



Chairman: Rob Jones

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday 13th January 2025 in Charvil Village Hall at 8pm

Present Stephen Lucas, (Chair), Matt Walker, Isabelle Bray, Rob Jones, and Lee Cripps
Apologies for Absence
Absent

25/102 OPEN FORUM - an opportunity for residents to raise urgent matters of concern – no residents were present.

To Approve the Minutes from the meeting on 29th April 2024 and 30th September 2024

It was resolved to approve these, which was passed unanimously.

25/103 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CLERK – there were no declarations of interest.

To review the Bank Reconciliations against the Bank Statements

Councillor Bray will review these.

25/104 Resolution to exclude members of the press and public due to the confidential nature of the following agenda items – This was unanimously approved.

25/105 To consider the draft budgets for the Parish Council and approve a final draft version to put before the Council at the Full Council meeting

The clerk had provided two versions of the budget, one assuming that there will be a pre-school, and one assuming there will not. The Committee decided that as there was not a lot of difference between the two versions, the aspiration should be to support the provision of a pre-school in the village, so it was agreed to go with the budget that assumes the pre-school will come to fruition. One of the costs associated with the pre-school would be a fence to provide a secure play area, and so it was agreed that the precept should reflect the extra costs associated with this. Other major projects planned for the year include the resurfacing of the Village Hall car park, solar panels for the pavilion and re-colouring of the tennis courts. However, the major project is the refurbishment of the East Park Farm playground, and the plan is to use the remaining Community Infrastructure Levy on this, plus any grants the Council can secure. To allow the Council to achieve its ambitions for the year, it was agreed to increase the Council's net spending to over £220,000.

25/106 To approve a recommended precept level to put to Full Council for 2025-26

It was resolved to agree a recommendation of an increase in the precept of 10.8%, to £130,455, or £8.61 for a Band D property, which was passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm