



HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes

Minutes of the Heath & Reach Parish Council Sports & Recreation Committee held on Monday 2nd December 2024 (following the Full PC Meeting) at The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

1. a) Meeting Attendees: *Cllrs. Bevan, Fitzpatrick, Boyden, Inns, Reading & Gell.*
b) Apologies: *Cllr. Smith.*
c) Absentees: *None.*
2. Declaration of interest: *None.*
3. Review of income & expenditure:
a) Income: £9,379.49 Expenditure: £11,886.21
Clerk is very confident that expenditure will be covered by income at end of financial year.
4. Matters for discussion/resolution:
None.
5. Consider projects for 2025/2026:
*Dog off lead area maintenance –
This area was initially considered as a positive asset for the Village, helping elderly residents exercise dogs and allowing for personal dog training. The intention was never for the use of professional dog walkers. As noted recently, 3 professional dog walkers with 11 dogs between them allowed the dogs to abuse the ground with no interest in discouraging them. Badgers and deer also dig and nothing can be done to stop this. Options are to take fence down/ take gate away which would cause a lot of disappointment. Fill holes once and see if it financially viable?
Clerk to obtain price for monthly maintenance to consider within draft budget at Finance meeting.
JB offered to go and speak to people if seen abusing field. DF pointed out she should not put herself in a situation where she may get abused.*
6. AOB/Items for next agenda:
Future of Bryants Lane Sports Field.

Meeting closed at: 7.55pm

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