

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

Councillors present: Cllr Will Taylor, Chairman

Cllr Norman Hewer
Cllr Wendy Molloy
Cllr Molly Molloy
Cllr Caroline Spencer
Cllr Rosemarie Ryan
Cllr Christine Orr-Cooper
Cllr Sam Evans

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 – None received.

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.
Police were in attendance but nothing to report in the area.
The recent car accident that occurred just down from the pub, the details of which have been sent to the police, the person who was driving had a medical incident which caused the crash.
- b) County and District Councillors – Cllr Evans reported that the tree roots on Alcester Rd have been dealt with in September and the issue has been resolved according to the Highways Dept.
Hayden Rd will be resurfaced in December.
Unitary Council has been paused but the elections for District and Parish Council will be next year.
- c) Safer Neighbourhood Team - No representative in attendance.

6. To consider the minutes of the previous council meeting held 01/09/2026.
Agreed by all and minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

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.

The planning application was agreed by all.

APPLICATION REFERENCE :	26/01006/FUL
APPLICATION TYPE:	Full Application
DATE ACCEPTED:	26.08.2026
LOCATION:	The Piggery , Dusthouse Lane Fininstall Worcestershire B60 3AE
PROPOSAL:	Construction of new barn style dwelling in lieu of current planning approval (Ref No: 23/01208/FUL)
APPLICANTS NAME:	A. Wheeler-Vine
PARISH COUNCIL:	Fininstall Parish

8 FINANCE

a) To note the bank reconciliation to 28/09/2026

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

For period 01/04/2026 – 27/09/2026		
Opening bank balances 01/04/2026	16409.34	
Add actual receipts for year to date	6486.00	
Less authorised payments for year to date	-8566.71	
Total	A	£14,328.63
Bank balances as at 24/09/2026		
Unity Trust Bank	3828.63	
Bromsgrove DC short-term investment	10,500.00	
Less unrepresented payments		
Total	B	£14,328.63
	-	A=B=balance

b) To consider and authorise payments and note receipts.

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.

Vno	To	Reason	Gross amount	VAT paid
Payments				
43	Scribe (D/D)	Monthly Subscription Sept	14.40	2.40
44	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	7.00	0.00
45	Carol Blake	Salary Aug 26	378.30	0.00
46	Carol Blake	A4 Paper	6.99	0.00
47	IDG Garden Services (Ian)	Lengthsman Services Apr – Aug 26	310.00	0.00
48	IDG Garden Services (Ian)	Mowing, Bus stops and Bins Apr – Aug 26	841.00	0.00
49	Carol Blake	Salary Increase Backpay	69.90	0.00

c) Penmanor playing field audit and investment plan to be discussed – Discussed the findings detailed on the BDC questionnaire in detail. Cllr Evans will ask how many quotes

are required for the Parish Council to try and request some funding and then equipment can be purchased if deemed necessary.

It was agreed because the questionnaire is so detailed that all members will study it and will come back with any comments and equipment requirements in next meeting.

9. Clerk's report and correspondence received:

- a) To discuss process for drawing up budget for 27/28 It was agreed the Clerk will draw up draft budget for next meeting bearing in mind there will be an election next year and will need to be included in the budget.

10. To consider and decide upon the following:

- a) HR Disciplinary policy to be reviewed - **It was agreed** by all to be a true and fair document
- b) Grievance policy to be reviewed - **It was agreed** by all to be a true and fair document

11. Updates and discussion on the following:

- a) Bank approvers – any update from members, no update

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

Cllr Hower raised the idea of requesting grant funding that has been promoted in this week's CALC Newsletter. More than £2.5 million has already been secured for Worcestershire community organisations

Worcestershire CALC has a partnership with Keith Slater and The Boost, who help community organisations identify and secure grant funding.

The Boost has helped organisations secure more than £2.5 million in grants.

If a parish council has an idea or project that needs funding, Keith can help explore potential funding opportunities.

There is no upfront fee and the organisation only charges 5% when funding is successfully secured.

This could be particularly useful for projects that support community facilities, activities, wellbeing, equipment or other local improvements.

Cllr Spencer has ordered a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day

13. Date, time and venue of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd Nov @ 7:00pm Finstall Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:01pm.

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