



MINUTES OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Judi Morison (Chair), Philippa Biddlecombe, Robert Brown, Gavin Crisp, David Gill, Angela Piggott

Clerk: Lisa Davis

3 members of the public

The meeting started at 19:15

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F024 Apologies for absence

Frances Alden, Linda Ball, Margaret Bebbington, Trevor Oats, Pek Peppin and Tom Trouton had all sent their apologies.

F025 Declarations of personal or pecuniary interest (these must be declared BEFORE the agenda items concerned are discussed. Persons with a declared pecuniary interest must leave the meeting room when these are discussed).

There were no declarations of interest.

F026 Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 11th August 2025 to be signed by the Chair.

RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (3 – for, 0 – against, 3 – abstained) to approve the minutes of the meeting on 11th August 2025

F027 To review action points from previous meetings

F028 To note the Year to date budget report

The Year to date budget report up to 31/08/2025 was reviewed line by line and noted. Philippa Biddlecombe agreed to contact Nick Weeks to find out if he had any information relating to the installation of the solar panels at Millbrook Hub.

Action 250908/1: Philippa Biddlecombe

Robert Brown queried the non-domestic rates charge for the Cemetery and suggested that it should be exempt. The Town Clerk agreed to query again with Somerset Council/the valuation office.

Action 250908/2: Town Clerk

Robert Brown queried the payments made for the hanging baskets as no income had yet to be received from Castle Cary Commerce Association and suggested that the auditor should be made aware of the spend. Robert Brown agreed to send the details of his query to the Town Clerk.

Action 250908/3: Robert Brown

F029 To note agreement on NJC pay scales and pay offer for 2025/26 and that the award is backdated to 1 April 2025 Noted

F030 To consider grant application towards the cost of a pantomime at Caryford Hall
This item was deferred pending the submission of further information from the applicant

F031 To consider funding request from Yeovil Town Council towards the Octagon Theatre project
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed that Castle Cary Town Council would not support the Octagon Theatre project due to other priorities within Castle Cary

F033 Somerset Council devolution of assets/services

- a) Update** The Town Clerk reported that Somerset Council had launched a consultation about Sunday parking charges across Somerset. Clarification would be sought about timescales for consulting on the arrangements for free car parks. Robert Brown suggested that the Town Council should look at taking ownership of Millbrook car park.

Action 250908/4: Town Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

The date of the next Finance and Management Committee meeting will be Monday 13th October 2025. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 2nd October.