WARNDON VILLAGES PARISH COUNCIL – FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee of Warndon Villages Parish Council, held virtually at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 21 October 2026

Present: Cllrs S Forrest (Chair), L Hodgson and D Merriman

In attendance: the Clerk

1. **Apologies**

   There were none.

2. **Declarations of Interest** and consideration for requests for Councillor Dispensations in line with S33 of the Localism Act 2011

   Cllr Hodgson declared trusteeship of the Lyppard Hub Board of Trustees.

3. **To report** the Minutes of the previous meeting on 26 January 2026

   The Minutes agreed at the Council meeting on 8 February 2026 were noted.

4. **To consider** Internal Audit arrangements 2026-27

The internal audit is scheduled for 16 February. The Clerk confirmed that the Council's audit Duncan Edwards has been appointed.

5. **To review** Budget 2026-27

4301 Allotments: some additional minor maintenance expenditure is anticipated

4330 Play Areas: WCC's invoice for £1,047 in matching funding expenditure has not been received to date.

4355 Speed gates: the committee may apply for funding from the PCC grant to supplement expenditure on new speed gate signage.

4220 Estate management (2): no expenditure on tree management is anticipated this year

4250 Misc Initiatives – Environment: forthcoming expenditure of £2,880 for bulb planting

4405 S137 grant: no funding for the Lyppard Warm Hub is anticipated this winter

6. **To consider** Budget 2027-28

Marginal increases in budget sectors of around 3% were recorded across the 2027-28 budget.

4301 Allotments: the budget was decreased by £500 for 2027-28

4315 Misc Initiatives – Community: budget increased to £1000 to account for potential publicity drive across the parish covering the effects of CGR

4330 Play Areas: budget of £3000 retained to cover potential funding burden of facilities across the Parish is City responsibilities are absolved following CGR

4340 Defibrillators: budget to cover potential provision of bleed kits at defibrillator sites

4355 Speed reduction/gates: budget increased to £3000 to be deployed alongside possible PCC grant funding for replacement of gates following CGR

4220 Estate Management (2): budget decreased to £2,500 to cover general tree maintenance

4271 Apex Ponds: budget increased to £3000 to cover anticipated site upgrade and security costs

4400 Lyppard Hub grant: budget increased by 2% as per previous agreement

1076 Precept: increase by 5% on 2025-26 to £133,894

EMR contingency funds were not increased.

The Committee agreed that in the absence of potential outcome of CGR it is difficult to agree specific budget further than one year ahead. Potential funding allocation to cover increased areas of responsibility cannot be estimated until the outcome of CGR is known.

7. Date of the Next Meeting:

The next meeting to be scheduled in January 2027.

The meeting closed at 3.20pm

Signed:…… Date:……

(Chair)