

## WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL  
PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
in the Council Offices commencing at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllrs	Fulcher (Chair)
	P Barrett
	Frosdick
	Roberts
	Perry

Also Present                      0 member of the public  
Cllr Nuri-Nixon

F42/24	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – None.
F43/24	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u> – Cllr Perry declared an ‘other’ interest for the Grant Application for Wymondham Abbey, therefore he will abstain from voting.
F44/24	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u> On the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Frosdick it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20 August 2024 as a correct record.
F45/24	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> – None.
F46/24	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> – None.
F47/24	<u>GRANT APPLICATION</u> received from Priory Garden Bowls Club for £600 towards the cost to repair/replace of the fencing surrounding Priory Garden Bowls Club. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Barrett and seconded by Cllr. Perry it was unanimously agreed to approve this application.
F48/24	<u>GRANT APPLICATION</u> received from Wymondham Abbey. Due to Standing Orders, it was resolved to decline a request for a £130 grant towards the cost of a signpost with two arms needed to point visitors to the Medieval Herb Garden as the application is from a religious organisation.
F49/24	<u>EXTERNAL AUDIT</u> Certificate from LLP Littlejohn for the financial year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 was noted stating ‘In our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met’. was noted.

F50/24	<p><u>EXCLUSION PRESS &amp; PUBBLIC</u></p> <p>On the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr Barrett resolution by the Council under the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude Press and the Public from the meeting of Wymondham Town Council in order to discuss matters where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</p>
F51/24	<p><u>BUDGET 2025/2026</u></p> <p>Clerk presented the draft for discussion and submission to the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee for incorporation into the Council budget for 2025/26 financial year. After discussion during which a number of questions were answered, it was resolved to recommend a budget of £563,350.</p>
F52/24	<p><u>2025/2026 DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET</u></p> <p>Clerk outlined the proposed full budget for the 2025/2026 year being an amalgamation of the budgets recommended by the Leisure &amp; Environment Committee (£177,297) and the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee (£563,350) which equals £740,647. With increasing costs, it was considered prudent to recommend an overall increase of 3.75%.</p> <p>After discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Frosdick it was proposed a 3.50% increase which after the tax base adjustment of +191 properties would raise £738,840.</p> <p>For: 4</p> <p>Against: 1</p> <p>Proposal was carried.</p> <p>Clerk to adjust budget agreed to recommend a precept of £738,840 to the full Council at its January meeting. This will result in a band D property increasing by £3.73 pa (7p per week) from £106.66 to £110.39.</p>

*(The meeting closed at 19.43pm)*

DATED this ..... day of .....2025

SIGNED ..... (Chairman)