

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025

Councillors in Attendance: Phill Crutcher, William Harmsworth, Bill Kear.

Apologies for absence: John Mckenzie-Sage, Richard Tyson-Davies.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR

William Harmsworth was duly elected as chair of the finance committee and Bill Kear appointed as vice-chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. REVIEW EXPENDITURE AND BALANCE SHEET FOR FIRST QUARTER 2025/26.

Councillors reviewed the spend to date and compared to the allocated budget figure which was agreed in the preceding financial year.

Each budget line was discussed with the following points noted:

- 2nd half of precept will be received September/October.
- Website & email costs saving when compared to previous year and package bought for 2 year period. Action – research options for good value packages.
- Training costs were significantly higher than was budgeted for due to the CiLCA course the clerk is undertaking which was decided after the budget meeting.
- Training courses for councillors to be encouraged and as the new chair Phill Crutcher to attend the chairman course through Mulberrys.
- Allotment water is metered – Action meter to be read as last bill was an estimate. Allotment holders reminded to be responsible with the use of water and this will be monitored.
- No income from allotment rents – to be received next month by BACs.
- VAS sign – money still on account. Purchase of second VAS sign still under discussion.
- Grant for Trig Street project – an amount of £2000 was awarded. RTD applied for this grant and further details need to be confirmed i.e. time restraints for monies to be spent.
- Brocus grass cutting to be included for next year's budget.
- Brickwork project to be included for next year's budget and consider where to spend the donations received so far from residents.
- CiL monies to be spent within 5 years of receipt.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 3RD NOVEMBER 2025.

Chairman

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