



# HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



## Draft Minutes

Draft Minutes of the Heath & Reach Parish Council Cemetery Committee meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 (following the Full PC Meeting) at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

**1.a) Meeting Attendees:** Cllrs. Reading, Bevan, Milne, White & Ellis.

**b) Apologies:** Cllrs. Webb, Smith & Inns.

**c) Absentees:** None.

**2. Declaration of interest:** None.

**3. Review of income & expenditure:**

*Income:* £3,025.00

*Expenditure:* £1,926.05

**4. Matters for discussion/resolution:**

**a) Church Wardens meeting:** Clerk met with church wardens, Rev. McGeeney & Church Office administrator. Areas discussed:

i) Church very aware of how lack of parking is impacting their congregation. They have written to the Diocese regarding the land to the right of the driveway with an enquiry as to the possibility of laying down temporary matting that would allow cars to be driven onto and parked. Clerk has previously asked this question from the ICCM (Institute of Cremation & Cemetery Management) who categorically stated this would not be acceptable due to it once being a burial area. Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council would not support this.

ii) The church is considering options for an alternative Christmas fete. Provisional date 29<sup>th</sup> November.

iii) Compost area, back of cemetery. This continues to encroach onto cemetery. Although PC have in the past offered to purchase plastic compost bins, they are not suitable. Clerk to obtain prices for a wooden slat style compost bin for PC to consider.

**b) Clerk to attend funeral October 4<sup>th</sup>.** Private family interment of ashes to take place. No Officiant or Funeral Director present, therefore Clerk will attend.

**c) Damage to graves.** Member of the public had reported suspected damage to her family graves. Clerk believes the damage has been caused by recent winds and the church wardens have advised that Muntjac deer like to pull the flower heads off. MOP assured there is no known vandalism in the cemetery.

**5. Consider any projects /prices for Budget:**

*Compost bin.*

**6. AOB/Items for next agenda:**

*None.*

Meeting closed at: 8.59pm.