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**Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm at Bluntisham Village Hall**

**Present:** Chair: Mrs Joan Gutteridge, Mrs Cynthia Curtis, Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Gary James  
**Also Present:** Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk)

		Action
	<b>Open Forum.</b> No members of the public attended.	
<b>199</b>	<b>Dispensation Request Forms and decision given</b> – None received.	
<b>200</b>	<b>Declaration of interest for items on the agenda</b> - None.	
<b>201</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> – None.	
<b>202</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014.</b> The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. ( <i>Proposed Mr Gary James, seconded Mrs Kathy Searle. All agreed.</i> )	
<b>203</b>	<b>Bank reconciliation to be signed.</b> The chairman checked and signed the bank reconciliations for August, September and October 2014.	
<b>204</b>	<b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b> - None	
<b>205</b>	<b>Doctors Lease – 2015 onwards.</b> The clerk updated the committee on the decision to continue with the doctor’s lease at a reduced rate for the next two years. The lease is being drawn up and the budget has been amended to reflect the reduction in the income. The clerk is confident that additional income from village hall bookings will cover any shortfall, however, the HMC agreed that the rebate from the overpayment of Business Rates should be used to cover this for the next two years.	Clerk
<b>206</b>	<b>2015-16 Budget and precept.</b> The clerk is to add a column to the village hall budget showing the earmarked reserves of £5900 for the doctors rent, in case the hall income isn’t sufficient. The clerk is to add the new footpath costs of £6000 to the parish council earmarked reserves in case the grant application is rejected. The budget was approved and the precept agreed of £92,827 which is a 5% increase by the finance committee and is to be ratified by the full council on 8 December. ( <i>Proposed Mr Gary James, seconded Mrs Cynthia Curtis. All agreed.</i> )	Clerk
<b>207</b>	<b>Any other matters for consideration</b> - None	
<b>208</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> – Monday 19 January 2015	

Meeting closed at 8.05pm