



SOUTH PETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at the William Blake Memorial Hall, South Petherton on **Monday 2nd March 2026** at 6.30pm when the following business was conducted:

PRESENT: Cllrs R Killen (Chairman), N Wakely, S Carp, S Gold, T New, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk. 2 members of the public were present. Cllrs Richards, Hodson-Wright and Swainson were in attendance although not members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public present at the meeting.

FGP1.1 To receive and agree apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr R Brown. Cllr A Dance was absent.

FGP1.2 To receive any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

FGP1.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 1st December 2025.

The members unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting which the Chairman signed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0

FGP1.4 Matters for report purposes only.

(a) To receive and note the January 2026 all bank reconciliations and receipt list

Noted and agreed.

(b) To note the Barn Store costs increase from April 2026

Cost increase noted. Following a brief discussion, Councillors tasked the Clerk with establishing what was in storage and if the items could be accommodated in private storage to minimize costs.

Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0

(c) To note and confirm the Scribe Year End health check report

Noted and agreed.

FGP1.5 Items for debate and decision.

(a) **Rental agreements – debate and decide what uplifts if, any and to which organisations**

Following debate, it was proposed that all the rental agreements potentially be uplifted by 5% (or £20) at the appropriate break clause, with the exception of the Scout Group. Clerk to calculate and re-present to the Finance and General Purpose Committee before further action. Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0

(b) **Lift or continue with the Parish Council's current vexatious policy**

Following a short debate, it was proposed that the vexatious policy be lifted.

Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0

(c) **Consider the request from the Blake Hall Committee for £346.64 contribution to SP Christmas lights electricity**

Agreed. Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0

(d) **To confirm delegated responsibility to the Chairman of Finance to confirm the bank reconciliation at year end of 31st March for one day, given that the April meeting is actually on 30th March to cover any transactions coming in on 31st March. In preparation for internal auditors report coming in May.**

Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0.

(e) **Note items of expenditure and confirm March Payments list**

Agreed. Proposed and seconded. 5-0-0

FGP 1.6 Other matters referred to the Clerk

There were no other matters referred to the Clerk.

FGP 1.7 Date of next meeting – Monday 1st June 2026 at The William Blake Memorial Hall, South Petherton

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Meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed:

Date:

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