FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting Monday 19 October 2026 Draft Minutes

Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held at The Hub, Fernhurst, at 7.00pm on Monday 19 October 2026

Councillors Present: Cllr Heather Bicknell, Cllr Bill Black (Chair), Cllr Graham Inns, Cllr Chris Lloyd and Cllr Rebecca Stroud-Matthews

Also Present: Mrs E Ford (Clerk)

F/23/26 Apologies For Absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs John Buchanan and Graeme Williamson.

F/24/26 Declarations of Interest: None

F/25/26 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 29 July 2026

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2026

F/26/26 Matters Arising from the Minutes
Cllr Black checked progress on the review of policies, the identification of a new bank account for long term savings, property leases and the update of Councillor Declaration of Interests.

F/27/26 Public Representations
A resident had contacted the Council to complain about the increase in the 2026/2027 precept.

F/28/26 Review of Six Month Accounts – 1 April to 30 September 2026
A report on the Six Month accounts of the 2026/2027 financial year had been previously circulated to Councillors and was reviewed at the meeting with no concerns.

F/29/26 Preparation of a Proposal for the 2027/2028 Budget and supporting precept
A proposal for the 2027/2028 budget had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and was discussed in detail. No additional detail was requested to be included in the proposal to support the following discussion at Full Council.
A future extension of the Parish Council burial ground was discussed. **ACTION: Clerk** to check criteria which would require an EA permit for any new site. A review of the Neighbourhood Plan was discussed. **ACTION: Clerk** to contact the consultants who had been involved with the existing plan for advice.
As had been planned and discussed with the Council, Cllr Black formally announced his resignation as Chair of the Committee. Cllr Bicknell and the Clerk thanked Cllr Black for his sterling work as Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee and previously as Chair of the Property, Highways & Environment Committee.

F/30/26 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 27 January 2027

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

Chairman Signed:

Date:

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