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## PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
**Tuesday 3rd November 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 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.

**Apologies for absence.** Cllr Rosemarie Ryan sent her apologies

2. **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.

b) County and District Councillors – Cllr Evans reported that on 29 October 2026, the Government confirmed that the Local Government Reorganisation in Worcestershire will continue and has indicated that it is minded to proceed with the previously announced two-unitary model**.** There will be a 21day consultation period on this.
Christmas Event – It was agreed that Cllr Evans will arrange a Santa for the 7:00pm on 18th December.

c) Safer Neighbourhood Team - No representative in attendance.

6. **To consider the minutes of the previous council meeting** held 06/10/2026.
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.

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| **APPLICATION REFERENCE :** | 26/01177/FUL |
| **APPLICATION TYPE:** | **Full Application** |
| **DATE ACCEPTED:** | 07.10.2026 |
| **LOCATION:** | Grimley Cottage , Grimley Lane Finstall Worcestershire B60 3AF |
| **PROPOSAL:** | Construction of an oak-framed carport/store at the rear and replacement garage at the front |
| **PARISH COUNCIL:** | **Finstall Parish** |
| **WARD:** | **Tardebigge Ward** |

**8 FINANCE**

a) **To note the bank reconciliation to 28/10/2026**

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

| **For period 01/04/2026 – 27/10/2026** | | |
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| **Opening bank balances 01/04/2026** | 16409.34 | |
| Add actual receipts for year to date | 13282.00 | |
| Less authorised payments for year to date | -10241.30 | |
| **Total** | **A** | **£19,450.04** |
| **Bank balances as at 27/10/2026** | | |
| Unity Trust Bank | 8950.04 | |
| Bromsgrove DC short-term investment | 10,500.00 | |
| Less unpresented payments* | 0.00 | |
| **Total** | **B** | **£19,450.04** |
| | **-** | **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 for authorisation** | | | | |
| 50 | Carol Blake | Salary Sept 26 | 378.30 | 0.00 |
| 51 | Unity Bank | Monthly service charge | 7.00 | 0.00 |
| 52 | Starboard Systems Scribe | Monthly fee for Scribe | 12.00 | 2.40 |
| 53 | ICO | Data Protection Licence | 47.00 | 0.00 |
| 54 | Carol Blake | Salary Backpay 26 | 69.90 | 0.00 |
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| **RECEIPTS** | | | | |
| R2 | Bromsgrove District Council; 2nd half precept | | | £6,486.00 |
| R3 | WCC Lengthsman reimbursement | | | £310.00 |

c) To review the draft budget for 2027/28 and consider approval.

The draft budget figures were discussed and unanimously agreed to for 27/28

**9. To consider and decide upon the following:**

a) Update from members on Unity Trust Bank signatures to be able to approve payments - Cllr's Wendy and Molly Molloy have received their updates and will set their access up.

b) Finstall Parish Community Governance Review email sent to Councillors 16/10/2026 The report was read out and agreed by all Councillors that it was a feasible solution for all.

c) Policies to review:
   i. Internal Controls Policy - It was agreed by all as a true and fair policy
   ii. Risk assessments and Risk Management Policy – Both to be deferred to next meeting after amendments are completed.
   iii. Equality Policy - It was agreed by all as a true and fair policy

**Items raised in last month's meeting:**

d) To discuss Penmanor Playing Field questionnaire from last month's meeting, comments to be made and equipment to be agreed by Councillors. It was agreed to go ahead with the essential works of £2700 Clerk to contact Env Services to ask about the difference between RoSPA report and this report

e) Any comments regarding grant funding which was promoted in CALC Newsletter raised by Cllr Hewer - Clerk to contact CALC to ask if PC would be entitled to a grant for play equipment for Penmanor.

**Updates and discussion on the following:**

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

Cllr Hewer reported that St Godwald's came second in eco churchyard award and will be presented with the award on15th Nov.
On 29TH Nov Scouts will be doing a leaf clearance at the churchyard
Finstall Focus reports to be sent to Clerk for inclusion in Christmas edition.
Cllr Spencer commented on the flower troughs and what a good job has been done as they are looking very good
Finstall Sign by Cllr Rosemary Ryan's house needs trimming.

**11. Date, time and venue of next meeting**: Tuesday 1st Dec @ 7:00pm Finstall Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:08pm.

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