COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY 2026 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST. MARY'S ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD, COMMENCING AT 8:10PM.

PRESENT (For all or part of the meeting): Cllr Plant (Chairman); Cllr Dunn (Vice Chairman); Cllr Bloor and Cllr Meakin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Revd Mr Lennon (Chief Officer and Responsible Financial Officer [RFO]), Mr Egan (Deputy Chief Officer and Finance Officer [FO]) and Miss Alineri-Willis (Events Coordinator).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public were present.

MINUTES

1/26F There were no **APOLOGIES.**

2/26F There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

3/26F There were no **WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.**

4/26F **THE 2026/27 BUDGET AND PRECEPT.**

The Committee considered the initial draft budget prepared during the meeting of 13th November 2025.

The RFO and FO detailed recommended amendments to the original draft to take account of the Government's Autumn Budget (increase in minimum wage), the inflation rate for December 2025 and the cost of an Election.

The RFO recommended that the Committee should recommend to Full Council that an allowance be included within the 2026/27 budget for a potential amendment to the pay bands by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services as occurred in the 2019 pay settlement. The RFO recommended that the Budget should include an allowance for the increased Election costs.

RESOLVED to retain the initial budget prepared in November 2025 and that any increase in staffing costs should be found from within existing funds.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Bloor.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

5/26F **INDICATIVE 5-YEAR BUDGET.**

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council the following, indicative, increases to the budget:

Year	**Increase**	**Total Budget**
2026/27	13.5%	£301,424
2027/28	10.1%	£331,863
2028/29	4.4%	£346,470
2029/30	4.3%	£361,368
2030/31	4.4%	£377,268

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Bloor.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

6/26F **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** to be 28th May 2026.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD…*Wendy Plant*….
DATE: 9TH APRIL 2026