



**Minutes of the Parish Council Finance Committee held at Kirdford Village Hall
on Wednesday 12th November 2025**

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

1. Apologies for Absence Cllr Mr T Piedade (work commitment)

2. Public Participation - None

3. Disclosures of Interest - None received.

4. Accounts 2025-2026

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

5. Key Objectives

Key objectives for the next five years were agreed as follows:

- Remove Recreation Ground Play Area
- Remove Village Hall Restoration as not under KPC remit. Trust decides on its objectives
- Recreation Ground Pavilion overhaul has been completed and can be removed
- Remove the Wildlife Area – the Parish Council do not own any land to assign this to

6. Allocated Budget 2026-2027

To resolve 2026-2027 budget and reserve funds in line with agreed objectives. To present at next full Council meeting.

The following was agreed:

	Last Year 2024 - 2025	Current Year 2025-2026	Next Year	Notes
Allocated Funds				
Neighbourhood Plan review	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	£45,000.00	Increased due to inflation
Planning Support Services	£39,000.00	£28,988.67	£7,751.17	
Play Equipment Maintenance/Renewal	£3,000.00		£20,000.00	Maintenance moved to core cost centre, renewal of old equipment now required
Environmental Concerns/equipment	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	
Village Improvement Fund	£5,000.00	£6,128.00	£6,281.20	2.5% Increase
Great Common Pavilion rebuild	£149,255.00	£149,255.00	£135,834.97	

Butts common barrier replacement		£20,000.00	£20,000.00	
Recreation Ground Pavilion Refurbishment	£66,000.00	£61,000.00		Remove as completed
Village Hall Extension	£11,652.12	£9,191.30	0	Assumed this money will be spent on the heating system
Village Hall roof replacement	£65,000.00	£86,000.00	£0.00	Completed – therefore remove
Unallocated Funds		£19,800.00	£52,000	50% of Precept
Bonfire Night	£1,500.00	£1,530.00	£1,800.00	Increased in the event toilets and pavilion needed
Election			£1,000.00	
Total	£392,407.12	£433,892.97	£301,667.34	

7. Main Budget 2026-2027

To resolve 2026-2027 main budget in line with agreed objectives. To present at next full Council meeting.

The following was agreed:

Consultancy

Professional Fees – increased by 2.5% to **£18,400.80**

Auditor fees – kept the same **£1500**

Grants – increased by 2.5% to **£8,815**

Insurance – reduced from £4000 to **£1,500**

Maintenance

General Maintenance – increased by 2.5% to **£11,787.50**

Play Equipment Maintenance – increased due to age of equipment - **£6,000**

Office Costs

General administration – increased by 2.5% to **£5,227.50**

Office Supplies – increased by 2.5% to **£4,704.75**

Subscriptions – increased by 2.5% to **£1,045.50**

Staff Costs

Salary – increased by 2.5% to **£23,210.22**

PAYE – increased by 2.5% to **£7,851.46**

Pension – increased by 2.5% to **£1,543.65**

Training and subscriptions

Training – increased due to mandatory training requirement implemented - **£2,000**

Subscriptions – increased by 2.5% to **£627.30**

8. Precept 2026/2027

Due to needing to raise funds for the Great Common Pavilion we would recommend increasing the Precept by 4% from £99,000 to **£102,960**

9. Public Participation - None

10. Confidential Matters - None

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Chairman

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Date