



Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held at Bishopstoke Methodist Church commencing at 7:30pm on 14th April 2026

Present: Cllrs Winstanley (Chair), Toher (Vice-Chair), Burcombe-Filer (from para 52), Hillier-Wheal and Thornton

In Attendance: Mr David Wheal (Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council)
Mrs Emma Earl (Admin Officer to Bishopstoke Parish Council)

Public Session: 1 member of the public was present.

The Chair welcomed the member of the public and asked if they had any questions for the Committee. The member of the public had no questions at that time.

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51 Apologies for Absence

51.1 All Committee members were present.

Cllr Burcombe-Filer arrived at this point.

52 To adopt as a true record, and sign, the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10th February 2026

52.1 The minutes of the above meeting were included with the supporting papers for this meeting.

52.2 Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Burcombe-Filer, **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10th February 2026 be adopted as a true record.

Action: Clerk and Chair – to sign and publish the minutes and document pack

53 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

53.1 Cllr Winstanley declared that she had an interest in agenda item 6 as she had been asked to be a trustee for The Empowerment Engine. Cllr Thornton also declared an interest in agenda item 6 as he has previously been a member of the Asian Welfare and Cultural Association and may be asked to become a member again in the future.

54 To receive the Clerk's report, including all areas delegated to the Committee

54.1 The Clerk's report had been included with the supporting papers for the meeting and was noted.

55 To receive the Financial Summary and approve the following financial reports:

**Budget Monitoring
Statements of Accounts
Payments Lists
Statement of Reserves**

55.1 The Budget Monitoring, Statement of Accounts, Payments Lists and Statement of Reserves had been included with the supporting papers for this meeting.

55.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher **RESOLVED** unanimously to receive and approve the Budget Monitoring, Statement of Accounts, Payments Lists and Statement of Reserves reports.

56 To consider grant requests from the following:

**Eastleigh Mela
The Empowerment Engine
Challengers**

56.1 The grant application forms for Eastleigh Mela, The Empowerment Engine and Challengers had been included with the supporting papers for this meeting.

56.2 Eastleigh Mela. Proposed Cllr Toher, Seconded Cllr Winstanley **RESOLVED** unanimously that Eastleigh Mela be awarded their full request of £500.

Action: Clerk – contact AWCA (Eastleigh Mela) to advise them of their successful grant application and to obtain their bank details for payment.

56.3 The Empowerment Engine. After discussion the Committee agreed that they would benefit from hearing more about the project before making a decision. Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Toher, **RESOLVED** unanimously to defer their decision and invite the applicant to provide more information to the Committee about the grant application at either the next Finance Committee or Full Council meeting.

Action: Clerk – to contact the applicant and invite him to give more information on The Empowerment Engine grant application at with the next Finance Committee or Full Council meeting.

56.4 Challengers. After discussion the Committee agreed to approve the Challenger grant application but ask for clarification on the income and expenditure amounts. Proposed Cllr Thornton, Seconded Cllr Burcombe-Filer **RESOLVED** with one abstention that Challengers be awarded their full request of £1,494.

Action: Clerk – contact Challenger to advise them of their successful grant application, obtain their bank details for payment and ask for clarification on the income and expenditure amounts

57 To review the Hampshire Discretions Policy for the Local Government Pension Scheme

57.1 A copy of the Employer Discretions Policy for Local Government Pensions Scheme with the amendment highlighted had been included with the supporting papers for this meeting.

57.2 Proposed Cllr Winstanley, Seconded Cllr Thornton, **RECOMMENDED** unanimously that the Council approve the amended Employer Discretions Policy for Local Government Pensions Scheme.

58 Date, time, place, and agenda items for next meeting

58.1 The next meeting of the Finance Committee is expected to take place at 7:15pm on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at the Parish Office on Sewall Drive or Bishopstoke Methodist Church. The Clerk reminded Cllrs that any agenda items should be provided, with any supporting papers, to the Clerk by Tuesday 2nd June.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7:56pm

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Chair's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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