WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: Cllr IVOR FRENCH

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Cllr DAVID CHENERY

MINUTES of the meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council Finance & General Purpose Committee held on Monday 2 November 2026 at 19:00

FGP26-27. Present from Wickham Market Parish Council (WMPC).
Councillors Chenery (Chair), I French, Cooke with A Besly (Clerk).

FGP26-28. Present from the Public. None.

FGP26-29. Open Public Forum session. Members of the public are invited to speak on items on the agenda. None.

FGP26-30. Proposal to authorise Apologies for Absence. Councillor Dempsey-Gray. **All Agreed**.

FGP26-31. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda. None.

FGP26-32. Proposal to approve the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee of 7 September 2026. **All Agreed.**

FGP26-33. Chair's Report. Nothing to report

FGP26-34. Finance Reporting for November 2026

1. Finance Report and Payments Schedule. The Clerk highlighted the continued investment strategy with CCLA and the upcoming budget exercise. There were no questions.
2. Summary Financial Statement: There were a few questions and clarifications and the statement was approved.
3. Proposal to approve the Bank Reconciliation: The bank reconciliation was reviewed and checked against bank statements and found to be accurate. Councillor Chenery signed the documents.

FGP26-35. Review the year end forecast for 2026-27 for presentation to the Full Council. A couple of minor amendments were suggested which the Clerk will process and reissue for presentation to the full Council.

FGP26-36. Review 3 Year Plan. It was noted that the 3 year plan on the website is a previous issue. The Clerk will update it with the current issue. The plan key priorities were reviewed and it was considered that most were still relevant except for number 23, adult outdoor gym equipment.

At this point the meeting had run for 2 hours. It was proposed that standing order 3) x. be suspended to allow further business to be transacted. **All Agreed**

FGP26-37. Review the suggested budget for 2027-28 for presentation to the Full Council.
The budget was reviewed line by line with some suggested updates and clarifications. It was agreed that the 3 year plan priorities that were still applicable should be brought back into the budget. The Clerk will process the amendments and reissue.

FGP26-38. Reporting Items for the next meeting.

FGP26-39. Date of next meeting Monday 4 January 2026

Meeting Closed 21:25

Signed. **Councillor David Chenery, Chair.** **Date.**

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