



Minutes

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Friday 27th March at 2pm in The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach.

1. Meeting attendees: *Cllrs. Inns, Reading, Bevan & Smith.*

2. Apologies for absence: *Cllrs. Ellis, White & Webb.*

3. Absentees: *None.*

4. Declaration of interest: *None.*

5. Review of income & expenditure against budget for 2025/2026: Accounts prepared up to and including 31st March 2026.

Income: £ 59,756.76

Expenditure: £ 49,785.26

6. Matter for discussion and resolution:

a) Review quotes for a new cremation area and provide instructions:

The Parish Council reviewed all three quotes—two written and one verbal—with prices ranging from £3,995.00 to £9,175.00. The Council agreed to proceed with the lowest quote. Clerk to instruct – IT WAS AGREED.

b) Dog off lead area – Many holes have appeared by animals digging. Consider quote for filling in holes: *Quoted price: £400.00. PC reviewed ground safety and will close off the area with signs immediately, then instruct repairs. New signs will politely request users not to let dogs dig – IT WAS AGREED.*

7. Review of projects and money in reserve:

	Currently holding:	Funds to be transferred:
a) Traffic calming: (£100,066.00)	£100,066.00	0
b) Precept: (£12,039.67)	£ 11,689.00	- £350.67
c) Cemetery back hedge & LHS (£1,500.00) x 3	£ 500.00	- £500.00
d) Pathway into Thrift Road (£1,200.00)	£ 0	-£ 1,200.00
e) New cremation area (£9,100.00)	£ 0	0
f) Elections: (£3,500.00)	£ 3,500.00	0
g) Clock Tower Service agreement (£993.00) x 3	£ 0	-£ 331.00
h) New village entrance sign (£2,000.00)	£ 0	-£2,000.00
i) Little Fishes storage unit (£180.00)	£ 180.00	0
j) Speed Watch signs (£246.00)	£ 246.00	0
k) Millennium Gardens (£510.00)	£ 510.00	0

8. Items for next agenda: *None.*

9. Confirm dates of Finance Committee meetings for 2026/2027:

June 26th 2026, September 25th 2026, December 18th 2026, March 26th 2027

Meeting closed at: 3pm

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