

Minutes of the Budget meeting of Yarnton Parish Council

Meeting held on 21st January 2026 at 6.30pm at Yarnton Village Hall

Attendees	
Debbie Behan (DB)	Yarnton Parish Councillor
Mike Groves (MG)	Yarnton Parish Council Chair
Fiona Mawson (FM)	Yarnton Parish Council Vice Chair
Joe McEaney (JM)	Yarnton Parish Councillor
Sam Smith (SaS)	Yarnton Parish Councillor
David Thornhill (DT)	Yarnton Parish Council Clerk

1. Apologies	Lesley McLean (LM), Dorothy Walker (DW), Ian Middleton (IM)
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2. Co-options to the Parish Council	None.
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3. Declaration of interests	Members were asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the agenda items under discussion at this meeting. No declaration of interests were made.
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4. Minutes	The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 14.1.25 having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record by all.
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5. Matters arising from the minutes without decision	None.
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6. Public participation	No members of public attended the meeting.
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7. Recent Correspondence	
1	The Council noted recent correspondence received confirming the costs of drainage clearances.

8. Finance and general purpose	
1	Council to consider the Financial Risk Assessment. The Council RESOLVED to adopt the Financial Risk Assessment which will be reviewed annually. Issue closed.
2	Council to consider the Reserves Policy. The Council RESOLVED to adopt the Reserves Policy which will be reviewed annually. Issue closed.

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3	Council to consider the Internal Audit Terms of Reference. The Council RESOLVED to adopt the Internal Audit Terms of Reference which will be reviewed annually. Issue closed.
4	Council to consider the Grants Policy. The Council RESOLVED to adopt the Grants Policy which will be reviewed annually. Issue closed.
5	Council to consider the Expenses Policy. The Council RESOLVED to adopt the Expenses Policy which will be reviewed annually. Issue closed.
6	Council to consider the Debit Card Policy. The Council RESOLVED to adopt the Debit Card Policy which will be reviewed annually. Issue closed.
7	Council to consider Pensions and Discretions Policy. The Council RESOLVED to adopt the Pensions and Discretions Policy which will be reviewed annually. Issue closed.
8	Council to consider the Asset Register. The Council RESOLVED to adopt the Asset Register which will be reviewed annually. Issue closed.
9	Council to consider all fees and charges of the Parish Council (Cemetery fees). The Council RESOLVED to adopt the Parish Council (Cemetery fees) which will be reviewed annually. Issue closed.
10	Council to provide the Clerk with feedback on whether the Parish Council supports the draft reserve allocations. All members present at the meeting voted unanimously in favour to approve the draft reserve allocations. Issue closed.
11	Council to consider the draft budget 2026/2027 All members present at the meeting voted unanimously in favour to approve the draft budget for 2026/2027 and expressed their thanks to the Clerk for his work in preparing the budget. Issue closed.
12	Council to consider the explanation about the Precept from the Clerk All members present at the meeting voted unanimously in favour to approve the precept amount of £152,682.90, which is an increase of £4,447.07, or 3% from 2025-26. This is marginally lower than CPI but is also a lower increase than from 2024-25 to 2025-26. Over a 3 year period, the trend increase in precept has decreased by 22.94%. This demonstrates that although the precept has increased, the rate of increase is slowing materially. The Council instructed the Clerk to submit the precept request to Cherwell District Council. Issue closed

The meeting ended at 8.29pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 6.30pm at Yarnton Village Hall –Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

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