

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR: Cllr IVOR FRENCH

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Cllr DAVID CHENERY



MINUTES of the meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council Finance & General Purpose Committee held on Monday 7 July 2025 at 19:00

- FGP25: 1 **Present from the Council** Cllr Chenery (Chair) Cllr French
Cllr Cooke A. Besly (Clerk)
- FGP25: 2 **Present from the Public** 1
- FGP25: 3 **Open Public Forum session** The member of the public shared some comments regarding the proposed working groups policy together with thoughts on the council's popularity and concerns over the value for money of the community choir.
- FGP25: 4 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Dempsey-Gray
- FGP25: 5 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda:** None
- FGP25: 6 **Proposal to approve the draft minutes** of the F&GP Meeting of 28 April 2025 **All Agreed**
- FGP25: 7 **Chair's Report:** Nothing to report
- FGP25: 8 **Finance Reporting:**
- 8.1 **Finance report and Payments Schedule:** [Published](#) The only question was regarding the CCLA balance. The Clerk advised that interest in the investment was rolled back into the investment thus increasing the balance.
- 8.2 **Bank Reconciliation and Reserves Summary:** [Published](#) There were no questions
- 8.3 **Summary Financial Statement:** [Published](#) There were no questions
- FGP25: 9 **Proposal to review the suggested Working Groups policy in order to recommend approval to the Full Council.** [Suggestion circulated](#)
This created significant discussion and the Clerk recorded a number of amendments and clarifications on screen. The revised document will go before the next full council for approval. **All Agreed**
- FGP25: 10 **Consider grant application from Village Hall Show Committee:** [Circulated](#)
There was some discussion regarding value for money as the printers usually used are not the least cost option. However, as the application was for £250 it was agreed that it could be paid with a condition that if a grant was requested next year the council would expect to see some form of validation of printing costs. **All Agreed**
- FGP25: 11 **Reporting items for the next meeting:** None
- FGP25: 12 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 1 September 2025

Meeting Closed 20:21

Signed.

Cllr David Chenery, Chair.

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