

A meeting of the Finance Working Party was held in the Village Hall, Station Road, Countesthorpe, on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Present: Cllrs M Gillespie, P Mount, K Pearce, W Read and M Smith.

Parish Council Manager: Miss J Leech

Assistant Parish Council Manager: Miss E Frost

The meeting was chaired by Cllr M Smith.

1. Election of Chairman

It was resolved to elect Cllr S Turner as chair of the Finance Working Party.

2. Apologies for absence, if any

Apologies were received from Cllr S Turner.

3. To receive disclosures of interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. To review the Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for 2026 were reviewed with no changes proposed. These would be recommended to the Parish Council for adoption.

5. To verify accounts for payment

It was recommended to approve the accounts for payment for the Parish Council and the Village Hall.

6. Budget and expenditure 2026/2027

The budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 was received and all was in order.

It was noted that the rates charges had been checked and were correct.

Items included under the legal and professional fees heading would be reviewed ahead of the next meeting.

The solar panel feed in figures were discussed and would be followed up to ensure that the correct income for both sets of solar panels was being received. Costings would be obtained for cleaning the solar panels also and brought back for consideration.

It was reported that there had been an incident within the electric point of use water heater in the ladies toilets and costings were being obtained for a replacement as well as for a smoke detector to be installed in the ladies toilets.

Costings for an additional electric strimmer, of a higher spec than that which is already owned, were obtained and noted for future reference.

It was reported that there were some items raised in the recent health and safety review. Costings would be brought back to the next meeting of the Finance Working Party for consideration.

Recommended for approval

*To purchase a replacement computer screen for the Library Supervisor at a cost of £160.*

*To purchase a cordless patio cleaner and spare brush at a total cost of £134.*

7. Projects list including long term

A projects list was initially reviewed with it being noted that it would be brought back for discussion following its review by all committees and working parties.

8. Grant aid

It was noted that a letter of thanks had been received from The Next Chapter for the recent grant of £500.

9. S106 payment

There was nothing to discuss.

10. To receive any correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11. Matters arising for information purposes

There was nothing to raise.

12. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026.