

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL held at COLEHILL VILLAGE HALL on **25th 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 11th 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 19th 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