



TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of Tatworth and Forton Parish Council held on 12th February 2026 at 7pm at St John's Church Rooms, Tatworth

Present: Chairman Councillor: C Brown, Councillors P Chapple, R Down, L Matthey, and K Patay

Clerk Nigel Tinley

There was one member of the public and no Press present. The member of the public was invited to speak about any item not already on the Agenda but declined.

09/26 Apologies for Absence

Councillor M Rees – Illness
Councillor R Jacobs – Holiday
Councillor S Adams – Another meeting

10/26 Declarations of interest

Councillor L Matthey has a pecuniary interest in item 13/26 and will leave the room.

11/26 To approve and sign as a correct record Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 8th January 2026

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

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on 8th January 2026 be signed as a correct record.

12/26 Verification of reconciled balances up to 10th February and report of finances against Budgets up to 10th February 2026

The Clerk produced and explained the financial report covering the 11-month period with the anticipated year-end figures.

It was noted that staffing, cemetery and open spaces will exceed the budget whilst administration, finance and community will be below budget. Overall, the figures should be 92% of the Parish target.

The extra income from the cemetery above budget covers all but £331 of the cemetery overspend.

It is anticipated that there will be a £6,226 surplus rather than a £4,000 loss

The bank balance at year end is anticipated to be £123,000.

There was a question concerning open spaces overspend that the Clerk was able to clarify.

Councillor R Jacobs will call into the office to verify and sign the reconciled balances.

13/26 An update on our interest in Perry Street Club fields

Before Councillor Matthey left the room he read out an email that was sent to the Clerk that morning but not received.

Councillor Matthey left the room

The email granted permission for the Parish Council to appoint a Valuer onto the land in question. The email also explained the terms and conditions and the amount the Club was hoping to obtain from the sale of the land. The Committee was dismayed. It was also noted that the original expression of interest was to protect the land for social housing but the Council is now aware of a development at Dyke Hill for 95 social and part ownership housing.

The matter is being referred back to the Full Council.

Councillor Matthey returned to the meeting

14/26 To approve for recommendation to Full Council the year end earmarked reserves

The Committee discussed the current earmarked reserves against plans and needs for 2026-27.

It was assumed that the Full Council would not want to proceed with the Perry Street Club land purchase.

Proposed by Councillor C Brown, Seconded by Councillor K Patay. 4 in favour, 1 against.

Election expenses	£1,000	
Jubilee Field	£2,500	To cover additional work if needed.
Coombses Pond	£3,000	In case a large project needs funding
Parish improvements and repairs	£7,500	
Somerset Devolution of services	£12,500	Somerset will start talking to Parishes next year
Community Infrastructure Levy	£5,899	Solar panel speed indicator device
Tatworth Cemetery	£17,124	Running of cemetery
Tatworth Cemetery expansion, planning and infrastructure	£33,000	Planning permission cost and initial infrastructure costs
Ecological/biodiversity	£4,000	To improve the Parish

	£86,523	
Balance item 6 months precept	£37,329	
	£123,852	Anticipated year end balance

The Clerk reminded the Committee that only the Full Council can authorise expenditure from an earmarked reserve.

RESOLVED: The Finance Committee will recommend these earmarked reserves to the Full Council.

15/26 Open discussions regarding the renewal of the Term Deposit maturing on the 30th April. Final discission needed at our next meeting

This item was deferred to the next meeting when final discussions on Perry Street Club have taken place and the renewal interest rate known.

16/26 The Clerk to update the committee on receipts received from 2025 grant list

The Clerk has chased and most invoices have been received. He will monitor the 3 outstanding and chase if needed.

17/26 Date Next Meeting 23rd April 2026

Meeting closed 8:20pm