



Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 January 2025 at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Meeting Room, River Bourne Community Farm, SP1 2SR

Members Present: Councillors N Baker (Chair), L Barker, I McDonald, L Waller

Officers Present: G Pettifer (Clerk), A Prince (RFO)

FGP25.001 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

FGP25.002 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

FGP25.003 Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

FGP25.004 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2024 be confirmed as correct.

FGP25.005 Matters arising from the previous meeting

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2024.

FGP25.006 Meeting Schedule for 2025

RESOLVED to schedule F&GP meetings two weeks prior to Full Council meetings in the months of March, June, September, November, and December 2025.

FGP25.007 Monthly Finance Checks 2025

The rota for monthly finance checks – from January to April - was agreed.

FGP25.008 Annual Investment Strategy

The Annual Investment Strategy was reviewed, without any changes, and recommended to Full Council.

FGP25.009 Officers' Report

- The RFO reported on the Q3 budget. Overall picture of Revenue Budget good, but Professional Fees and Community Facilities Budget overspent. Environment Revenue Budget ok. Infrastructure Budget to be used for early stage development of new council offices, subject to Full Council approval. General Reserves Budget yet to be confirmed subject to overspends on other budget lines.
- The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged with Old Sarum Community Centre to begin the process of recruitment for a Centre Manager. Cllr Lainey requested to also attend the meeting.

FGP25.010 Draft Agenda Full Council meeting 20 January 2025

The agenda for the January meeting was reviewed and approved.

FGP25.011 Exempt Business – Matters in Confidence

River Bourne Community Farm Lease

The committee received a confidential report from the Clerk.

Date of next meeting:

The date of the next Finance & General Purposes meeting will be held on **4 March 2025** at **8.00pm**, and held at the Boscombe Down Aviation Centre, Hangar 1 Old Sarum Airfield, Old Sarum, Salisbury SP4 6DZ.

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