



OLD CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16 July 2025 at 4pm at Church Rooms, Old Cleeve

- Present:** Cllr Scofield (Chairman), Cllr Johnson-Smith (left after F015/25), Cllr De’Ath, Cllr Stabb and Cllr Cridland
- In attendance:** Andrea Johnson (Clerk) and Paul Murch, Chair of Roadwater Cricket Club
- Absent:** None

Minute

F011/25 **Apologies for Absence**

All members of the Committee were present.

F012/25 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made.

F013/25 **Minutes of the meeting on 2 June 2025**

It was unanimously **resolved** by those Councillors present who had attended the meeting of the Finance Committee on 2 June 2025 that the Chairman should sign the minutes as a correct record.

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

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

F014/25 **Grant application – Roadwater Cricket Club**

Councillors noted that the application from Roadwater Cricket Club is to cover the costs of repairs to the lawnmower. The Chair of the Club was unable to confirm whether the invoice had been paid or was still outstanding. It was noted that the Club has significant reserves which could be used to fund the repairs.

It was explained that it is good practice to provide details of other fund-raising efforts as this demonstrates commitment on the part of the Club. The Chair outlined the efforts being made by the members to raise funds and confirmed that talks were ongoing with the Roadwater Village Trust. In addition, members had also donated time, for example, by erecting netting along the riverbank to improve security,

After discussion, it was agreed to **defer any recommendation** until the next meeting of the Finance Committee to allow for the outstanding information to be provided, including the outcome of discussions with the Roadwater Village Trust.

F015/25 **Grant application – BATCIC**

Councillors reviewed the application from Blue Anchor Toilets Community Interest Company (BATCIC). The Committee members agreed that the BATCIC should be supported, but it was difficult to agree on the appropriate level of support when only estimated figures were available and the likely income from donations was unpredictable.



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It was unanimously **resolved to recommend** that the Parish Council donate £1500 to BATCIC now, with a further £1500 to be donated by the end of September. The Committee would revisit the question of a further donation at its next meeting, if audited accounts for 2024 – 2025 could be produced together with actual figures for the first 6 months of the year. The Committee would also wish to see evidence that BATCIC was making concerted efforts to raise funds elsewhere.

F016/25 Grant application – Old Cleeve Community Orchard

Councillors reviewed the application from Old Cleeve Community Orchard. It was noted that the group has significant reserves which could be used to fund the rent and the grass cutting costs. It was also noted that the group undertakes fund raising activities including Apple Day, picnics and lunches. After discussion, it was **resolved to recommend** that the Parish Council award the full amount requested.

F017/25 Terms of reference

It was unanimously **resolved** to adopt the terms of reference without amendment.

F018/25 Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 6pm on Monday 20 October at Roadwater Village Hall.

Action: Clerk to arrange.

F019/25 Closing

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Dated: 20 October 2025