



OLD CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 2 JUNE 2025 at 7.00PM at Church Rooms,
Old Cleeve

Present: Cllr Scofield (Chairman), Cllr De’Ath, Cllr Stabb and Cllr Cridland
In attendance: Andrea Johnson (Clerk) and 2 members of the public
Absent: Cllr Johnson-Smith

Minute

F001/25 **Election of Chairman**

Cllr Scofield was unanimously **elected** as Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr De’Ath **Seconded:** Cllr Stabb

Action: Clerk to update the website

F002/25 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Johnson-Smith had given her apologies

F003/25 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

F004/25 **Minutes of the meeting on 7 January 2025**

It was unanimously **resolved** by those Councillors present who had attended the meeting of the Finance Committee on 7 January 2025 that the Chairman should sign the minutes as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr De’Ath **Seconded:** Cllr Stabb

Action: Chairman to sign the minutes. Clerk to update the website.

F005/25 **Bank Mandate**

It was noted that the bank mandate required two signatories to authorise payments. Following recent resignations, only two councillors now remained on the mandate and it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that all members of the Finance Committee should be added to the mandate.

Action: Clerk to add to June meeting agenda of the Parish Council.

F006/25 **Grant application – Roadwater Cricket Club**

The Club had asked for consideration of the application to be deferred to the next meeting to allow further information to be provided.



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F007/25 **Grant application – BATCIC**

Councillors reviewed the application from Blue Anchor Toilets Community Interest Company (BATCIC). Two directors of BATCIC were present, who provided an overview of the financial position of BATCIC and answered questions from councillors.

The councillors emphasised that they were supportive of BATCIC but needed to be able to demonstrate to parishioners that it was an appropriate use of the precept. BATCIC was asked to provide further information in support of the application, specifically draft accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 31 March 2025. It was resolved to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting of the Finance Committee to allow BATCIC to provide the information.

Proposed: Cllr De’Ath **Seconded:** Cllr Scofield

F008/25 **Insurance Policy**

It was noted that the Parish Council entered a 3-year Long Term Undertaking in July 2023. This was arranged by BHIB (now Clear Councils Ltd). Under the terms of the LTU the Parish Council agreed to renew its insurance policy with Aviva for a total of 3 years, in exchange for a reduction in premium. In turn, Aviva agreed to maintain the premium during that period, so long as there was no change in risk information, adverse claims experience and subject to market conditions that may affect all insurance policies.

However, the quote received from Clear Councils Ltd was for a policy with Ecclesiastical at an increased premium. The Clerk had queried this and had asked Clear Councils Ltd to confirm that the insurer’s decision to withdraw was consistent with the LTU terms. In response, Clear Councils Ltd provided a revised quote with a reduced premium. It was resolved to recommend that the Parish Council accept this quote.

Proposed: Cllr Stabb **Seconded:** Cllr Cridland

Action: Clerk to add to June meeting agenda of the Parish Council.

F009/25 **Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be in the period 14 – 16 July 2025.

Action: Clerk to arrange.

F010/25 **Closing**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

Signed.....

Dated: July 2025