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 6 July 2026 at 19:00

FGP26-1. Present from Wickham Market Parish Council (WMPC).
Councillors Chenery (Chair), Cooke, Dempsey-Gray, I French, with A Besly (Clerk).

FGP26-2. Present from the Public. None.

FGP26-3. Open Public Forum session. Members of the public are invited to speak on items on the agenda. None.

FGP26-4. Proposal to authorise Apologies for Absence. None.

FGP26-5. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda. None.

FGP26-6. Proposal to approve the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee of 9 March 2026. **All Agreed.**

FGP26-7. Chair's Report.
Councillor Chenery noted that the modernisation of the play area is a priority and that there are grants available.

FGP26-8. Finance Reporting for June 2026

1. Finance Report and Payments Schedule. There were no questions.
2. Summary Financial Statement: There were no questions.
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.
4. Proposal to approve withdrawal of £20k from CCLA to cover payments. **All Agreed.**

FGP26-9. Proposal to create a WMPC email account for Village Hall Modernisation communications and social media. **All Agreed.**
This email account and associated social media accounts is to be used to provide additional communications regarding Village Hall Modernisation and will be closed once modernisation is complete. Councillor Dempsey-Gray offered to help set up the social media aspect.

FGP26-10. Consider grant application from Good Neighbours.
It was proposed that the grant request of £150 be approved. **All agreed.**

FGP26-11. Consider grant application from WM Village Show.
The Parish Council supports the running of this excellent community event. The profits from this event are to be put towards the Village Hall Modernisation Fund which the Parish Council will be managing through the modernisation process. It was therefore proposed that the Parish Council offer to underwrite any losses for the event up to a total of £250. **All Agreed.**
It was also suggested that the Village Hall CIO may consider waiving hall hire costs as the profits are to be put to the Village Hall. **Action Councillor I French** to make the suggestion to the Village Hall CIO.
It was also noted that printing and publicity costs and refreshment costs seem to be high and that a review of suppliers may create more profit for the event.

FGP26-12. Proposal to approve quote from R&A Driveways to repair Village Hall Carpark and driveway potholes. FC26-55 refers. **All Agreed.**
The quote is for £1,650 plus VAT. It was further proposed that the Village Hall CIO should be asked to contribute 50% of this cost as the area is part of the lease they hold. **All Agreed. Action Councillor I** French to make the request.

FGP26-13. Reporting Items for the next meeting. Review grant application from CAES

FGP26-14. Date of next meeting Monday 7 September 2026

Meeting Closed 20:02

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

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