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**Minutes of the Bluntisham Finance Committee Meeting
Monday 16th January 2017 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Mill Lane,
Bluntisham**

Present: Mrs Philippa Hope, Mrs Margaret Lumb, Mr Alan Moules, Mr Mark Berg & Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk)

Also present – Mrs Joan Gutteridge

	<p>Open Forum: Mrs Joan Gutteridge questioned the £30 payment for bus shelter cleaning for December. The clerk advised it was for 3 cleans as there was 5 weeks in the month. She questioned the budget for 17/18 – allotment £100 what is this for? The clerk responded with water and ad-hoc expenditure. She asked why the grass cutting had reduced to £1100 for this year – the clerk responded with this is the expenditure based on the grounds persons contract for grass cutting in the village and the additional work to the flowerbeds around the hall is within the gardener on the village hall budget. Finally she raised concern with paying G Cox and not Upwood Tree Services for the hedge cutting. The clerk confirmed this has always been the case and G Cox is a sole trader without a bank account in the name of Upwood Tree Services. The Finance committee do not see a problem with this.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 8.10pm</p>	
43	Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda – None.	
44	Apologies for absence – Mr Martin Crowhurst, Mrs Cynthia Curtis, Mr Rob Gore	
45	Minutes of the Finance meeting dated 14th November 2016 to be approved and signed – Minutes approved and signed by Mrs Margaret Lumb. (<i>Proposed Mr Alan Moules Seconded Mr Mark Berg . All agreed</i>)	
46	Bank reconciliation to be reviewed and signed – the bank reconciliation for November & December was signed by Mrs Philippa Hope and Mr Alan Moules. No queries were raised.	
47	<p>2016/17 review accounts to include village hall – the clerk shared the breakdown of income for the village hall for 15/16 as follows:</p> <p>Regular hire £13051.18 Ad-hoc hire £7752.81 Football £2010.00 Cricket £2330.70 Refreshments £972.00</p> <p>Total income excluding doctors rent and fundraising £26116.69</p> <p>The accounts will be over budget by approximately £4,000 due to the purchase of the new mower as raised with the full council. The overall budget should be less with the additional income from the village hall. It was highlighted that the accounts can accommodate this expenditure without using the reserves and is a reflection on the excellent budgeting.</p>	
48	Any other matters for consideration – the clerk asked if an account could be set up with Majestic wine for the alcohol to be purchased and delivered FOC for the forthcoming events. The Chairman signed the paperwork.	
49	Date of next meeting – Monday 27 th March 2017 8pm	

Meeting closed 20.45pm