Dunnington Parish Council

FINANCE, STRATEGY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2026 at 7.00pm
Held in the Tower Room, Dunnington

Present: Cllr Dykes (Chair), Cllr Jackson, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Major, Cllr Shaw
In Attendance: The Clerk S Durham and incoming clerk G Berry

F26/10/1 – Formalities
1.1 Apologies for absence
No apologies were received.
1.2 Minutes
The Minutes of the Finance, Strategy and Audit Committee meeting held on **Monday 7 September 2026** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
1.3 Declarations of Interest
No declarations of interest were received.
1.4 Dispensation requests
No dispensation requests were received.
Cllr Anderson arrived.

F26/10/2 – Exclusion of the Press and Public
The Committee considered whether any agenda items required the exclusion of the press and public.
No exclusion resolution was recorded in the Clerk's notes.

F26/10/3 – Public Participation
No members of the public were present.

F26/10/4 – Banking and Finance
4.1 Bank Reconciliation
The Committee received and noted the bank reconciliations for September 2026.
The balance was recorded as £155,013.02.
4.2 Unity Bank Debit Card
The Committee considered the proposal to obtain a Unity Bank debit card.
It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting to allow further consideration of the parameters surrounding the use of the card.
4.3 Unity Bank Authorisation
The Committee considered adding the newly appointed Clerk to the Unity Bank banking authorisations. **The proposal was approved.**

F26/10/5 – Draft Budget 2027/28
5.1 Draft Budget
The Committee reviewed the draft budget for 2027/28, considering anticipated income, expenditure and proposed changes.
The following matters were discussed:
Street Lighting
It was discussed that £5,000
could be removed from the street lighting budget and allocated towards future playpark

improvements.

Training

An increase provision of £500 - £1000 for training was discussed, with a recommendation to be made to Full Council.

Playpark

The Committee discussed the current playpark equipment and the need to identify priorities for future improvements.

It was considered important that recommendations be obtained from the Playpark Group before progressing proposals.

The Clerk was asked to invite the Playpark Group to attend a meeting at 6.30pm to discuss potential improvements and future requirements.

It was also **agreed** that the Clerk would prepare a consultation form to seek the views of children regarding the type of equipment and facilities they would like to see at the playpark.

The Committee noted that recommendations would need to be considered by Full Council.

5.2 Reserves

The Committee considered the reserves as part of the budget review.

F26/10/6 – Village Cross Update

The Committee received an update regarding the Village Cross and the ongoing insurance position.

It was reported that City of York Council's stonemasonry team may be able to undertake the necessary repairs and provide an invoice for the work.

Action: *Clerk to obtain a quotation from City of York Council's stonemasonry team via Cllr Dykes*

F26/10/7 – Village Event Funds / Budget

The Committee discussed village event funds and the possible allocation of the Village Fayre monies set aside in the budget to be used on a winter Pantomime.

It was agreed that the matter would be referred to Full Council for further consideration and Cllr Shaw will provide further details to the clerk to circulate to council.

F26/10/8 – Financial Approvals/Authorisations

8.1 Quotations for Work/services

The Committee considered quotations received.

RESOLVED: *Council will accept a quotation from T. B. Johnston for £995 including VAT.*

a. £75.20 Councillor Training APPROVED
b. £50.00 Unity Bank Card Set-Up fee DEFERRED
c. £3.00 Unity Bank Card Monthly Fee DEFERRED

The Unity Bank debit card proposal was deferred under item F26/10/4.2

8.2 Payments for approval

The following payments were considered and **APPROVED** as recorded below.

a. £10.00 Mobile top up (clerk)
b. £10.49 Microsoft 365 (clerk)

c. £1389.87 Clerk Wage
d. £10.60 Hassacarr Gate repair – (AW)
e. £37.04 – Playpark sign fitting - M Thompson
f. £50.00 Tower room Hire September
g. £200.00 CHEQUE In Bloom (DH)
h. £504.00 External Audit fee (PKF Littlejohn)
i. £37.99 Hassacarr paint (AW)

8.3 Direct debits noted for September 2026.

£16.56 Yorkshire Water
£1.20 Unity Bank Charges
£9.10 Unity Bank Charges
£74.62 CYC Garage Rent
£91.00 Nest Pension

8.4 Payments received in September 2026 noted.

£28.00 Allotment Rent
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£65.00 In Bloom Donations
£27,582.50 CYC Precept
£120.00 Memorial - Myers

F26/10/9 Date of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next Finance, Strategy and Audit Committee meeting are confirmed as Monday 2nd November 2026

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Signed Cllr Dykes (FSAC Chairman)

Date: