



GREAT HORKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025 AT GREAT HORKESLEY NEW VILLAGE HALL AT 10.30AM

Those present:

Cllr G Baker (Chairman - arrived late)
Cllr C Arnold
Cllr M Mead
Cllr P Tempest

F24/18 Chairman's Welcome

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman Cllr Arnold welcomed everyone to the meeting.

F24/19 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

No apologies were received.

F24/20 Declaration of Interests

No member declared an interest in respect of any item of business on this agenda.

F24/21 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held 12th November 2024 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

F24/22 Q3 Accounts

Members reviewed the accounts as at 31st December 2024 for the Third Quarter of the 2024/25 financial year. The Clerk answered questions put forward by Cllr Baker prior to the meeting. The accounts were approved and signed.

Cllr Baker joined the meeting.

F24/23 Budget & Precept

Members discussed the draft budget and precept for the 2025/26 financial year. Cllr Baker asked the Clerk to explain the reasons for some of the Village Hall figures. Cllr Mead checked that the salary figures included a pay rise for staff, in accordance with the NALC recommended pay scales.

Cllr Arnold recommended that an additional £100 be added to account code 4600, to cover a grant to support the Dedham Vale National Landscape Project.

Cllr Tempest stated that Cllr Burns-Langton suggested an increased amount to be budgeted for the Village Christmas Tree. Members felt that further information was required in order to increase the figure of £350 currently in the budget.

It was unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr Baker) to approve the draft budget for recommendation to Full Council, subject to increasing account code 4600 by £100.

Members reviewed the precept amount for the 2025/26 financial year.

It was unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr Baker) that it be recommended to Full Council that £20,000 of reserves be used to support the budget for the next financial year, and that the precept be set at £44.55.

F24/24 Regular DD Payments

It was unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr Arnold) that the list of regular payments made by Direct Debit for the year ahead, circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting, be recommended to Full Council for approval.

F24/25 Recommendations to Full Council

There were no other matters for recommendation to Full Council.

F24/26 Next Meetings of the Finance Committee

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 at 10.30am.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.44am.