



Minutes of

Meeting of the Parish Council Finance Committee held at 2.00pm on Friday 16th December 2022 at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

1. **Meeting attendees:** Cllrs. Inns, Boyden & Loomes
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. Smith & Fitzpatrick
3. **Absentees:** None
4. **Declaration of interest:** None
5. **Review of income & expenditure up to end of November 2022:** Income £59,288.99, Expenditure - £ 37,722.04
6. **Review of current projects:** These are items delegated down from Full PC meetings having already been agreed, for costings and implementation.
 - a) **Dog off lead area cost & go ahead** – The Committee agreed that there were sufficient funds to carry out this work. 3 quotes were presented by the Clerk, and after discussion, a decision was made. Clerk instructed to arrange work asap, further delay would cause prices to increase – IT WAS AGREED.
 - b) **Barrier at Bryants Lane** - Sufficient money available for both arm & height barrier. The agreed quote from December 22 PC meeting is c£10,000 but due to continued rising prices maximum of £12,000 for both – IT WAS AGREED.
7. **Agree budget & precept for 2023/24** – The budget for 23/24 was looked at line by line. Clerk was asked to make a couple of amendments before next full PC meeting (January 9th 2023) Some items contained within the budget, which were unexpected, were requested to be placed as agenda items for the next full PC meeting to include possible land purchase and additional prospective salaries.
8. **Review whether there are sufficient funds in the budget to maintain speed cameras** – The committee discussed the implications of future ongoing costs for the speed cameras. It was agreed there are sufficient funds to cover the annual cost for maintenance and back office, going forward, could be included in future budgets.
9. **Update on clock tower quotes** – 1 builder is quoting at present, 1 builder booked in for January, following cancelled visit in December. Clerk attempting to find 3rd quote, proving difficult as they must be a member of the Master Builders Federation (this is a recommendation from CBC Heritage Building Control) Cllr Boyden is liaising with English Heritage, for match funding.

Meeting closed at 3.36pm

