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Minutes of the Finance & General meeting held Thursday 17th September 2026

Present Councillors: B. Clark (Chair), C. Walker, R. Butler, (3 councillors present).
Apologies: M. Wordsworth, D. Oxley
Absent: None
Proper Officer: Sarah Wilkinson
There were *no* members of the public in attendance
The meeting started at 6.30pm

FG/2026/158 To receive and note reasons for absence.

Reasons received and noted for M. Wordsworth and D. Oxley

FG/2026/159 To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest[i] for members and officers

None received

FG/2026/160 *To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests* (if any)

No written requests for dispensation have been received.

FG/2026/161 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

There are no requests for dispensation to grant.

FG/2026/162 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Resolved:- *That the Committee approved the minutes of Wednesday 22nd July 2026 as a true record of the meeting, the Chairman preceded to sign the bottom of each page to confirm they are an accurate record.*

Voting:- 3 Councillors present, all voted in favour.

FG/2026/163 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

Agenda items FG/2026/177 and FG/2026/182 are confidential

FG/2026/164 Public Participation Session

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There were no members of the public in attendance.

TRAINING

FG/2026/165 To discuss any training and development for councillors and employees and *consider any further action*

Resolved: Cllr S. Hydes requires rebooking onto the chairing skills part 1&2 as she could not attend the previous booking in September (3rd and 10th). Clerk to arrange as soon as possible. Going forward, all new chairs will need to attend chairing skills 1 & 2 within the first 6 months of being a chair

FINANCE

FG/2026/166 To receive and note the payment and receipts report for July & August 2026

The Clerk presented the payments and receipts report for July & August 2026 for all councillors to check. Report was noted.

FG/2026/167 To receive and note the bank reconciliations for July & August 2026

The Clerk presented the Bank Reconciliations for July & August 2026. The Clerk, Chair and Vice-Chair signed the reconciliations. The committee noted the update.

FG/2026/168 To receive any grant applications received by the council and consider any further action

Resolved: Grant request received from Thurcroft Toddler Group for £500 (£448.58 cost of equipment) for 2x tables and 2x benches. Finance recommends approving the grant for £448.58, but the money must be paid into an account in the name of Thurcroft Toddler Group and not a personal account.

Voting:- 3 Councillors present, all voted in favour

FG/2026/169 To receive an update regarding the investment account with the CCLA

Resolved: Clerk confirmed that £2535.04 in interest had been received for July, and £2554.85 for August 2026 on our CCLA investment. The council have received £34,151.57 in interest since the investment started in July 2025.

FG/2026/170 *To receive an update from South Yorkshire Pensions*

Resolved: Information has been sent regarding the cessation; no further update has been received.

FG/2026/171 To receive an update on any outstanding payments

Resolved: SRI bars owe £650 for bar bookings at the Gordon Bennett. Clerk has sent the invoice recorded delivery to the new address. SRI bars have until 30th September 2026 to pay in full, or small claims court proceedings will begin.

FG/2026/172 To receive the notice of conclusion of Audit

Resolved: External audit has been received from PKF. Confirms internal auditor's conclusion regarding internal control objectives D, and other matters that the AGAR was amended. The notice of conclusion of Audit is already on the website and in the notice boards.

FG/2026/173 To approve an internal auditor for 26-27

Resolved: Deferred until full council as only one quote received.

FG/2026/174 To note the NJC national salary award for 2026

Resolved: The committee noted the approved 3.3% increase. September's payroll has been made with the increase, and with the backdated pay rise from April to August 2026.

FG/2026/175 To receive an update on the 26-27 budget spent

Resolved: The committee noted the comprehensive break down of the current budget to include all payments and receipts from April to 16th September 2026. Clerk went through line by line each budget area. No budget lines currently need attention.

FG/2026/176 To receive an update on the funding for Thurcroft Park

Resolved: Clerk has provided more information regarding the grant and has sent our current AGAR and bank statement as requested. Grant is currently being processed.

FACILITIES

FG/2026/177 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION- **To review the user group fees for 26-27**

Resolved: It is recommended that a new classification is created called production for Theatre group. This hourly rate fee will include the utilities instead of the utilities being separate. X-plore sport to be classified as Not for Profit – they are currently paying the Not for Profit fee. All Not for profit groups to be charged £10.00, one group to be brought in line. Sewing group to be charged the £5 per session for use of electricity. Rates to be reviewed again after the Gordon Bennett remodel. Remaining fees to remain the same.

Voting:- 3 Councillors present, all voted in favour

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POLICY

FG/2026/178 To review the governance of the recent summer event

Resolved: Committee reviewed the governance. Chair and vice chair to hold a separate meeting with the chair of events to discuss further. Clerk to add incidents to the breaches log.

GENERAL

FG/2026/179 To discuss redesigning the Parish Council Website

Resolved: The parish website needs to be updated regarding the rebrand. Clerk to obtain quotes for the website to be rebranded and made easier to use.
Voting:- 3 Councillors present, all voted in favour

FG/2026/180 To discuss having free charity stalls at the Christmas Fayre

Resolved: Andy's man club have enquired about having a stall for free at the Christmas Fayre. We had 27 stalls last year and have sold 25 this year. It is recommended that we have 2 stalls for registered charities only, on a 1st come 1st served basis at every Christmas Fayre. - not advertised & at discretion of council
Voting:- 3 Councillors present, all voted in favour

FG/2026/181 To discuss fees for a bench in Thurcroft Cemetery

Resolved: Application received for a bench in Thurcroft Cemetery. Bench would be in plot 4M11, which can not be sold as tree roots are present. Environment and Finance committees both recommend approving the bench. Finance propose the cost involved would be £80 – this would cover 4 slabs for the bench to be placed on, 4 x L shaped brackets and 3 hours max of the cemetery warden's time.
Voting:- 3 Councillors present, all voted in favour

COMPLAINTS

FG/2026/182 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION **- To receive any complaints received by the council and consider any further action**

No new complaints to discuss

FG/2026/183 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

Nothing to note.

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FG/2026/184 To confirm the date and time of the next Finance & General Committee will be held on Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 20:16pm

Committee Meeting Dates for 2026

Thursday 19th November

No meeting in December