

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 7th April 2026, 7.00 pm at Finstall Village Hall, Finstall**

Councillors present: Cllr Will Taylor, Chairman
Cllr Caroline Spencer
Cllr Norman Hewer
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 Christine Orr-Cooper is unwell and sent her apologies. Cllr Wendy Molloy and Cllr Molly Molloy also sent apologies as they are both unwell.

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.

Two staff members from Persimmon Homes attended to discuss the proposal for a development of houses off St Godwald's Road by the Rugby Club. The proposal would be to build 240 new homes, 50% of which will be affordable housing with path links and right of way with drainage points and one access road. Ground investigation has been taking place to test drainage.

Consultation will be taking place with WCC to widen the road. The road will be built up as currently there is a big drop down to the road. Access and traffic problems are an issue. It is currently classed as green belt, 2028/2029 will be the date for development if agreed to. Schools are an issue as the schools in the area are at full capacity, healthcare would also be an issue as there are not enough Doctors surgeries for residents at the moment.

The planning proposal will be submitted within 4-6 weeks. It was agreed that a public consultation should be set up after the submission of the application around June or July for residents to voice their concerns too.

b) County and District Councillors;

Cllr Evans was not in attendance but had sent a report with issue updates which had been circulated and was read out to all.

c) Safer Neighbourhood Team No representative in attendance

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

No planning applications have been received for this month.

8 FINANCE

a) To note the bank reconciliation to 31/03/2026

For period 01/04/2025 – 31/03/2026		
Opening bank balances 01/04/2025	15198.23	
Add actual receipts for year to date	15265.98	
Less authorised payments for year to date (Gross Figure from summary report)	14054.87-	
Total	A	£16,409.34
Bank balances as at 31/03/2026		
Unity Trust Bank	5909.34	
Bromsgrove DC Loan account	10,500.00	
Less unrepresented payments*		
Total	B	£16409.34
	-	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.

Vno	To	Reason	Gross amount	VAT paid
Payments for authorisation				
108	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	6.00	0.00
109	Scribe	Monthly subscription	12.00	2.40
110	Clerk Carol Blake	Clerk Salary Mar 26	378.30	0.00
1	ROSPA	Annual inspection of Penmanor Play area	99.60	16.60
2	Clerk Carol Blake	Stamps for allotment letters	9.00	0.00
3	Clerk Carol Blake	Stickers for bins	44.85	0.00
4	Fininstall Village Hall	2025 Rental of hall	286.00	0.00
5	HMRC	PAYE month 10	89.04	0.00
6	HMRC	PAYE month 11	91.72	0.00
7	Clerk Carol Blake	Mileage	27.00	0.00
118	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	7.00	0.00
RECEIPTS				

R12	Annual allotment rental Gilbert	Allotment rental	15.00	0.00
R13	Annual allotment rental Steadman	Allotment rental	15.00	0.00

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) To note the current budget position v actual receipts and payments for 2025/2026

Finstall Parish Council							01 April 2026 (2025-2026)
Summary of Receipts and Payments							
All Cost Centres and Codes							
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Payments							
Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position +/- Under/over spend
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	
6 Staff Costs				5,513.00	5,935.17	-422.17	-422.17 (-7%)
7 Expenses & Training				250.00	415.75	-165.75	-165.75 (-66%)
8 Subscriptions & Memberships				550.00	623.79	-73.79	-73.79 (-13%)
9 Insurance				558.40	828.70	-270.30	-270.30 (-48%)
10 Lengthsman, bus shelters, tubs				4,182.00	3,487.00	695.00	695.00 (16%)
11 Communications (Phone, W'site,				550.00	350.00	200.00	200.00 (36%)
12 Admin (Stationery, Printer, Post)				1,400.00	393.50	1,006.50	1,006.50 (71%)
13 Audit & Professional Fees				300.00	276.20	23.80	23.80 (7%)
14 Elections				200.00		200.00	200.00 (100%)
17 Playing Field				2,500.00	598.00	1,902.00	1,902.00 (76%)
18 Reserves 1				4,000.00	1,007.49	2,992.51	2,992.51 (74%)
20 Events, grants				500.00	350.00	150.00	150.00 (30%)
SUB TOTAL				20,503.40	14,265.60	6,237.80	6,237.80 (30%)

Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
1 Precept	12,972.00	12,972.00					(0%)
2 Grants/Donations							(N/A)
3 Bank Interest	350.00	519.61	169.61				169.61 (48%)
4 VAT Refund		404.37	404.37				404.37 (N/A)
5 Other inc Lengthsman	3,400.00	1,370.00	-2,030.00				-2,030.00 (-59%)
SUB TOTAL	16,722.00	15,265.98	-1,456.02				-1,456.02 (-8%)
Summary							
NET TOTAL	16,722.00	15,265.98	-1,456.02	20,503.40	14,265.60	6,237.80	4,781.78
V.A.T.					436.48		
GROSS TOTAL		15,265.98			14,702.08		

9) Clerk's reports and correspondence received, for information:

- a) Penmanor Rec ROSPA inspection. No major issues only painting required to update area
- b) Annual Parish meeting discussion on invitees May 5th This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and then continue to the Annual PC meeting
- c) Police contract and community issues contract - Speeding, Engagement with Police when possible

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

Cllr Hewer raised the issue of some cars being parked on grass frontages on Fininstall Rd

11. Date, time and venue of next meeting:

Annual Parish and Parish Council meeting Tuesday 5th May 2026, **7.00pm** at Fininstall Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:29pm.

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