



MEMBERSHIP:  
Cllr C. Foxall  
Cllr R. Harrison  
Cllr S. Rymer  
Cllr P. Braiden  
Cllr S. Hersom  
Cllr A. Baker

**MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

**Present:** Cllr Foxall Cllr Harrison Cllr Baker  
Cllr Rymer Cllr Hersom

**In attendance:** Vanessa Lawrence, Roz Morton (Clerks), Cllr  
O'Connell, 1 x MOP

**F36 /26 To consider and accept apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Braiden and were accepted.

**25F37 25/26 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**  
None received

**F38 25/26 To approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Rymer, seconded Cllr Hersom - 5 in favour, 1 abstention.

**F39 25/26 Clerks' and Chairman's report**  
The Chairman reported that looking at Data Security checks, should be held back for the time being in order for us to assess exactly what we currently have. We are currently looking at IT security and have received two quotes. He also reported on the broken glass panel in the glass walkway of the Community Centre. A claim has yet to be submitted to the insurance company as we have been waiting for a structural engineers findings on the main structure.

**F40 25/26 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation, if members of the public are present – there is a 5-minute time limit.**  
N/A

**F41 25/26 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation**  
N/A

**F42 25/26 To receive the Cashbook for July & August 2025**  
The cashbooks for July and August were received with no comment.

**F43 25/26 To consider and agree the Reconciliation figures at the end of July & August 2025**  
It was **RESOLVED** to agree reconciliation figures for July. Proposed Cllr Rymer, seconded Cllr Hersom – all in favour. The Clerk reported that the reconciliation figures for August had not yet been completed, but would be circulated on completion and taken to Full Council for agreement.

**ACTION: Clerk to circulate reconciliation figures for August on completion and to add both July and August to Agenda for Full Council meeting.**

**F44 25/26 To receive the Income & Expenditure figures against budget to end of August 2025**  
The income and expenditure figures against budget were received with no comment.

**F45 25/26 To consider possible Precept for 2026/27.**  
The Chair reported as follows:

- He has been looking at inflation figures over the past 12 months and the effect this would have on possible Precept figure.
- He is proposing that in order to keep services such as W4W and Youth Provision it would be advisable to include this under the Precept which would mean a substantial increase. As a result of this consultation with the community would be the best way of dealing with this. It was noted that other Councils, such as Cam, Dursley, Cirencester and Stroud have already precepted for youth provision and other important facilities.
- It was noted that the Lottery grant received for a 3 year period is now in year 2 and there is no guarantee that we could obtain further funding from this source for the future.

The Chair asked members for their thoughts on:-

1. Should W4W and Youth provision be precepted?
2. Should we bring in any increase to the precept gradually
3. What level of increase ?

Variations on figures would be worked out and discussed at the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for Full Council as an update and to add to Agenda for next Finance meeting. Clerk to contact The Door to ask for a 3 year forecast.**

**F46 25/26 To consider and agree Earmarked reserves for 2025/26**  
The Chair pointed out that these reserves can be adjusted as required. He also reminded Cllrs that the £100k listed under general reserves/precept reserves has to be held in order to comply with regulations. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to

agree Earmarked reserves for 2025/26. Proposed Cllr Hersom, seconded Cllr Harrison – all in favour.

**F47 25/26 To consider and agree to approve DRAFT new community grant policy**

Discussion took place regarding CIL money and grants and adopting two possible grant frameworks being the usual up to £1000 grant to slightly larger grants to be considered on a case by case basis. The Chair stressed that the grants policy could be withdrawn as and when required and that the policy should be reviewed on an annual basis. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Community grant policy to be recommended to Full Council. The Chair requested that a member of the W & E Committee attends meetings when grants are to be considered. Proposed Cllr Hersom, seconded Cllr Baker – all in favour.

**ACTION: Clerk to add recommendation to the Agenda for Full Council**

**F48 25/26 To consider and agree to pass on the village of the year award to W4W (£2k)**

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to pass on the village of the year award to W4W. Proposed Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Rymer – all in favour.

**ACTION: Clerk to arrange payment.**

**F49 25/26 To formally approve expenditure for the Keble Alley resurfacing – (total for FTC is £6445)**

The Clerk reported that the total cost of the project is £19945 exc. VAT. £13.5k has been awarded to the Council as grants from CDC and GCC, leaving a balance of £6445. Cllrs agreed that these funds should come from CIL money received. Proposed Cllr Hersom, seconded Cllr Rymer – 5 in favour, 1 abstention.

**F50 25/26 To formally approve expenditure for one seat for the Walnut Tree Field – (£1005 exc VAT)**

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure for one seat for the Walnut Tree Field. Proposed Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Rymer – all in favour.

**ACTION: Clerk to place order**

**F51 25/26 To formally approve opening of other savings accounts.**

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that trying to open a business savings account has proved very difficult, however, she has approached a few banks/buildings societies who can offer suitable accounts. It was **RESOLVED** to open savings accounts where possible. Proposed Cllr Rymer, seconded Cllr Baker – all in favour.

**ACTION: Clerk to continue with applications to suitable banking organisations and to report back to Finance Committee**

**F52 25/26 To consider and agree recommendation to Full Council to consider holding a public consultation for funding W4W and Youth provision under precept.**

In relation to F45 above, it was agreed that this would be a recommendation to Full Council for formal approval.

**ACTION: See item F45 above**

**F53 25/26 To note Works & Events wish list which is being compiled and will be presented in the future for consideration and approval.**

Cllr O'Connell as chair of the Works & Events Committee confirmed that a 'wish list' is being compiled of items that might be approved as future projects. When the list has been completed and the W & E Committee has considered this it will be sent to the Finance Committee for consideration. This list would be reviewed annually and this would be rolled out as a '5 year plan', with items prioritised. Cllr O'Connell asked the Finance Committee to let the committee know if they had any thoughts for future projects. It had been previously discussed to have a monthly review of W& E expenditure against budget.

**F54 25/26 Other matters the Chair considers urgent**

Nil of note

**F55 25/26 Date of next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (if required)**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.**

**Chairman.....**

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