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**Minutes of the Bluntisham Finance Committee Meeting
Monday 18th January 2016 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Mill Lane,
Bluntisham**

Present: Mr Gary James, Mrs Philippa Hope, Mrs Anne Parsons, Mr Rob Gore, Mr Alan Moules, Mrs Tracey Davidson (Clerk),

	Open Forum: There were no public at the meeting and nothing to discuss in the open forum.	
269	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda –.None.	
270	Apologies for absence – Mrs Kathy Searle	
271	Minutes of the Finance meeting dated 9th November 2015 to be approved and signed – Minutes approved and signed by Mr Rob Gore. (<i>Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope Seconded Mr Gary James. All agreed</i>)	
272	Bank reconciliation to be reviewed and signed – the bank reconciliation for November & December was reviewed by all and signed by Mr Rob Gore. No queries were raised. (<i>Proposed Mr Alan Moules, seconded Mr Gary James. All agreed.</i>)	
273	Budget Review – it was noted that the additional energy bill received from Southern Electric has made the overspend on this line much higher than expected. The clerk is obtaining quotes from other energy suppliers to see if the cost can be reduced. It was agreed for the clerk to investigate solar panel options. The budget is still looking to generate a surplus of £4000 by the end of the financial year.	Clerk
274	CCLA – Local Authority Property Fund – the clerk shared information on property funds as an option for investment. It was agreed the clerk is to invite Mr Mark Davies to the next finance meeting for the committee to find out more detail on the options available before presenting to the full council. Mr Rob Gore advised that if the PC continues to keep the money sitting in the bank for the next 5 years the value of the money will have dropped, therefore it is important that the PC offers a duty of care to the parishioners with their precept.	Clerk
275	PayPal – village hall deposits – the clerk advised that due to cheques being more obsolete and also not a secure method for a deposit an alternative solution to a quick and efficient turn-around of deposit payments is needed for the village hall bookings. It was agreed for the clerk to find out more details from the following organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unity trust bank – online payments in and out • Santander – online payments in and out • Barclays Ping It – option to pay in and out via a mobile phone 	Clerk
276	Any other matters for consideration – none.	
277	Date of next meeting – 22 nd February 2016 at 8pm.	

Meeting closed 8.45pm