Dunnington Parish Council

FINANCE, STRATEGY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Finance, Strategy and Audit Committee Meeting
Monday 1st June 2026 at 7.00pm
Held in the Tower Room, St Nicholas Church, Dunnington YO19 5NB.

MINUTES

Present Cllr Dykes (Chair), Cllr Shaw, Cllr Major, Cllr Anderson
In Attendance The Clerk, Cllr Ruston
Apologies Cllr Jackson
Meeting started at 7.00pm

F26/6/1 - Formalities
1.1 Cllr Jackson gave her apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
1.2 The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 6th May 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record.
1.3 No declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or a member's Register of Interests received.
1.4 No dispensation requests were received.

F26/6/2 - Exclusion of the Press and Public
To resolve any agenda items requiring exclusion of press and public.
(The committee will resolve to exclude the press and public, from the meeting for any item where the publicity of the matter being prejudicial to the public interest or by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons.) Items excluded F26/6/4, F26/6/12

F26/6/3 - Public Participation
No members of the Press or public were present.

F26/6/4 – Banking and Finance
4.1 The Bank Reconciliation of £152097.00 was noted for May 2026

4.2 The current Unity Bank system access arrangements were considered and it was agreed that the Clerk would resubmit the details of two councillors to Unity Bank to enable them to access the system and authorise payments. **Action:** Clerk to contact Unity Bank to obtains forms.

4.3 The reserves were reviewed, and it was agreed that £887.23 had been incorrectly allocated to the Play Park Reserve and should be transferred to the In Bloom Reserve. As a result, it was RESOLVED to amend the Play Park Reserve from £10,263.29 to £9,376.06, and the In Bloom Reserve from £594.77 to £1,482.00**. Action:** Clerk to amend.

F26/6/5 – In Bloom
5.1 Cllr Dykes gave an update to council regarding the Village Planting, all progressing well
5.2 The Clerk reported that the In Bloom volunteers had advised that the current lawnmowers were no longer fit for purpose for cutting the village verges and carrying out other voluntary

maintenance duties within the village. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that two new lawnmowers be purchased, with an application to be made for Ward Funding. Should Ward Funding not be secured, the Council would proceed with the purchase using Council funds. **Action**: Clerk to Liaise with In Bloom following outcome of the Ward Funding.

F26/6/6 – Ward Grant Application
The Clerk advised the Council that the Ward Grant application had been submitted and that a response from City of York Council was pending.

F26/6/7 – Land Registry

7.1 Cllr Dykes provided an update following a meeting with the Clerk and the Council's solicitor. Members were advised that the current budget provision may need to be adjusted; however, it was not yet possible to determine the exact amount as further work is required. The solicitor has requested additional evidence, which will need to be collated by the Council.

Members also discussed Kerver Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Persimmon to enquire whether the Parish Council could adopt the area concerned. Cllr Dykes will mark the relevant section on a plan and forward it to the Clerk to support the enquiry.

7.2 Cllr Dykes advised that the Council's solicitor had confirmed that the Land Registry application relating to the Village Green should be submitted by the Parish Council. **Action:** Cllr Dykes and the Clerk to prepare and submit the application.

F26/6/8 – ACV Update
No update had been received on the ACV Application

F26/6/9 – Village Cross Update
The Clerk advised that an update had not yet been received from City of York Council following a request for clarification on the information required regarding the Village Cross. **Action**: Clerk to follow up

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F26/6/10 – Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr Dykes gave a quick update that the Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward

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F26/6/11 Financial Matters to address
11.1 The Council noted that a payment to City of York Council had not been collected via Direct Debit and had therefore been referred to Jacobs for payment demand. City of York Council has since confirmed that the issue has been resolved and was due to an administrative error on their part.
11.2 Return of £22 payment – Cllr Ruston to speak with I H to obtain correct bank details

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F26/6/12 – Financial Approvals/Authorisations
12.1 Quotes for Work/Services
Lawnmower 1 £589.00 **Approved**
Lawnmower 2 £589.00 **Approved**
Flower Turf £874 **Approved subject to** ward funding

12.2 Payments for approval

a. £ 1352.67 Clerk Wage **Approved**
b. £10.49 Microsoft May **Approved**
c. £182.66 Hassacarr **Approved**
d. 34.88 Bench Fixings R T (In Bloom) **Approved**

12.3 Direct Debits **Noted** for May
£14.35 Unity Bank Charges
£32.47 City of York Council Waste
£74.62 Garage Rent
£91.00 Nest Pension
£70.65 Scottish Water - Allotments
£17.97 Scottish Water - Cemetery

12.4 To note Payments received in May
In Bloom Donations £270.00
Allotment Rent £275.00
Return of £22.00
Music Event £532.00

F26/6/13 – Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Monday 6th July 2026 at 7pm in The Tower Room, St Nicholas Church

The meeting ended at 7.58pm

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Cllr Dykes (Chairman of FSAC)

06.07.2026