

**ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE FINANCE & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ON WEDNESDAY 06th November 2024**

PRESENT: Cllrs M Cooke; S Johns; M Hayden, Cllr J Zorab.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Reece Coulson (Assistant Clerk), Mr Simon Davies (RFO).

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllr E Danson and Cllr G Pettitt.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons given for Members' absence.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

02.01. There was a general declaration of interest from all present Councillors as they were required to set the budget for 2025/2026.

02.02. There were no requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

02.03. There were no requests for dispensation.

03. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items for exclusion.

04. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

05. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2024

RESOLVED: To confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Finance & Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 14th August 2024.

06. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered grant application from:

The Somerset Bus Partnership for £995

RESOLVED: To grant £995

07. ESTIMATED COSTS FOR DEVOLVED SERVICES

The Committee reviewed the estimated costs for waste collection and gully emptying.

Resolved: To utilise Somerset Council for waste collection at a cost of £3,659.76

Resolved: To utilise Kier for gully clearance.

08. REVIEW OF CURRENT BUDGET SPEND TO DATE

Cllrs in attendance reviewed the current year's budget and spend to date (first 6 months) and scrutinise listed. **RESOLVED:** to accept the financial reports issued.

09. BUDGET FOR 2025-2026 (INCLUDING PAY AWARDS)

Cllrs considered additional budget headings and amounts for the annual budget proposals for the Financial Year 2025/2026. Proposed initial budget to be recommended for approval by Full Council in December 2024. Final Budget once we receive Precept from Somerset County Council to be approved in January 2025.

10. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Cllrs considered the new key changes to the financial regulations for the Council.

RESOLVED: To accept the changes to financial regulations and to present to Full Council in December 2024.

11. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 04th December 2024, 7pm, Coxley Memorial Hall Meeting Room.