

FINANCE WORKING GROUP MEETING

Held 18 August 2015 at The Old Court Hotel

Present J Smith-Milne (Chairman) G Hiscox S McInerney and Clerk K Shilton

Notes from the meeting.

1. New Format for the Finance Review

A new appraisal of the income and spend was discussed and agreed allocating the finances into sections. J Smith-Milne and the Clerk will prepare the first draft.

2. Review of First Quarter Finances

The Clerk reviewed the income and spend for the first quarter April to June 2015 of our financial year which will be added to the new format report.

3. Play Area

It was agreed that this subject should be once again discussed at the next PC meeting 8 September 2015 to define immediate actions and what spend should be allocated from our Precept for this financial year.

4. Tourist Maps

It was highlighted that these maps were now in need of repair and also that the present locations should be given further consideration. It was proposed that the information could be made more useful for visitors and Ordinance Survey maps could be used with the assistance of Roger Smith. These could highlight footpaths relative to the various locations. The 3 Red Telephone Boxes could also be included in this programme. The finance working group will request comments from the Parish Council members.

5. Herefordshire Council Budget Review Consultation

With the warnings from Herefordshire Council of further future reductions to budgets over the next years ahead the finance working group recommend that the Parish Council consider increasing certain elements of our precept to maintain standards within our Parish and take this into account when the pc budget for 2016/2017 is being discussed.

It is important that this information is made as widely known as possible to our Parish residents and request their views and opinions. It was agreed as well as our website and Village News this should also be highlighted in the next Newsletter .

Regards

Keith