

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL on **25<sup>th</sup> November 2025**, at **7:15pm**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Leslie Gibson, Chair

Cllr Andy Todd, Vice-Chair

Cllrs Susan Cowsill, Ann Edwards, KD Johnson, Mark Keniston, Ken Murgatroyd and Richard Palmer

**APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr Clare Davison taking minutes.

**204.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**205.25 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

There were no members of the public present.

**206.25 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

Proposed: Cllr Gibson Seconded: Cllr Johnson All in favour

**207.25 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**208.25 ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement which includes a comparison of income and expenditure against the budget from 1 April 2025 to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025, a copy of which appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Financial Statement be received and noted.

Proposed: Cllr Johnson Seconded: Cllr Murgatroyd

**209.25 ACTION PLAN**

Members conducted a periodic review of the annual action plan – a copy of the latest version appears as Appendix 2 to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Some minor changes were made.

Proposed: Cllr Murgatroyd Seconded: Cllr Andy Todd

**210.25 ANNUAL REVIEW OF BALANCES AND EARMARKED RESERVES  
DRAFT ESTIMATES AND BUDGET 2026/27**

Members reviewed the following:

(a) The balances of the 2025/26 budget.

- (b) The expenditure required in 2026/2027 to assist with the budget preparation.
- (c) A draft budget for 2026/27.

It was RESOLVED to indicate to Council that the recommended budget should be £ 214,549.27 and to recommend to Council the Precept should be £143,000 (an increase of 3.01%)

Proposed: Cllr Murgatroyd Seconded: Cllr Johnson

**211.25 DIGITAL DECAY SURVEY**

It was RESOLVED to refer this matter to the next HPE meeting.

**212.25 COUNCILLOR DROP-IN SESSIONS**

The notion of drop-in sessions/surgeries being held at The Reef were discussed. It was RESOLVED to trial drop-in sessions/surgeries and to arrange a suitable day and time for these. Cllrs were asked to express interest in staffing these sessions.

Proposed: Cllr Murgatroyd Seconded: Cllr Johnson

**213.25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 3 to these Minutes in the Minute Book be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.  
All in favour.

**214.25 ITEMS FOR REPORT AND CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Meeting ended at 9.05 pm.

CHAIR