



Weldon Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held on

Wednesday 29th April 2026 at Weldon Village Academy, 10:00 am

Present	Cllrs John Cooke, Jon Frohmaier, Janet Gibson, Angela Page and Kane Taylor (Chair)
Also Present	Claire Ducker (Clerk)

FC.2638 **Apologies** - none received, all in attendance

FC.2639 **Declarations of Interest** - There were no declarations of interest

FC.2640 The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2026 were approved and signed by Cllr Taylor

FC.2641 **Clerk Report** - Following the Full Council meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 there is currently £337,078.67 across both bank accounts. Precept funds of £172,000 have been received from NNC

Approval was sought for staff, HMRC and NPC Maintenance payments for the end of April, together with any further invoices requiring settlement prior to 11th May 2026, the date of the next Full Council meeting. Councillors authorised these payments.

- **Grant application received from 21st Corby Scouts PH group - £2,000**, still awaiting clarification on the specific geographic areas and number of local children served.
- **Grant application received from Priors Hall Management Ltd - £33,000.** The funding request for double yellow lines was formally refused. The committee noted that, as a limited liability company under a developer (Urban and Civic), they do not qualify under the council's grant policy. Furthermore, the roads remain the developer's responsibility until adopted.

Grant applications will be presented to the Full Parish Council on 11th May for consideration and approval.

Surplus Funds, approximately £14,000 remains in the grant pot from the previous year (2025/2026). The committee discussed proactively reaching out to local groups, such as youth organisations and charity groups, to ensure these funds are utilised for community benefit.

FC.2642 **Approval of Clerk's overtime** - the Clerk's overtime was approved and signed by Cllr Taylor. The Clerk confirmed that all 2025/2026 entries have now been entered onto Scribe. Once the Audit/End of Year process is completed, training for Councillors will be arranged.

FC.2643 **End of year 2025/2026 budget spend** - Councillors reviewed the cost centres and identified those requiring funds to be carried forward into 2026/2027 to support ongoing projects.



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FC.2644 Review of maintenance suggestions forms received

- Hills & Hollows pedestrian entrance
 - Caretaker to clear this area
- Weed-killing spraying
 - A quote of £400 has been received however, this covers areas already sprayed by NNC. Request a new quote and ask the contractor to provide valid spraying certificates and risk assessments.
- The Triangle parking issues - 'NO PARKING' signs have been removed. Request the caretaker to reinstall these signs once grass cutting has happened.
- Footpath from Pocket Park to the Church - obtain quotes for limestone replacement and wacker plate hire.

FC.2645 Review of IT & Email Usage Policy – The policy was agreed and will be taken to the Full Council meeting for adoption and approval.

FC.2646 Any Future Items

- **Grass Cutting and Caretakers contract - due for renewal March 2027**
 - Suggestion to set up a 'working group', in June/July, to review the current maintenance contract, with a view to separating core tasks (grass cutting, bin emptying) from ad-hoc repair work to strengthen accountability and improve cost-efficiency.
 - Once a contractor has been appointed through the tender process, they are responsible for managing their own workload and hours. Councillor or the Clerk should not direct or allocate tasks to the contractor outside their agreed scope
 - No extra work should be carried out without quotes received and agreed by the Council
 - Invite the current caretaker to attend a future Finance meeting

FC.2647 Next Financial Committee meeting Wednesday 17th June 2026 at Weldon Village Academy, 10:00.

This being all the business, the meeting was closed by Cllr Taylor at 11:16

Signature	Date
	20th May 2026