



# HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 at 2pm at  
The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

1. **Meeting attendees:** Cllrs. Fitzpatrick, Boyden, Inns & Loomes
2. **Apologies for absence:** None
3. **Absentees:** Cllrs. Bevan & Smith
4. **Declaration of interest:** None
5. **Review of income & expenditure for first ¾ of year against budget:** Income & expenditure in line with budget figures.
6. **Prepare draft budget for 24/25:** Draft budget prepared and considered in depth. Budget to be presented at Full PC meeting in January for approval. Budget has been set at a level with no increase to residents Council Tax to cover precept.
7. **Consider Projects for 24/25 including current projects:**
  - a) **Clock Tower repairs:** Cllr Boyden is still in talks regarding Lottery funding towards cost of works, decision expected 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January. However, this is unlikely as it is seen as maintenance rather than restoration work. Clerk to speak to Furlong & Higgs regarding update on quote with a view to starting work Spring 2024.
  - b) **Traffic calming:** No further money to be accrued. PC continue to chase Cllr. Versallion & CBC for updates and proposed plans. In the event that there is no development, Cllr Boyden to research costs of new SID's. Clerk to arrange meeting with Andrew Selous to meet PC.
  - c) **Thrift Road Park - safety matting repairs to toddler area & new matting to play panels:** £3,000 to be accumulated to cover cost.
  - d) **Hedge cutting at back of cemetery:** £1,500 to be accumulated to cover cost.
  - e) **Wildflowers along Leighton Road, Pond up to Church:** This project to go ahead with minimal expenditure therefore does not need to be accrued in projects. Cllr. Loomes to oversee.
  - f) **Hedge laying at Millennium Gardens:** £500 to be accumulated. Cllr. Loomes seeking further quotes.
  - g) **Bryants Lane Car Park pothole filling repairs:** £5,000 to be accumulated to cover cost.

Date of next meetings for 2023/24 –  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Meeting closed at: 2.45pm

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