



# HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



## **DRAFT MINUTES**

Draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 10.15am at  
The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

1. **Meeting attendees:** *Cllrs. Inns, Fitzpatrick, Boyden, Loomes & Reading*
2. **Apologies for absence:** *Cllr. Bevan*
3. **Absentees:** *Cllr. Smith*
4. **Declaration of interest:** *None*
5. **Review of income & expenditure for the year 23/24 against budget:**  
*Income - £68,374.07                      Expenditure - £ 52,607.70*  
*Budget looked at in detail and whilst some areas are overspent, others are underspent. Clerk to tidy up budget groups and accounts for 24/25.*
6. **Bank – protection of money:** *Clerk informed PC that the money in the bank account is not fully protected. The balance currently held is over the £85,000 protected money. Option is to move part of the money to a second bank. Clerk to look into appropriate accounts and report to PC at full PC meeting in May.*
7. **Set dates for 24/25 meetings: Due to complex issues sometimes discussed within the Finance meeting, daytime meetings are proved to work better.**  
*May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11.00am*  
*August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm*  
*December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10.30am*
8. **Review of future projects for 24/25:**
  - a) Clock Tower repairs: £30,000 in budget. Work started. Clerk to hopefully get an update on remaining timescale within the next week.
  - b) Traffic calming: £108,799 in budget. No development with CBC traffic calming plans therefore the finance committee are in support of PC investing in replacement Speed Indicator Devices (SID's) for Village. PC to consider quotes and agree at next FPC meeting
  - c) Thrift Road Park - safety matting to toddler area & play panels: £3,000 to be accumulated. Work to be carried out as soon as ground is dry.

d) Hedge cutting at side & back of cemetery: £1,500 to be accumulated, to be carried out later in the year.

e) Hedge laying at Millennium Gardens: Cllr. HL still looking into whether this is possible, £500 to be accumulated if so.

f) Bryants Lane Car Park groundworks: The car park is in need of urgent repair work and should be carried out asap. Two quotes received, Clerk to obtain further quote. Cost of work quoted circa £5,000.

**9. Items for next agenda:**

*none*

Meeting closed at: 11.40am

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