

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting

18th February 2025 at 7:30pm

St Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover HP22 6JG

Present: Councillors Gallagher (Chair), O'Donnell, Walker and Worth

Clerk and Minutes: Andy Smith

Members of Public: 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

F24/74 Apologies were received and **ACCEPTED** from Cllr Goodall

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

F24/75 None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

F24/76 A member of the public highlighted that Lindengate is not in Wendover and the majority of the clients and volunteers are not from Wendover. It is a national charity and whilst their website does not show current accounts the Charity Commission Accounts from 2023 show the charity to be well provisioned. The member of public pointed out that they deeply respect the work the charity does, which is excellent but that with scarce resources grant money should concentrate on more Wendover focused causes.

4. MINUTES

F24/77 The minutes of the Finance Committee 19th November 2024 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE

F24/78 None

6. STATE OF THE FINANCE AND REPORTS

F24/79 **Review of the I&E report, EMRs and balance sheet for Jan 2025**

The report was reviewed and comments on LPM income and the streetlighting electricity noted. The I&E was noted that it covered a different time frame than the Balance Sheet, which was a more up to date snapshot.

F24/80 **To review the over £1000 report and VAT reclaim for Oct-Dec 2024**

The report was reviewed and noted.

F24/81 **To review the bank reconciliations for Nov 2024-Jan 2025**

The reconciliations reports were reviewed and noted.

F24/82 **To review the end of year projections**

The end of year projections were reviewed and it was noted that there should be a small end of year surplus.

F24/83 **To receive an update on project costs up to Jan 2025**

The report was reviewed and noted.

F24/84 **To review the Flagstone account statements**

The report was reviewed and noted.

F24/85 To review the internal control checklist

The report was reviewed and noted.

F24/86 To receive an update on the LGPS pension fund deficit and cessation value

It was NOTED that discussions had been had with the Buckinghamshire Council Pension Team. A report will cost £2250 and we have two options, a final cessation figure or indicative figure. The worry is that a cessation figure will only support a cessation decision and the indicative figure may not be accurate to make a cessation decision and we may need to get another report at additional cost so we are seeking further guidance before committing the expenditure.

7. OTHER MATTERS

a) Major Grant Requests

F24/87 Wendover Shed Association

It was noted that the bid needed further details before a decision could be made. It was further noted that the Shed does good work and we would, in principle, like to support this request. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would work with the group to get more information to bring to the full Council

F24/88 Wendover Dementia Society

The application was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to provide the money for this project and the grant of £3,480 was approved under the Local Government Act 1972 s137.

F24/89 Lindengate

The comments from the member of the public were taken into consideration. It would require further information on the application, specifically how this project can be demonstrated that it will only benefit Wendover residents. We will require further financial information to find out why reserves are not being used to cover this cost. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk will find out this additional information before bringing it back to a meeting.

b) Minor Grant Requests

F24/90 Wendover Ashbrook Allotments

It was noted that this was for an organic composting toilet. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application of £1000 under the Local Government Act 1972 s.137.

c) Standing Grant Requests

F24/91 St Mary's Churchyard

it was noted that we are not looking at withdrawing support, but further information is required. It was **RESOLVED** to progress the details of the support in negotiation with the Church.

F24/92 Wendover Youth Centre

It was noted that there is not a Parish Councillor representative on their board and that would be helpful in our relationship. It was further noted we should continue to support this organisation. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application and to recommend to full council for approval. It was further **RESOLVED** to look at updated financial information and our relationship with the board at the meeting of full Council.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

F24/93 No specific items were noted

9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

F24/94 The meeting on Tue 20th May 2025 was noted. It was further noted that agenda items would need to be with the office by 12 noon on Mon 12th May 2025.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

F24/95 As all business was transacted the meeting was closed at: 20:10

Signed by *Francis Tipper*

Chair to the Finance Committee

Date: 20th May 2025