

Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026

Present: Councillor, Mrs. C Thomas (Chair)

Councillors, Mrs P Mulholland, Mrs. L Willis, T Threlfall, Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. J Atherton,
Mrs. D Dickinson, A Smith & Mrs. N Griffiths.

1) To Accept Apologies for absence.

Councillors K McKay – (Recovering from an operation).

Mrs. F Craig-Wilson – (Unwell).

T Fiddler – (No reason).

It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.

2) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

None.

3) To review the Salary of the Administration staff.

It was resolved that there will be a 2% increase in the salaries of the Administration staff with effect from 1st April 2026.

4) To Review the Contracts for the Open Spaces Contractors.

It was resolved that we will grant a 5 year contract to both our Open Spaces Contractors. There will be no increase in payment which will be reviewed at the next Finance meeting in January 2027.

5) To consider how to fund the Windfarm Project.

It was resolved to continue to support the Windfarm Project however any further funds required will need discussing at the Parish Council Meetings as and when necessary.

6) To agree the Precept Budget, including Open Spaces expenditure, for 2026-27.

It was resolved to set a Precept budget of £117,960 for the 2026-27 Precept budget.

7) To consider any Capital expenditure proposals for 2026-2027.

It was resolved that the following should continue with commitment for Capital expenditure in 2026/27
Windfarm Project up to £10,000 - £3975 remaining from 2026.

It was resolved that, at this point in time, the Council is still committed to paying its portion of the match funding for the Play-zone Project (£28,150). Grants ring fenced £10,000.

Signed Cllr Pam Mulholland

Date 2nd February 2026