Longden Parish Council

November Agenda Finance Committee

Chairman; Paul Carter, 01743 719254

Clerk; Caroline Higgins 07759 490113

Councillors P Carter, N Evans, R Evans, C Roberts, D Morgan

You are summoned to attend the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday 24th November 2026 at 2:00pm at Longden Village Hall.

1. **Election of Chairman -** To elect a Committee Chairman to serve until the next Annual Council meeting
2. **Public Participation Session –** (15 minutes) An opportunity for members of the public to speak or ask a question on any item on the agenda, at the discretion of the Chairman
3. **Apologies for absence -** To receive apologies of absence for this meeting.
4. **Declarations of Interest -** To receive declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.
5. **Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting -** To **approve and sign** the minutes of the previous budget meeting, held on 19th November 2025

   Minutes attached at Appendix A
6. **Budget Review 2026 – 2027**
   i) To review receipts and payments to date against the 2026 – 2027 budget and note the projected outturn at the end of March 2027

   Receipts and Payments Forecasting report attached as Appendix B

   Note: The committee must resolve to exclude the press and public if discussing staff costs that might disclose personal information

   ii) To note the current reserves position and any committed expenditure.

   Reserves Balance Report attached as Appendix C

   iii) To consider the draft 2027 – 2028 budget and agree recommendations to the Parish Council.

   Draft Budget Proposal (to follow)

   iv) To recommend a Precept sufficient to cover the budget proposed.

   Notes: Precept was £40,836 in 2026/27. The Tax Base in 2026/27 was 550.31 Band D equivalents or £74.21 / Band D property / annum or £1.43 per property / week. Shropshire Council recently consulted on the removal of child benefit as an income in the calculation of council tax support for working aged people, which would result in a lower tax base in 2027/28. This means that the cost to a band D property will increase even if the parish precept remains unchanged

   (Previous Tax Base attached as Appendix D)

Caroline Higgins
Caroline Higgins, Parish Clerk