MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
08 January 2026
10:00, Woolton Hill Church Hall

Chairman:	**Cllr Hurst (Chair)**
Present:	**Cllr Rand, Cllr Titcomb**
Clerk:	**Amy White**

1. **Welcome and apologies**
   Cllr Hurst welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Review of Minutes of last meeting**
   The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair, Cllr Hurst.

3. **Actions arising from meeting held on 10 November 2025**
   Action: To bring to the December full council: 2026/27 committee budgets and justification, to include consideration of General Power of Competence from May 2026- Actioned.

4. **Budget second draft**
   EWPC remains on track with spending, and end-of-year figures are reassuring that appropriate financial consideration and management have been performed over the current financial year.
   Next year's precept spend was agreed by the committee, to be taken to full council for approval.
   Current precept 25/26: £44550
   Recommended precept 26/27: £49005
   It was noted that even with a precept increase, tight budgetary control and spending is paramount. Ageing assets are the council's biggest risk factor. CIL income will provide an opportunity for projects in 26/27, and it was agreed that the council should highlight this to the community to garner a) ideas and b) new councillors willing to take on these projects. To take this discussion to full council.

5. **Items for next meeting:**
   Budget agreement. Policy and procedure updates if required.

Next meeting: March 2026.