

Cuddington Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, NORLEY ROAD CUDDINGTON ON 2ND JULY 2025, COMMENCING AT 1.30PM.

Present: - Cllr Brooks, Cllr Crist, Cllr Hill and Cllr Ruchat. Also, present is Julie Chrimes – Clerk to the Council & RFO.

There were no members of the public present.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Carried out by the Chairman.
- 2. Apologies:** None.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 4. Designated Reserves:** The finance committee approved the bank reconciliations to the end of June 2025, and Cllr Crist signed the bank statements as a true and correct record.
Proposed by Cllr Crist, seconded by Cllr Hill and **RESOLVED** that, the committee recommend to full council that, the listings for the War Memorial, Zebra Crossing and Speed Indicators are now listed all together under one umbrella as “Parish Council Maintenance Asset fund”.

Play Equipment (BLG and NRPF)	£7,655.27
Village main/Enhancements From (OCT 2023)	£3,220.00
War memorial - action group dona.	£1,950.00
Resilience Group Set up fund	£69.74
Zebra Crossing - resolved July INC Members £1k	£9,000.00
Reserves for RESILIENCE FUND GOES LIVE	£10,000.00
CI Levy money 22-23 (SPEED INDICATORS)	£1,635.00
Planter group Added (£1,000. September 24) Min: 24/ and divert £2,250.00 23rd October 2024	£763.00
Cuddington Station funding from CWAC member’sbudget	£600.00
Gala Day contingency	£2,000.00
	<u>£36,893.01</u>

- 5. Clerk’s Report:** The VAT reclaim will be submitted by 31.07.2025
Boundary Lane Green – Emergency repairs are required as at 18th June2025, the area to slide has been cordoned off, NTC confirm that the cost will be in the region of £880.00, but there is 8 weeks wait time for materials. It was agreed that the finance committee recommend to the full council that; a) they investigate the possibility of replacing the wet pour and b) get clarification that the Boundary Lane Green play area gets cut twice weekly.

Noted that, the play area maintenance group will be looking over ROSPA’s annual report and shall bring any actions required to the full Council at the next statutory meeting.

Title Deeds for the Allotment land at Taylor Wimpey estate are still not complete, nor is the land at the Cemetery been completed.

Following recent safety concerns in the UK, and a slight issue on Gala Day it was noted that there was no key available to access the Scout Hut and following discussions on this, the finance committee **RESOLVED**, to recommend to full Council that; a) The Council write to the Trustees requesting a copy of the lease between the Scouts and the CSPPFA Ltd, the clerk will keep a copy of this on the Council's file, b) To confirm that the CSPPFA Ltd are also keyholders to the Scout Hall for emergencies.

6. Internal Auditors Report: Cyber security was discussed at the meeting, and it was reported that the Council's computer may be at risk from fraudsters. It was proposed by Cllr Crist and seconded by Cllr Ruchat and **RESOLVED** to recommend to the full Council that, a) The Council's insurance policy should include cover for cyber security cover and that the Council purchase a paid VPN a paid Anti-Virus and a PO Box, this helps prevent unauthorised access to personal data, financial information of the Clerk and Parish Council.

Noted; that hard copies of all reports are available at each Parish Council meeting, and therefore the committee do not think it's relevant for them to be listed on the Councils website.

The Asset Register is listed already on the website and bank reconciliations are already reviewed each month.

7. Investment Policy: The Committee went through the Investment Policy, and it was proposed by Cllr Hill seconded by Cllr Ruchat and **RESOLVED** that they recommend to the full Council; to adopt the amended Investment Policy. The amendment is: No one investment shall be for a period of no longer than "**36**" months.

8. Date of Next Meeting. Noted the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 1.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.10pm.

Date 21st July 2025

Chairman

