



**Minutes of the Parish Council Finance Committee held at Kirdford Village Hall  
on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs A. Gillett  
Cllr Mr T. Brooks  
Cllr Mr A Persson  
Cllr Mr T Piedade

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None received

**2. Public Participation**

A short update on the Village Hall refurbishment was given by the Village Hall Committee.

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

None received.

**4. Internal Audit**

The AGAR Audit Report was noted.

**5. Accounts 2024-2025**

The current and projected year-end financial positions were noted and agreed.

**6. Objectives 2023-2024**

The objective for the next 5 years were reviewed.

Update to "Provide Wildlife Area" - add: Identify land that is unregistered, locate owner otherwise attempt to procure land, for future wildlife sanctuaries. Other existing objectives were updated with completed or % completed.

**7. Precept 2024-2025**

The precept was reviewed, and it was agreed we should increase the precept by 2% to bring it to a minimum of £85,680. New properties will come online within the next 6 months from the Plaistow Road development. In January, CDC will share the Precept figures based on the number of properties within the Parish, we can then calculate the new precept, including the new properties, therefore keeping the tax burden on existing property owners relatively flat.

**Precept Budget**

It was agreed:

Increase all cost centres by 2%

Remove playground maintenance from the allocation budget and add it under the Maintenance Cost Code within the precept budget.

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**8. Allocated Budget 2025-2026**

To resolve 2025-2026 budget and reserve funds in line with agreed objectives. To present at next full Council meeting.

It was agreed:

- Neighbourhood Plan Review – Roll over the current balance £40k)
- Planning Support Services – Roll over the current balance (currently £25,251.17)
- Play Equipment Maintenance – Move to the Maintenance Cost Code under the Precept Budget
- Environmental Concerns/Equipment - Roll over the current balance (£11,520)
- Village Improvement Fund – Roll over the current balance (£4,800)
- Great Common Pavilion Rebuild – Reduce the amount to balance the figures at end of year
- Village Hall Extension – Reduce the current balance (currently £32,652.12) by £21,000 as this needs to be redirected to the Village Hall Roof replacement fund
- Unallocated funds – Allow 20% of Precept
- Bonfire night – Increase budget in 2025 to £2,000 to allow for toilet facilities.

**9. Investment Strategy**

The Investment Strategy was reviewed and updated to show correct figures and dates.

**10. Public Participation**

None

**11. Confidential Matters**

None

*Amanda Gillett*  
Chairman

*21.10.24*  
Date