

MARSH GIBBON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 23 JANUARY 2025
HELD ON THURSDAY AT 8PM

Present: Cllr A Lambourne (Chair), N Lyon (NL) and Cllr T Reveler TR)

In attendance: C Jackman (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs J Smith (JS), Cllr E Taylor (ET), R Daniell (RD) and L Cross (LC)
2. **Declarations of interests:** None.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2024:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 November 2024 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from these minutes:**
 - 4.1 **Cemetery Trees**
It was agreed to accept the quotation from Carl Robinson (Treebeard Tree Services) to fell the remaining poplars and one dead tree in the cemetery.
Action: Clerk to confirm with Carl Robinson.
 - 4.2 **Purchase of mower**
RT Machinery had sent an invoice to the Parish Council for the purchase of the mower for the Marsh Gibbon Sports & Social Club, however the Parish Council had not yet received the S106 funding to cover the Parish Council's contribution.
Action: Clerk to write to RT Machinery to explain that there will be a delay in paying the invoice. It was noted that the mower had not yet been delivered.
 - 4.3 **Rubbish Bins**
Following the 'disappearance' of the rubbish bins by Mud Pond notice board and outside the school, it was agreed to accept Bucks Councils quotation of £146 per bin which included the post and installation.
Action: Clerk to order the bins from Bucks Council.
5. **Budget 2025-26**
Councillors reviewed the draft budget line-by-line and made the following increases in charges:
 - It was noted that all cemetery fees had not increased since 2018, it was therefore agreed that burials for non-parishioners would be increased to be in line with the grave digging fee.
 - It was noted that the Tennis Club grass cutting fee had not been increased for at least 12 years, it was therefore agreed to increase it to the actual cost to the Parish Council.
 - It was agreed to go out to tender for the grass cutting, to reduce the village cuts from 18 to 12 and to seek separate quotations for all hedge cutting except Acland Terrace, which is to remain in the grass cutting contract.
 - It was agreed to seek a local electrician to check the Christmas tree lights.
6. **Precept 2025-26**
Following the above review it was agreed to request a precept of £29,399, an increase of 4.99%.
7. **Any other business – at the discretion of the Chairman**
There was no other business.
8. **Date and Venue of Next Meeting**
To be confirmed.
Meeting closed at 8.50pm.