

**MARSH GIBBON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2026 AT 8PM**

Present: Cllrs A Lambourne (Chair), N Lyon (NL), T Reveler (TR) and L Cross (LC)

In attendance: C Jackman (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs J Smith (JS), and P Needham (PN)
2. **Declarations of interests:** None.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2025:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 January 2025 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from these minutes:**
 - 4.1 **Cemetery Trees**
The Cemetery trees had been felled.
 - 4.2 **Purchase of mower**
The mower for Marsh Gibbon Sports and Social Club (MGS&SC) had been purchased and the Parish Council reimbursed with S106 funding and a contribution from the MGS&SC.
 - 4.3 **Rubbish Bins**
Clerk reported that the rubbish bins been had been ordered and posts had been put in place, but the bins had not been attached to the posts. She was chasing Bucks Council for an update.
5. **Budget 2026-27**
Councillors reviewed the draft budget line-by-line, which was approved with the following amendments:
 - Add £75 to the ear marked reserve account for the defibrillator.
 - Increase the dog/waste collection service to £1,000.
6. **Precept 2026-27**
Following the above review it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council a precept of £30,722, an increase of 4.9%.
7. **Clements Lane Blue Tubs**
Bucks Council had written to the Parish Council asking for the blue tubs along Clements Lane and Spiers Lane to be removed as they were perceived to be *"an encroachment of the highway and potentially a hazard, these need to be removed. Any 'bollard' or item placed on the highway to discourage parking or to protect areas of natural habitat/newly sown grass etc need these days to be passive."*
Actions: Cllr TR to contact the tenant whose property adjoins the verge and Clerk to respond to Bucks Council.
8. **Any other business – at the discretion of the Chairman**
 - 8.1 **Street Lighting Upgrade**
Cllrs recommended that an increase in the precept to finance a loan for the street lighting update would **not** be requested.
Action: Cllr NL agreed to speak to Cllr Richard Daniell regarding the street lighting upgrade.
 - 8.2 **S106**
It was noted:
 - that there is a small amount of money (£189) remaining from the 17/02489/AOP planning application.
 - Bucks Council have asked for requirements for the S106 allocation from the proposed new developments.**Action: Cllr NL agreed to clarify the S106 spending with Bucks Council.**
 - 8.3 **Overhanging hedge**
Action: Cllr TR to speak to the owner of the overhanging hedge along West Edge to request that it is cut back.
 - 8.4 **Skate Park**
It was noted that there is still funding available for the skate park.
Action: Cllr NL agreed to look for additional funding.
9. **Date and Venue of Next Meeting**
To be confirmed. Meeting closed at 8.57pm.