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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 12th January 2026

Attendees: Cllrs Carey (DC), Thorp (AT), Manlow (JM), Siddall-Ward (NSW), Fuller (JF), Crittell (KC)

In attendance: Jackie Scarff – Clerk (Proper Officer/RFO)
Approx 15 members of the public (MOP)

Public Questions - The chair reminded MOP's that questions were welcomed for items on the agenda.

End of Public Participation.

Business Transacted.

1. **The Chairs welcome to the meeting.**
   The Vice Chair of the council took the chair and welcomed MOP's and Cllrs to the meeting.

2. **To receive reports to note from:**
   a. **Parish Councilor's**
      JM commented that table tennis is thriving.
   b. **County Councillor**
      BB had sent a report that will be attached to the minutes.
      District Councillor
      Cllr Fairweather (MF) reported that he and the other DC have reorganised who attends which parish council meeting due to diary clashes. The DC have been busy with the devolution agenda and then the news of a site in Crowborough being used for asylum seekers.
      MF reminded cllrs about the grant opportunities, AL commented that the council are obtaining quotes and moving forward.
   c. **Saint Oswalds Church**
      The church warden sent a report which will be attached to the minutes.

3. **To receive apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S85 (1)**
   Apologies received from Cllr Loyd for personal reasons.
   I. To consider accepting apologies
      Resolved: Apologies were accepted.
   II. Other absences to note
      None

4. **Disclosure of Interests.**
   In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council Code of Conduct to receive disclosures by members of personal interests in matters on agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the revised code of members conduct.

   I. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

   II. Other Interests (non-pecuniary)

   There were no interests declared.

   To consider granting dispensations if requested.

Nb. Any changes to a member's register of interests should be notified to the clerk immediately.

5. **To receive the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8th December 2025 to be considered for approval as a true record and signed by the chair.**
   Motion proposed JM, Seconded JM, all agreed.
   Resolved: The minutes of the full council meeting of 10th November were agreed and signed as a true record.

6. **Public Exclusion: in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted**
   There was no requirement for this motion.

7. **To hear a proposal to consider land known as The Bogs as a local Nature Reserve and agree any actions required.**
   Resolved this proposal would be considered at a later meeting when there was more detail available.

8. **To consider opening a CCLA account with The Public Sector Fund and agree any actions required.**
   The cllrs received information about the account in advance of the meeting.
   Resolved: The cllrs agreed that the account should be opened and the clerk should prepare the application.

9. **To consider work required to an oak tree at The Bogs and agree any action required.**
   The clerk explained that this item would be carried forward as due to the Christmas break and the wet weather the tree had not been inspected.

10. **To consider the following financial matters.**

i. **To receive the statement of accounts to 31st December 2025 for noting**
The Accounts to 31st January were published in advance and were noted.

ii. **The bank reconciliation and corresponding bank statement to 31st December 2025 for noting.**
The bank reconciliations were published in advance and were noted.

iii. **Payments to be made in January for invoices received for authorisation**
Resolved: Payments were agreed as presented the clerk was authorised to add them to the bank account for authorisation.

iv. **To receive the draft budget details for the year ending March 2027 for discussion and agreement. The budget was previously circulated.**
Resolved: Having **discussed the budget in detail it was agreed as presented.**

v. **To agree the precept demand to be submitted to WDC for the year ending March 2027**
Resolved: It was unanimously agreed after being duly proposed and seconded that in accordance with S41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1972 the clerk was authorised to give notice to WDC that the Ninfield Parish Council has calculated its budget requirements for the financial year 2026/27 and in accordance with S50 of the Local Government Act 1992 as being £44,700. The precept requirement was agreed as £44,700.

vi. **To review the EMR's and agree any actions required.**
Resolved: Earmarked reserves were agreed.

11. **To consider use of Dunks Field and agree any actions required.**
    The clerk has circulated information regarding the disposal of council land. The information was noted and the clerk was asked to put the item on the February agenda for discussion.
    Resolved: The clerk will send the cllrs details and add an item to the February agenda.

12. **The date of the next meeting.**
    It was noted that the next meeting will take place Monday 9th February 2026 at 7pm in Hooe Village Hall.