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PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Finance & Governance Committee Meeting
Chanctonbury Room, Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, RH20 3PP
on Wednesday 28th January at 6:30pm**

Present: Cllrs Peter Meadows (Committee Chair), John Loney, Andy Castle, Brian Sadler and Bill Aitkenhead.

Members of the public: Eight

Minutes: Rebecca Luckin – Clerk

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

a) Cllr Aitkenhead **proposed** that the minutes of the meeting of 22nd December 2025 be approved as a correct record of the meeting. **Seconded** by Cllr Sadler. **Agreed.**

4. Matters arising

All matters actioned.

5. Public Participation - Members of the Public may comment on items on the agenda

a) A member of the public asked if all documents regarding the budget would be published, including spreadsheets from a previous meeting. The Chair confirmed that a consolidated version would be published in due course.

6. Committee to note HDC CIL fund reports

a) Committee members noted CIL reports from HDC, including a £10,000 reduction in the value of CIL to be received in the next financial year, leading to a necessary adjustment in the draft budget for 26/27. Cllr Castle advised that the reduction was due to a change in the proposed development – a self-build that does not attract a CIL contribution.

7. Committee to consider and agree regarding transfer from CIL reserves in the current budget

a) Cllr Aitkenhead explained that the largest expenditure from CIL would be improvements to the Football Pavilion, to ensure that it would be fit for purpose and could be used as overspill accommodation for the Leisure Centre. He reported that the Football Pavilion was 20 years out of date, with little money having been spent on it. Investment will allow for it to be used 100% of the time. Improvements will cost in the region of £45,000.

Cllr Sadler **proposed** that the Finance & Governance Committee make recommendation to Full Council regarding the transfer of CIL Reserves to the General Reserve for this financial year – total value - £59,000. **Seconded** by Cllr Loney. **Agreed.**

PCSO Robinson arrived at 6.45pm

8. Committee to consider and agree regarding the budget for 26/27

a) Cllr Meadows outlined the Working Group process of analysing every cost centre at length. All options had been considered and discussed in full. He reported that the majority of the Working Group had been in agreement the majority of the time.

Cllr Sadler emphasised that his focus had been upon keeping the burden on the tax-payer down. He would have preferred a 5% increase in precept, compared to the proposed 19%.

Cllr Loney **proposed** that the Finance & Governance Committee make recommendation to Full Council that the draft budget for 26/27 be agreed. **Seconded** by Cllr Castle.

Recorded vote:

For – Cllrs Meadows, Loney, Castle and Aitkenhead.

Against – Cllr Sadler.

Abstained - none

Outcome – **Agreed.**

9. Committee to consider and agree regarding precept request to HDC

a) Following additional discussion and noting that a 19% increase would represent a 4.9p increase per day for a Band D property, Cllr Meadows **proposed** that the Finance & Governance Committee make recommendation to Full Council to request a precept of **£376,635.00** from Horsham District Council.

Seconded by Cllr Aitkenhead.

Recorded vote:

For - Cllrs Meadows, Loney, Castle and Aitkenhead.

Against – Cllr Sadler

Abstained - none

Outcome - **Agreed.**

10. Payments List for January – Committee to consider and agree

a) Cllr Meadows **proposed** that the list of payments list for January be approved (value £34,442.40 gross).

Seconded by Cllr Castle.

Recorded vote:

For – Unanimous.

Against -

Abstained -

Outcome - **Agreed.**

11. Bank reconciliations and Internal control – Committee members noted the following:

a) Lloyds Business (Current) Account 31.12.25 - £29,651.77.

Lloyds Savings Account 09.01.26 – 161,186.13.

Redwood Bank 19.01.26 - £10,000.

Hampshire Trust Bank 06.01.26 - £100.00.

Unity Trust – 31.12.25 - £91,615.34.

All banks reconciliation – 19.01.26 - £301,833.24.

Bank reconciliation to be signed by the Chair, following the meeting.

b) Bank Transfers:

23.12.25 £20,000 Lloyds Savings Acc to Lloyds Business (current account).

05.01.26 £10,000 Lloyds Business Acc to Redwood Bank (35 day notice).

05.01.26 £20,000 Lloyds Savings Acc to Lloyds Business (current account).

06.01.26 £100 Lloyds Business Acc to Hampshire Trust Bank (95-day tracker).

PCSO Robinson left the meeting at 6.55pm

12. Devolution preparation

a) Cllr Meadows and the Clerk had attended a meeting of local Parish Councils, where the process of asset transfer was explained by Paul Anderson (HDC Director of Community); he encouraged Parish Councils to submit an Expression of Interest Form regarding potential asset transfer – item to be included on the Full Council Agenda for 4th February 2026.

13. Chairman's Announcements and items for the next agenda

a) Agenda for next meeting – working group to be agreed regarding preparation for devolution.

14. Date of next meeting – 6.30pm 25th February 2026

The meeting closed at 7.01pm

Signed:

Chair

Date: 25th February 2026

ACTION LIST – F&G – 28.01.26

Ref:	ACTION:	Whom	✓
7a	Transfer funds from CIL reserves to general reserves when expenditure undertaken.	Clerk	
13	Agenda item – Councillors to consider and agree devolution working group members.	Clerk	