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## HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Heath Village Barn

1. Present: Cllr Inns, Ellis, Green and Hawes
2. Apologies for Absence Cllr Thyer - unwell
3. Declarations of Interest None
4. Review of financial records for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 29<sup>th</sup> September  
These were previously emailed to the committee for review. The Clerk highlighted that the second half of the precept had been received as well as a VAT refund. The costs of grass cutting at the Cemetery is lower than budgeted due to the work of the Community Payback team. The Clerk's pay and Council administration expenditure is not as high as expected at this stage but Clerk not aware of any major expenditure other than the insurance renewal which is due for payment now. The current account balance stands at £46,944.21 so it was agreed to transfer £20,000 to the savings account.
5. Approval of Audit. Clerk reported that the BDO Auditors had approved the accounts for 2014/15 without comment.
6. Budget Planning for 2016/17. Clerk suggested various projects for consideration.

Two storage containers for the new nets at ~~Bryants~~Bryant's Lane to be bought this year for a sum not exceeding £500 supply, Cllr Hawes to co-ordinate the secure fixing of these.

The boundary hedge at the cemetery needs to be cut down. A quotation of £2500 has been obtained, 2 other quotes to be sought. It was agreed that this should be carried out within this financial year to accommodate the needs of nesting birds.

Recladding of Bryants Lane Pavilion and relaying of the brick terrace which is sinking. A quotation of circa £3500 had been received. It was agreed that this project should be carried forward to the next financial year and further quotes to be obtained. Cllr Hawes to draw up a schedule of works for comparative pricing

Traffic Calming measures, it was agreed that these should also be considered for the budget next year. Cllr Ellis to look out budget costs from his records.

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Disabled access for Bryants Lane which was planned for this year to be carried forward to next year, the possibility of obtaining a grant was discussed

The Sports and Recreation and Cemetery Committees are asked to submit their budgets for consideration for a Finance meeting in November.

7. Review of projects

Major projects this year have been the Clock Tower and Bryant's Lane Pavilion, It was agreed that in future a named councillor should be responsible for ensuring the projects are completed satisfactorily before payment is approved.

The work carried out by the village handyman was reviewed. The impact has been positive and there is still work to be done. Clerk to ask if he could sweep the all-weather courts on a regular basis and include the Millennium Gardens in the general tidy up.

Any Other Business

8. Clerk reported that CBC had rejected our claim for the section 106 money that had been allocated to the Thrift Road Recreation Ground as the project was complete. Clerk has requested Cllr Versallion's input to clarify matters.

Meeting closed at 2.10pm

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