

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 27th JULY 2026 at 7pm IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.

Present: Cllrs A Stenning, A Parr, S Real, J hay, J Gardiner, M Mann and R Turner. Also S Haines (Clerk)
Members of public: 0

F26/07/30 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Chesterton, Stephenson and Watson.

F26/07/31 Minutes of the finance committee meeting held Monday 22nd June (appendix G) be approved. Cllr Mann proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Ral and agreed by all.

F26/07/32 Matters arising from the minutes. None

F26/07/34 Declaration of Interests. None

F26/07/35 Democratic Period. No members of public present to speak.

F26/07/36 Balanced Accounts for the month of June 2026 to be approved. Cllr Mann proposed this be approved, seconded by Cllr Stenning and approved by all.

F26/07/37 Accounts to be presented for payment

BACS Mrs S Haines salary. Total 1095.67 pounds.

BACS Mr D Bennett salary 1465.28 mileage 0.55 X 217 119.35 Tower Services 14.18 VAT 2.85. Total 1601.64 pounds.

BACS HMRC PAYE 157.40 NI Employee 60.42 NI Employer 302.58. Total 520.40 pounds.

DD Nest pension employee 72.48 employer 54.36. Total 126.84 pounds.

BACS Fort Trailscapes pump track due on completion 31st August 43,333.33 VAT 8,666.67. Total 52,000.00 pounds.

Amendment received after agenda published – Fort Trailscapes have been told that laying turf now would mean 20 hours a day watering. They propose to open the pump track now and they will come back in a couple months to lay the turf. They have therefore issued a new invoice omitting the turf and labour costs.

BACS Fort Trailscapes Pump track minus turf 40333.33 VAT 8066.67. Total 48400.00 pounds.

The above accounts were approved for payment, including the amendment, the original invoice for Fort Trailscapes will not be paid for. This was proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and approved by all.

- a) Volunteer required for first quarter audit. Cllr Turner volunteered.
- b) Upgrade to picnic benches. The family of the late John Mills have been invited to place a picnic bench at the picnic site, they are considering this. Cllr Mann asked that a budget be set of £700 per bench and that four benches be ordered. Cllr Real proposed this be agreed, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.
- c) New swings and slide. Cllr Mann found a composite slide for £2520.00 from Kompan. Cllr Gardiner proposed this be ordered, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all. Clerk to place the order alongside the three required bucket swing replacements.

F26/07/38 Anything brought to the Chairs attention after the agenda published to be noted.

F26/07/39 Dates of next meeting

Full CPC Meeting – Monday 10th August

Committees – Monday 24th August

Meeting closed: 19:20.