



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of Tatworth and Forton Parish Council held on 9th January 2025 at 7pm at St John's Church Rooms, Tatworth

Present: Chairman Councillor C Brown, Councillors P Chapple, R Down, L Matthey.

Clerk Nigel Tinley

There was one member of the public and no Press present.

The member of the public was invited to speak regarding matters outside the Agenda but declined.

AGENDA

01/25 Apologies for Absence

Councillor K Patay – Bereavement

Councillor P Rosser – Illness

02/25 Declarations of interest

None.

03/25 To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 21st November 2024

Proposed by Councillor L Matthey, Seconded by Councillor P Chapple. All in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on 21st November 2024 be signed as a correct record.

04/25 To approve Finance Committee Terms of Reference and Risk Assessment

Proposed by Councillor R Down, Seconded by Councillor L Matthey. All in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee's Terms of Reference and Risk Assessment have been approved and are recommended to the Full Council for adoption.

05/25 Approve draft budgets/precept for 2025-26 for recommendation to Full Council

After due consideration Councillor C Brown proposed a budget for 2025-26 of £89,740. This is an increase of £13,090 from last year which will cover the new costs from Somerset Council for dog bin removal, the maintenance of St John's Churchyard and planned improvements to Parish amenities. Seconded by Councillor L Matthey. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The Finance Committee will recommend to the Full Council the budget of £89,740.

After anticipated income from the cemetery, allotments and interest there will be a shortfall of £75,390. The Clerk has calculated that there could be a surplus from 2024-25 of about £5000. The Committee considered using that anticipated surplus or our reserves to reduce the precept.

Proposed by Councillor P Chapple, Seconded by Councillor C Brown. All in favour.

RESOLVED: The Finance Committee will recommend to the Full Council a precept of £71,390 which is an 8.87% increase for a Band D property. An annual increase of £5.71.

06/25 Date of Next Meeting 20th February 2025