



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18th October at Heath Village Barn 1pm

1. Present: Cllrs Inns, Green. Clerk in attendance
2. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Hawes, Thyer
3. Declarations of Interest None
4. Review of financial records for the period 1st April – 17th October
Clerk had previously circulated the figures up to date, the current account balance is at £40,098.30 and the savings account at £61,078.32, leaving reserves at £72,217.37 (allowing for the cost of the traffic calming scheme yet to be invoiced) Expenditure and income was within the budgeted amount at this stage.
5. Budget Planning for 2016/17. Clerk reported that there was no major expenditure planned from the Cemetery committee or Sports and Recreation committee other than that included in this year's budget.
Speed restrictions on Woburn Road have been discussed with CBC who have said it may be considered for inclusion in their budget but if not then there will be an opportunity for rural match funding. There is no indication of the likely costs and it was discussed if the Parish Council should be responsible when it is in Highways jurisdiction.
Further to the discussion of erecting a bush shelter on Birds Hill, the Clerk had sourced a ball park figure circa £6000. Cllr Inns reported that the Allotment Trustees will not allow this to be put on allotment land. This is for further discussion at the full Parish Council
6. Review of projects None
7. Any Other Business. Clerk has received a pro form invoice for the purchase of the Speed indicator devices for the sum of £7956 including VAT. This expenditure was resolved at the October Parish Council, Clerk to raise cheque for signature.
Clerk reported that the direct debit payment to Eon for the clock tower had doubled to £20. This is based on estimated readings so accurate meter readings to be submitted. Anglia Water have increased the direct debit for Bryants Lane to £83. This may be due to a prolonged leak earlier this year which has now been fixed.

Clerk confirmed that the mandate papers for change of signatures for the Parish Council bank account will be submitted in the following days.

Meeting Closed at 1.30pm

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