



**Minutes of a meeting of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee held on Tuesday 19 May 2026 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.30pm.**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillors S Dean (Chairman), Z Gover (Vice Chairman), D Budd, K Critchley, B Dean, V Green, R Holloway, L Kirk, M Tighe and S Wheatley.

**Officers Present:** N Gray, Town Clerk & RFO.

**PRF 001/26-27 Election of Chair**

Cllr S Dean was proposed by Cllr Tighe and seconded by Cllr Gover. Cllr S Dean accepted the proposal.

Cllr Budd was proposed by Cllr Critchley and seconded by Cllr Green. Cllr Budd accepted the proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr S Dean be elected as Chair for the 2026/27 municipal year.

**PRF 002/26-27 Election of Deputy Chair**

Cllr Budd was proposed by Cllr Critchley who declined the proposal.

Cllr Gover was proposed by Cllr S Dean and seconded by Cllr Tighe. Cllr Gover accepted the proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Gover be elected as Deputy Chair for the 2026/27 municipal year.

**PRF 003/26-27 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**PRF 004/26-27 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**PRF 005/26-27 Public participation time**

There were no members of the public present.

**PRF 006/26-27 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee, held on 10 March 2026, were **APPROVED** and were signed by the Chairman.

**PRF 007/26-27 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

Cllr Budd requested an update on the speed surveys. The Clerk confirmed the survey equipment had been removed and the results were awaited from Dorset Council where, upon receipt, they would be conveyed to the Planning and Transport Committee for consideration.

Cllr Gover asked if the Croquet Club were content with the fee setting for the year, and the Clerk advised she had not heard anything to the contrary.

Cllr Budd asked for an update on the toilet cleaning given that Howards Lane Toilets had been closed. The Clerk confirmed that a temporary public provision had been made available in the Town Hall and the toilet cleaning contract had simply switched to the Town Hall which was working well.

**PRF 008/26-27 Payment of outstanding creditors**

The Committee considered the list of payments for approval and Cllr Critchley asked if there had been any opportunities to reduce or pause the rates for 2 North Street. The Clerk advised that she had investigated this and unfortunately, until works were physically underway, there was no rate relief available for both 2 North Street or 3 East Street.

Cllr Wheatley asked what transaction number 136 "ticket payment" was for and the Clerk advised this was a refund to a lady who'd paid twice in error when the car parking machine was faulty.

It was **RESOLVED** that payments in the sum of £48,769.72 be approved.

**PRF 009/26-27 Bank Reconciliation**

The Clerk advised that the bank reconciliation had not been completed for April due to the Burial Committee accounts not having been fully received. They were awaited and the reconciliation would form part of the year end accounting and be presented at a later date.

**PRF 010/26-27 Remembrance 2026 Flag and Council Engagement**

The Committee considered the report regarding the purchase of a Remembrance Flag 2026 and Council's further engagement with marking Remembrance, and it was agreed to purchase the flag but for the Council to follow the lead of the British Legion. The usual Remembrance Sunday arrangements would remain.

It was **RESOLVED** that a 60" by 36" Flag of Peace Throughout the Nations be purchased at a cost of £32.49 excluding VAT with the cost being met from the "Council – Civic Events" cost centre, and that the Deputy Clerk would liaise with the British Legion on general arrangements for the day.

**PRF 011/26-27 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent**

There were no other items deemed urgent.

**PRF 012/26-27 Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 14 July 2026**.

Chairman.....

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