

STOCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st July 2026 – 7.30pm; meeting held in Stockland Victory Hall.

Present: Cllr J. Durrant (Chair), R. Switzer, R. Pearse, A. Smith & N. Parris (quorate).

In Attendance: Danielle Gilpin (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present

7.30pm	The Chair welcomed all in attendance and outlined Fire Safety precautions.
26F/010 i)	To note members of the Parish Council in attendance: As listed above.
26F/010 ii)	To note and, if thought fit, to approve apologies for absence received: (LGA 1972 s.85(1)) Apologies received from Cllr C. Bernhardt.
26F/010 iii)	To note members not present and to receive any other apologies for absence: None.
26F/011	Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct: There were no declarations of interest at this time. Noted that this did not preclude declarations of interest being made at any point in the meeting that they became apparent.
26F/012	To consider any matters listed on this agenda that Councillors consider should be dealt with as confidential business as per the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: None advised.
26F/013	Financial Matters to be considered: a) To consider and, if thought fit, to approve Council's payments for June 2026: Defer the approval of June 2026 accounts to the full committee meeting on 28 th July. b) To receive and note RFO report for June 2026: Defer the June 2026 RFO report to the full committee meeting on 28 th July. c) Questions to the RFO on accounts / financial reports: None due to the deferment of review of June 2026. d) To consider recommendation for the 2027/28 budget so that a draft can be created for the next Finance & Staffing Committee meeting: A draft budget was reviewed and discussed. Further discussions to be taken at the November meeting with a view to create the final budget and, as a result of this budget, a proposed precept for 2027/28 to be taken to the full Council.

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26F/014	Other matters considered as urgent by presiding Chair for noting only: Parish Clerk to review the calendar of events and meetings relevant to the Finance & Staffing Committee to align with significant financial events, e.g., AGAR, budget and precept planning. Cllr Switzer to circulate the 2020 terms of reference of the Finance & Staffing Committee to the committee. Parish Clerk highlighted that the Microsoft package was due for renewal in August 2026 and that Microsoft Business was required instead of Microsoft Personal. Resolved to purchase Microsoft Business for the Parish Clerk's PC.
26F/015	Items of future business for the next agenda: None.
26F/016	Date of next meeting: The next Meeting of Stockland Parish Council Finance & Staffing Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 7.30pm.
26F/017	"It is proposed by the Chair that, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Local Government Act 1972, the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. Members to agree upon matters to be discussed in confidential session, as per agenda item 26F/012 above." RESOLVED to exclude the public (and press) due to the confidential nature of the next agenda items.
26F/018	Matters for discussion under Part Two (Confidential) business: None advised.
	With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.29pm

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Signed: 

Date: 25th August 2026

(Chair)

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