

Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Council

Notes of the Finance & General Purpose Committee Meeting 18th November 2025

Attendees: Cllr Chris Sivill (Chair), Cllr Serv Coulber, Cllr Marc Deller-Smith, Cllr Caroline Dawson, Cllr Neville Edwards, Cllr Jacqueline Gravett and Sarah Kulwicki (Clerk)

Meeting Commenced at 7:15pm

F1-25/26 **Apologies for absence**

None.

F2-25/26 **To receive any declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations** for items on the agenda not previously recorded on member's register of interests

None.

F3-25/26 **To approve as a correct record the notes** of the meeting held on **19th November 2024** and to authorise the Chair to sign the official minutes.

The Chair signed the official minutes.

F4-25/26 **To appoint an internal auditor**

Members present chose to use the previous council internal auditor.

F5-25/26 **To review the Asset Register**

Members present discussed the asset register; changes were made and will be brought to the next council meeting for approval.

F6-25/26 **To review Financial Regulations**

No changes have been made to the financial regulations. **RECOMMENDED** for the council to approve the financial regulations.

F7-25/26 **To consider and review the draft budget including any future proposals**

Proposed changes

- Clerks expenses to be reduce to 0.00 as not required.
- Employer National insurance to be increase due to the previous rise in contributions and not enough funds being budgeted
- Increase in hall hire fee, to allow for cover of all meetings
- Service rates fee to be increased to meet costs. (unmetered supply)
- Allowance for an increase in insurance due to increase in council assets

- Mobile phone reduced to £130 as minimum needed.
- Membership and subscriptions increased to meet costs.
- Website services of £110.00 as still needed to maximise clerks time.
- Grants S137 and other grants/ donations of £500.00
- Village Hall Wi-Fi, to be removed as no longer required
- Reactive speed signs reduced as no more needed at this time
- Street furniture allowance increased to meet costs
- Christmas budget was decreased to £800 to cover trees and lights
- Village Maintenance and repairs increased
- Hedges and spraying reduced as unused
- Siding up increased as needed for 2026
- Flag replacement set to 0 as not required.
- The watering cost of £250, for possible fill ups and the purchase of bulbs/plants.
- Grass cutting reduced by £600.00 as not as many cuts needed.
- Increase of £3,000.00 for amenity land potential.
- Village map and village projects reduced to 0.00 in ring fenced to cover new lectern costs.

F8-25/26 **To consider the provisional Precept for 2026/2027**

The provisional precept to be applied for is £38,977.07 compared to last year's precept of £37,667.47 this will be an increase of 3.5%.

Summary of Draft Budget & Provisional Precept 2026-2027

Expenditure

	2026-2027
Code	Budget
Administration	23,122.00
Grants	500.00
Community	3,500.00
Events	1,900.00
Maintenance	3,500.00
Grass Cutting	10,000.00
Amenity Land	5,000.00
SUB TOTAL	47,522.00

	2026-2027
Reserves	
Emergency Planning	250.00
Staffing Reserve	1,000.00
Church Yard & Wall Contingency	3,000.00
Emergency Tree Surgery	1,500.00
IT Repairs & Replacement Fund	1,000.00
Village Projects	0
Village Map / Guide	0
Elections	3,000.00
SUB TOTAL	9,750.00

Income

	2026-2027
Other Income	3,700.00
Grants	0.00
SUB TOTAL	3,700.00
PRECEPT	£38,997.07

F9-25/26 **To confirm date of next meetings as:**

Full Council Meeting on Tuesday 2ND December 2025 at 7.15pm