

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 2nd June 2026, 7.00 pm at Finstall Village Hall, Finstall**

Councillors present: Cllr Will Taylor, Chairman
Cllr Caroline Spencer
Cllr Norman Hewer
Cllr Rosemarie Ryan
Cllr Wendy Molloy
Cllr Molly Molloy
Cllr Christine Orr-Cooper
Cllr Peter Whittaker

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. None received.

3. Declarations of interest - Christine Orr-Cooper declared an interest on point 7a.

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.

Stuart Dudley attended the meeting who spoke about his planning applications submitted regarding the two planning applications below. Both cottages will be sensitively restored in keeping with the current design, they will be kept as two separate cottages which will be rented out in the future, the goal for building restoration completion will be 12 months.

b) County and District Councillors; Councillor Peter Whittaker attended updated on Development Plan and planned proposal of housing developments in the area.

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 05/05/2026.

Agreed by all but minutes will be signed at next meeting as minutes had not been printed.

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 :	26/00533/HHPRIO
APPLICATION TYPE:	Householder Prior Notification
DATE ACCEPTED:	06.05.2026
LOCATION:	1 Crossbrook Cottage , Grimley Lane Finstall Worcestershire B60 3AF
PROPOSAL:	Proposed single storey rear extension
APPLICANTS NAME:	Mr Stuart Dudley
PARISH COUNCIL:	Finstall Parish
WARD:	Tardebigge Ward

APPLICATION REFERENCE :	26/00555/HHPRIO
APPLICATION TYPE:	Householder Prior Notification
DATE ACCEPTED:	08.05.2026
LOCATION:	2 Crossbrook Cottage , Grimley Lane Finstall Worcestershire B60 3AF
PROPOSAL:	Proposed single storey rear extension
APPLICANTS NAME:	Mr Stuart Dudley
PARISH COUNCIL:	Finstall Parish
WARD:	Tardebigge Ward
CASE OFFICER:	Kyle Lander
TELEPHONE:	01527 881444
EMAIL	kyle.lander@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

8 FINANCE

a) To note the bank reconciliation to 27/05/2026

For period 01/04/2026 – 27/05/2026		
Opening bank balances 01/04/2026	16409.34	
Add actual receipts for year to date	6486.00	
Less authorised payments for year to date	3362.46-	
Total	A	£19,532.88
Bank balances as at 31/03/2026		
Unity Trust Bank	9032.88	
Bromsgrove DC Loan account	10,500.00	
Less unrepresented payments*		
Total	B	£19,532.88
	-	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				
20	Clear Insurance	Annual insurance cover	841.99	0.00
21	Clerk Carol Blake	Bin stickers	22.34	0.00

22	Scribe	Monthly subscription	14.40	2.40
23	B.P. Hims	Bus shelter refurb	1760.00	352.00
24	Clerk Carol Blake	Monthly Salary	378.30	0.00
25	Bank monthly charge	Service charge	7.00	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 Ryan will be requested to approve invoices against the bank account.

9. Updates and discussion on the following:

- a) Bank approvers – update from all – No update from other members they will try again to contact the Bank to be added or reset, Chairman asked that this is treated as urgent as back-up is required in case of illness and holidays.
- b) To discuss possible allotment fee increase – Agreed at £15.00 per year. Clerk to send out letters to inform the allotment holders.

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

Cllr Hewer reported - Flower trough outside the Churchyard is looking tired and dead, look at different summer plants for next year.

Cllr Ryan reported seeing a moped with a child on the back being driven by a Learner driver down Finstall Rd, will report it to PCSO.

11. Date, time and venue of next meeting: Tuesday 7th July @ 7:00pm Finstall Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:57pm.

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