



Draft Minutes

of the Parish Council Finance Committee at 2.00pm on Friday 26th August 2022 at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

1. **Meeting attendees:** Cllrs. Inns, Fitzpatrick, Boyden & Loomes
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Thyer
3. **Absentees:** Cllr. Smith
4. **Declaration of interest:** None
5. **Review of income & expenditure up to date:**

YTD Income:	£36,325.20
YTD Expenses:	£25,550.82

	£10,774.38
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Bryants Lane Courts:

- a) Lights – Concern was made over the lights being left on occasionally. Clerk to remind users to turn off lights.
- b) Discussed whether £22 per hour to hire the Court is covering the PC's costs. Clerk informed the committee that relevant users have been invoiced up until Christmas 2022. Clerk to add to Sports & recreation agenda to discuss if there is a need to increase fees.
- c) Smart meter was suggested to assess correct usage. Downside to smart meter is that if the PC change supplier the smart meter will need changing too. Clerk to review when energy supplier is renewed.

6. **Review of current projects.**

- a) **Traffic calming:** Andrew Selous is now assisting in getting some answers regarding the possible traffic calming measures that CBC would consider if we say no to cameras. Awaiting further information from him.

On a separate issue CBC have released minimal details on a gateway & traffic calming on Woburn Road – awaiting further details on this matter.

Path widening – This will definitely go ahead but await info from CBC about concerns raised at TEAMS meeting on the 19th July regarding turn points at Eastern Way and The Axe & Compass.

Speed cameras - Up to date figures received. Figure to install 4 average speed cameras just under £100k. Suppliers are suggesting 2 bubbles of cameras to work as average speed cameras most efficiently. Suggested sites Birds Hill & far end of Woburn Road.

- b) **Clock tower:** Survey has been done. Awaiting schedule of works before costing can be discussed. Cllr. Boyden to chase schedule of works before talking to CBC & English Heritage, of which we may possibly get a grant towards work.

- c) **Bryants Lane fence:** Money being held with a view to replacing in future. Clerk to add to Sports & Recreation committee agenda to discuss what is required & when?



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d) **Bryants Lane barrier:** Price is now £3500 as opposed to £3000 budgeted. Concern as to whether the amount can be justified. It was agreed yes, as to keep the car park area safe & secure. To be re-discussed and all details confirmed at next sports & Recreation committee meeting.

e) **Possible land purchase:** The PC has no plans for buying any land at present. A 'future plan' is to be discussed possibly to include a Village survey once the traffic calming is sorted.

7. Review whether there are sufficient funds in the budget to maintain speed cameras (up to date prices being produced)

The cost to maintain cameras annually is £3,456.78. It is felt that this cost needs to be added to the budget and added to the PC's annual costs. If income continues to be generated through the hire of Bryants Lane car park then this money could automatically be allocated to the annual fund, however the income is not guaranteed.

Further discussion on the cameras and getting this moved forward is to be discussed at the next PC Meeting.

Date for next Finance Committee meeting: Friday 28th October at 2pm

Meeting finished at 3.15pm