

WIGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the Meeting of Wigginton Parish Council's Finance and Staffing Committee, held on Wednesday 10th December 2025 starting at 12:30pm at The Old School, Wigginton.

Present: Cllrs Runciman, Gates, Denton

Members of the public: None. **Clerk:** Marie Harrison

F25/21 Chair's welcome.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

F25/22 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Lakey sent his apologies. It was noted that Cllr Leaf was absent.

F25/23 To receive any declarations of interest.

Cllr Denton declared in interest in item F25/27 during which grants are to be discussed as he is a member of WSPFA who have made an application for a WiggyFest grant.

F25/24 To approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6th October 2025.

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6th October 2025 and these were signed by the Chair.

F25/25 To resolve to adjourn the meeting to hold the Open Forum to receive residents' question.

No members of the public were in attendance.

F25/26 To consider the double taxation claim for 2025/26.

The Clerk reminded members that in March 2024, the City of York Council had notified Parish Councils that the number of grass cuts by the principal authority would be reduced from ten to six per annum and that the award to Parish Councils would mirror those reductions. The double taxation claim has been prepared on this basis and includes grass, hedge and tree works as well as pest control expenditure. After some further discussion, the Finance Committee approved the Double Taxation submission to CYC totalling £ 68,986.92, noting that there was a risk that the City of York may not award the total amount, particularly the pond renovation expenditure totalling £54,250.00.

F25/27 To consider the grant applications received, for recommendation to full council.

The Finance Committee reviewed all grant applications received before the published deadline of 1st December 2025. All eligible applications were approved for recommendation to full council, with the exception of the submission from Haxby Playgroups, which was not approved for recommendation as it did not meet the qualifying criteria.

F25/28 To consider the 26/27 draft budget and precept, and decide any necessary actions, preceding recommendation to full council.

After some discussion, the Finance Committee recommends that the draft Budget 26/27 be adopted by Full Council at their Ordinary Meeting on 21st January 2026. The budget to be recommended will result in a precept demand of £74,400 for 2026/27.

F25/29 To agree a schedule of dates and times for meetings in 2026/7.

It was agreed that Finance and Staffing Committee will meet in March, September and December 2026, with meetings on a Wednesday where possible.

The Chair closed the meeting at 13:25.