Cuddington Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, NORLEY ROAD CUDDINGTON ON 14th OCTOBER 2026, COMMENCING AT 3PM.

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

1. **Apologies:** None.

2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.

3. **Finance and Administration.** Currently the Council's accounts are at a total of £93,995.60.

   Estimated income from a Vat126 refund will be approximately £4,480.00.

   Withdrawal from the NS&I account for capital payments will be £2,560.00 this is for payments made from the council's current account and is up to 30.09.2026, this will be a straightforward transfer, to reimburse the current account.
   RESOLVED to recommend to full Council to instruct the Clerk to transfer £2,560.00 from NS& I to the Barclays account.

4. **Clerk's Report.** The Clerk informed the committee that to submit a Section115E License for installation of street furniture including bins on CWaC's land, the fee is currently £258.00 per license, she discovered this when recently applying for 2 new litter bins, (1 at Forest Road and the other at Warrington Road), CWaC Cllr Edwards had confirmed that Street Scene have agreed to empty the bins on a regular basis, initially in October 2025 they had refused.
   RESOLVED to recommend to full Council to apply for Section 115E licenses for the 2 new litter bins.

   Wishlist. Members went through the wish list, and all agreed that outdoor gym equipment would benefit many residents and that this should be a priority should the Council receive any CIL money. Cllr Ruchat requested that traffic signals at Norley Road and Weaverham Road crossroads should be considered in the future. Cllr Ruchat also forwarded a link for Christmas trees as these were agreed at the September meeting and Cheshire West and Chester Council have agreed to these in principle, the name of the trees needs to be run past the Tree Officer.
   It was **RESOLVED** that, should the parish council receive a substantial amount of CIL money in the near future, outdoor gym equipment should be considered for Norley Road Playing Fields.

5. **Budget 2026-27.** The Committee went through the monthly expenditure monitor line by line and noted that £549.00 had been spent on legal fees. The Clerk reported that when considering the 2027/2028 budget parish council will require money for legal fees for conveyancing fees in relation to Bowling Green.

   Repairs of Boundary Lane Green's play equipment have exceeded the budget by £748.00, and it was suggested that during the consideration of the budget 2027/2028 an increased amount is required, due to the play equipment requiring more replacement parts due to the age of the equipment.

   RESOLVED to recommend to full Council to move £500 from Subscriptions to Legal fees. The Clerk advised that further legal fees will be required for conveyancing of the Bowling Green land at Norley Road.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th December 2026. This meeting is considering the 27/28 budget and precept requirements and should any Councillor wish for budget items to be considered, please forward them via email to the Clerk before 1st December 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.45pm.

Date 19th October 2026 Chairman ……