

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 6th January 2026, 7.00 pm at Finstall Village Hall, Finstall**

**Councillors present:** Cllr Will Taylor, Chairman  
Cllr Caroline Spencer  
Cllr Wendy Molloy  
Cllr Molly Molloy  
Cllr Rosemarie Ryan

**Councillors absent:**

**In attendance:** Carol Blake, Clerk/RFO.

**1. Chairman's welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting open.

**2. Apologies for absence.** Cllr Norman Hewer and Cllr Christine Orr-Cooper sent their apologies

**3. Declarations of interest** No declarations declared.

**4. To consider any request from a councillor for a dispensation to be allowed to stay in the meeting after declaring an interest.** None received.

**5. Public Forum.**

a) An opportunity for members of the public to raise matters of interest or concern relating to this agenda or for future meetings.

A resident from 179 Finstall Rd attended the meeting and raised an issue regarding the VAS which was recently erected at the back of his house, it illuminates his living room when curtains are drawn and is causing him problems. **It was agreed** to turn the VAS sign around the other way to see if that alleviates the problem.

b) County and District Councillors;

Cllr Sam Evans reported that the 2024 boundaries request report will be voted on next week and will be reported in next meeting if it goes through to consultation.

Upper Gambolds now has a temporary fix in place due to the flooding and metal barriers have been fitted by the bridge.

c) Safer Neighbourhood Team reported that speed checks have been taking place in the area, only a couple of motorists caught over the speed limit. A new device called True Cam is being introduced and has been requested to be used in the area to pick up if anyone is speeding or if anyone is caught on their mobile phones, pictures are clearer using this device.

**6. To consider the minutes of the previous council meeting** held 02/12/2025.  
The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held 02/12/2025 were approved as an accurate record of proceedings, and were signed by the Chair.

**7. Planning Development.**

(a) comment on any planning consultations received and (b) note Planning Authority (Bromsgrove District Council) decisions made, and (c) consider any other planning matter.

<b>APPLICATION REFERENCE :</b>	25/00871/FUL
<b>APPLICATION TYPE:</b>	<b>Full Application</b>
<b>DATE ACCEPTED:</b>	04.12.2025
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Finch End Farm , Upper Gambolds Lane Stoke Pound Worcestershire B60 3HF
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	Proposed Manure Store
<b>APPLICANTS NAME:</b>	PM & JM Harper
<b>PARISH COUNCIL:</b>	<b>Finstall Parish</b>
<b>WARD:</b>	<b>Tardebigge Ward</b>
<b>CASE OFFICER:</b>	<b>David Kelly</b>
<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	01527 881666
<b>EMAIL</b>	david.kelly@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

It was agreed to accept the above application, no objections.

**8 FINANCE**

**a) To note the bank reconciliation to 29/12/2025**

For period 01/04/2025 – 29/12/2025			
<b>Opening bank balances 01/04/2025</b>		15198.23	
Add actual receipts for year to date		14221.61	
Less authorised payments for year to date		-10588.06	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>£18,831.78</b>
<b>Bank balances as at 29/12/2025</b>			
Unity Trust Bank		8331.78	
Bromsgrove DC short-term investment		10,500.00	
Less unpresented payments*			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>£18,831.78</b>
		-	<b>A=B=balance</b>

The reconciliation with latest bank statements was checked and signed by the Chair.

**b) To consider and authorise payments and note receipts.**

Ref No	To	Description	Gross Amt	Vat Paid
74	Unity Trust Bank D/D	Monthly charge	6.00	
75	Scribe D/D	Monthly charge	14.40	2.40
76	Carol Blake S/O	Nov Salary	346.66	
77	Carol Blake S/O	Dec Salary	346.66	
78	Carol Blake	Bitdefender antivirus	49.99	8.33

		protection reimbursement as agreed		
79	Carol Blake	CCleaner for cleaning files and junk on laptop reimbursement as agreed	14.28	2.38
80	Carol Blake	Work from home allowance backpay from Feb 25	286.00	
81	HMRC	PAYE Month 8	89.24	

The clerk, as RFO, confirmed each invoice had been checked to ensure:

- i. Expenditure has been agreed prior to receipt of invoice.
- ii. The budget for each purchase had been agreed.
- iii. Each invoice complies with the purchase order and is as expected.
- iv. Each invoice is arithmetically correct including appropriate VAT calculation.

The schedule was checked and signed and each invoice was available for inspection and will be attached to the online payments schedule circulated to all members.

Cllr Taylor and Cllr Hewer will be requested to approve invoices against the bank account.

**9. To consider and decide upon the following raised in previous meetings:**

- a) Update from members on Unity Trust Bank signatures to be able to approve payments. No update from members, they need to try setting up for approval again and update next month.
- b) To review progress of SmartWater roll out to parish community. No other Smart Water kits have been delivered but Cllr Molloy will try again
- c) Update on dog waste bin on Monarch Way, whether work has been completed – The bin needs to be replaced as it has completely rotted.
- d) Welcome to Finstall signs - As Cllr Hewer was not in attendance it was agreed to defer this until next meeting
- e) Update on Penmanor bus stop - Awaiting quote, deferred to next meeting
- f) Update on 30mph stickers – It was agreed 300 to be purchased, Clerk to source these.
- g) Ideas for Penmanor playing field - Cllr Sam Evans will ask if there are any grants available to go towards purchasing new playground equipment. No response from contact

**10. Members to raise items for discussion at next meeting.**

Hedging requires cutting back on Hayden Rd by the field side – Lengthsman request Pikes Pool before the bridge needs t hedging and tree to be cut back - Lengthsman request.

**11. Date, time and venue of next meeting:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, **7.00pm** at Finstall Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:55pm.

Signed..... Date .....  
Chairman, Finstall Parish Council