

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 7.00 pm at Finstall Village Hall, Finstall**

Councillors present: Cllr Will Taylor, Chairman
Cllr Christine Orr-Cooper
Cllr Caroline Spencer
Cllr Wendy Molloy
Cllr Molly Molloy
Cllr Norman Hewer
Cllr Sam Evans

Councillors absent: Cllr Rosemarie Ryan

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.

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. One member of the public attended.

b) County and District Councillors;

Cllr Evans reported that the VAS has been turned around as requested by a resident.

The broken fence on Finstall Rd has been reported.

Work will be carried out on Pikes Pool Lane, the Lane will be closed 21st May for flooding work to be carried out.

A number of house building applications have been received for Finstall.

There is a £1.25m pot set aside in the budget for play areas to be improved, there will be a bid for funding when it becomes available and Cllr Evans will keep us updated on when this will be open for bids to take place.

c) Safer Neighbourhood Team No representative in attendance

- 6. To consider the minutes of the previous council meeting** held 03/02/2026.
The minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held 03/02/2026 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.

APPLICATION REFERENCE :	25/01431/FUL
APPLICATION TYPE:	Full Application
DATE ACCEPTED:	13.02.2026
LOCATION:	Grimley Hall , Grimley Lane Finstall Worcestershire B60 3AF
PROPOSAL:	Proposed change of use and erection of new stables and menage with associated access track
APPLICANTS NAME:	Mr & Mrs Duggan
PARISH COUNCIL:	Finstall Parish
WARD:	Tardebigge Ward
CASE OFFICER:	Emily Cox
TELEPHONE:	01527 881699 EXT 1699
EMAIL	emily.cox@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

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

8 FINANCE

- a) To note the bank reconciliation to 26/02/2026

For period 01/04/2025 – 26/02/2026		
Opening bank balances 01/04/2025	15198.23	
Add actual receipts for year to date	15235.98	
Less authorised payments for year to date	-13649.17	
Total	A	£16785.04
Bank balances as at 26/02/2026		
Unity Trust Bank	6601.93	
Bromsgrove DC short-term investment	10,500.00	
Less unrepresented payments	316.89	
Total	B	£16785.04
	-	A=B=balance

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
100	Wendy Molloy	Sweets for Carol Service	14.90	
101	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Fee	6.00	
102	Scribe D/D	Monthly charge	14.40	2.40
103	Carol Blake	Salary	378.30	
104	Carol Blake	Postage for HMRC	9.99	
105	IDG Lengthsman	Lengthsman Jan	180.00	
106	IDG Garden Services	Cleaning Bus stops Jan	40.00	
107	IDG Lengthsman	Emptying bins Jan	72.00	

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.

c) Policies to be reviewed:

- Community Engagement (no changes) It was agreed that the policy was true and fair
- Biodiversity (no changes) It was agreed that the policy was true and fair
- Grant Awarding (no changes) It was agreed that the policy was true and fair
- Health and Safety (no changes) It was agreed that the policy was true and fair
- Scheme of Delegation (no changes) It was agreed that the policy was true and fair
- Training (no changes) It was agreed that the policy was true and fair
- Reserves It was agreed that the policy was true and fair

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.

Cllr Spencer is waiting for a new PIN number to arrive from the bank so that she can set her details up online.

Cllr Molly and Wendy Molloy will contact UTB and Cllr Cooper will also contact UTB to progress their access.

b) To review progress of SmartWater roll out to parish community. Agreed to remove this item as signage for the village is currently being produced.

- c) To discuss 23rd-24th May Bank Holiday 2026 Bromsgrove Tribute Festival at Bromsgrove Rugby Club – Cllr Cooper. It was agreed that as there should be extra parking available at the rugby club in May, which is currently under construction, that this will ease traffic flow and cope with the traffic congestion that was noticeable on previous occasions.
- d) Road sign for Alcester Road by the bus stop – Cllr Cooper - Wooden back plate is rotting and needs replacing, it was agreed that Parish Councillors will walk around to look at all signs in the area before asking Ian to paint the Alcester Rd sign, in case there are others that need to be maintained too, report back in next month's meeting.
- e) Correspondence to be discussed–
 - i. Persimmon Homes request to meet - It was agreed that Clerk will ask rep to attend 7th April for a presentation and pencil in Wed 15th April at Church Hall if required as a follow up
 - ii. Car Boot request - It was agreed for this to go ahead as traffic will be eased due to the additional parking available at the rugby club, clerk to contact resident to inform him of the agreement.
- f) To discuss increasing allotment rental fee - No rental fees have been received to date for last year so it was agreed that the clerk will contact tenants to request payment before discussing any increase in allotment rental for this year.
- g) Welcome to Finstall signs update from Cllr Evans – Cllr Molly Molloy will obtain designs for the sign and will report back in next meeting.
A planting licence and exact specification of signs needs to be obtained before the process of ordering can begin.
- h) Penmanor bus stop – Cllr Molly Molloy quote was discussed and all agreed to proceed with quote £1760.00 plus VAT - Cllr Molly Molloy will inform BP Hims of PC agreement.
- i) Ideas for what playground equipment would be ideal for Penmanor playing field – Goal posts, basket ball were put forward and members agreed to look at other equipment that would be useful for the playing field. Cllr Evans welcomed ideas so that he could gauge funding requirements.

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

- Cllr Cooper reported that in the recent CALC newsletter a new lifeline facility was being promoted, this is a Technology Enabled Care service, available 24 hours a day to any person living in Bromsgrove district. It enables vulnerable people to remain living independently at home. The service will be free of charge for 6 weeks and then charged for after the 6 weeks initial period if required.
It was agreed to put an article in the next edition of the Finstall Focus and publish the service on the PC website too.

- Notice boards to be swapped around - Clerk will contact Supplier to request that they are changed to original position prior to being installed.
- Pothole from 107 -109 Fininstall Rd was reported – Cllr Evans will report to Highways.

11. Date, time and venue of next meeting:

Tuesday 7th April 2026, **7.00pm** at Fininstall Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:05pm.

Signed..... Date
Chairman, Fininstall Parish Council