand. It was agreed that the expenditure is necessary as it is a landmark of the village and important that it is maintained.

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- The notice board at Bryant's Lane has been damaged beyond repair. It was agreed to purchase a new one for a sum not exceeding £100. Cllr Thyer to action.
- Any Other Business
Cllr Thyer reported on a meeting with Amey/CBC about the Woburn Road hump who agreed that it did not appear to slow down the traffic. They will resubmit plans for a higher gradient and report back at a later stage.
Other traffic calming measures were discussed – Clerk to try and establish cost of speed camera at Woburn, also the possibility of traffic calming on Old Linslade Road was discussed.

The meeting closed at 1.40pm

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