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**FERRING PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
(Advisory Powers Only)**

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held at 7.30pm
on Monday 6th January 2025 in the Parish Office**

Present	Councillors	Andy Walker (Vice Chairman)
		Ruth Arnold
		Roger Elkins
		Graham Bootle
		Clare Royal

1	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Councillor Lesley Young. The apologies were accepted.	
2	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
3	Public Question Time There were no public questions.	
4	To confirm the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held 25th November 2024. The Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held 25 th November 2024 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
5	Actions update from the last meeting There were no actions.	
6	Accounts and Finance The income and expenditure schedule for November 2024 was reviewed and will be recommended for Full Council approval. The above is recommended for Full Council approval.	
7	Committee to note payments made under dispensation for expenditure	

	<p>for Committee minuted instruction. <i>(Environment Liaison Committee 16th December 2024)</i> Graffiti Removal Wipes - EcoTech Graffiti Wipes for £13.66.</p>	
8	<p>Parish Clerk Report including Financial Matters There was nothing to report.</p>	
9	<p>Roads, Community & Sports Committee a. VE Day Event - To agree and commit to organising and attending the event in partnership with the Village Hall Trustees. The Finance & General Purposes Committee agreed FPC's commitment to the event. It was agreed that the details will be discussed within the Roads, Community & Sports Committee. Full Council will be kept fully informed of the arrangements.</p> <p>b. VE Day precept proposal – A budget of £3000 was agreed.</p> <p>The above is recommended for Full Council approval.</p>	
10	<p>Public Conveniences – Village Green Project – Release funds The Committee noted that the refurbishment of the Public Conveniences at the Village Green are near completion and that the FPC approved contribution at £50,611.68 will be released to ADC when requested.</p>	
11	<p>Devolution Paper – Committee to note the Devolution Paper The Committee noted the Devolution Paper published 16th December 2024</p> <p>The paper outlines the move from for two-tier areas to Unitary Authority as Mayoral Strategic Authorities.</p> <p>The government is committed to resetting the relationship with local and regional government, empowering local leaders and Mayors to make the right decisions for their communities, and working together to grow an inclusive economy, reform public services and secure better outcomes.</p> <p>Mayors will have strong new powers over housing, planning, transport, energy, skills, employment support and more, backed up with integrated and consolidated funding.</p> <p>Proposed list of areas of competence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport and local infrastructure 2. Skills and employment support 3. Housing and strategic planning 4. Economic development and regeneration 	

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	<p>5. Environment and climate change 6. Health, wellbeing and public service reform 7. Public safety</p> <p>Key dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSCC Cabinet is asked to consider the report and its recommendations to determine the County Council's position in relation to the recent White Paper published by the Government at their meeting 9th January 2025 • WSCC decision to be submitted to Government 10th January 2025. • Local Elections in 2025 will be delayed by 1 year. • Mayors Elections will take place 2026. • Proposed delivery date 2028. 	
12	<p>FPC Precept 2025 – 2026 – The Committee reviewed and recommended the draft Precept prepared by the Clerk, for Full Council approval with a few minor amendments.</p> <p>The above is recommended for Full Council approval.</p>	
13	<p>All about Ferring Magazine The following will be included in future editions: Precept, the refurbishment of the Public Conveniences at the Village Green, 100 years of libraries, WSCC Press Reader and bus shelter installation.</p>	
14	<p>Urgent matters arising since the preparation of this Agenda & Items to be referred to next Agenda. The Finance & General Purposes Committee noted the resident correspondence sent to all Councillors. The Clerk and Chair to Council will formulate a response and circulate to all Councillors.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 8.50pm.	
	Date of next meeting Monday 17 th February 2025	
	<p>Minutes approved</p> <p>Chairman Date</p>	