

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE
BE HELD IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE
ON FRIDAY 30th February
STARTING AT 5.00PM**

F16/26 To Record those Present and list any Apologies

Councillors present were K Gipson, S Instance, S Parish and N Fursdon, also present was the RFO.

There were no apologies recorded

F17/26 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

There were none declared

F18/26 Minutes

- a) To note, agree and sign the Minutes of the last meeting

Having been previously circulated these were agreed and signed by the chairman.

F19/26 Finance

- a) To note/agree payments as listed below

Name	Reason	Gross Amount	Payment details
Cascade	Invoice SINV00940078 Set Ink cartridges	£135.46	Bacs 04/03/2026 52088408
Direct365	Inv. 0002356531 Excess weight	£3.60	DD 14/03/2026
	Inv. 0002371612 Waste 19/03 to 18/04	£131.54	DD 31/03/2026
Linda Hedley	Reimbursement Beacon materials	£49.15	Bacs 04/03/2026 52088529
First Port	Invoice 34220000PAR	£1,435.38	Bacs 4/03/2026 52089063
Flotek Phone & Internet	Inv 260200429520 1/02 to 25/02	£171.54	DD
S Parish	Reimbursement Training 14249419803	£84.00	Bacs 04/03/2026 52089221
Microshade VSM	Invoice 260100418856 01/01 to 25/01	£203.92	Bacs 04/03/2026 5208956
	Inv. 260200430351 01/02 to 25/02	£203.92	Bacs 04/03/2026 52090275
S Parish	Reimbursement Training	£84.00	Bacs 04/03/2026 52089221
S Instance	Reimbursement Fuel for equipment	£100.19	Bacs 04/03/2026 52088658
	Reimbursement Fuel for Van	£40.01	Bacs 04/03/2026 52090205

b) To note the reconciliation for January current account
Copies handed out, figures were agreed and a copy was signed and filed.

c) to note the letter and email from First Port

The RFO explained she had received an email regarding the 2026 ground rent. It appears that Taylor Wimpey had credited this payment for the past two years so the Parish Council (PC) are now responsible, however, this information had not been made available to the PC. Agreed that this invoice will be paid – see list above.

F20/26 To note issues/updates & agree any actions

a) The RFO explained that this was no longer an active issues, therefore no comments were made.

b) Letter regarding a Christmas Tractor Run.

The RFO explained that this had been received a while ago. The idea is for Mersham Aldington and Sellindge to group together and put on a Tractor Run nearer the Christmas holidays. It was decided that while this was a nice idea, the PC could not manage this and it was agreed to see if the events committee would get involved once more details were received.

F21/26 consider any emergency items as required.

This item will only be used for items that cannot wait for a later response

1. Explained that a complaint had been received regarding a hot potato van in Swan Lane. A short debate took place where it was agreed that the situation would be monitored.

2. The caretaker has taken the heras fencing down, and laid it flat nearer the road, he has placed cones and tape around it for safety.

Cllr Parish highlighted that he had attended a meeting that day, with the speaker being the leader of FHDC. He reported that 55 people each of the 13 district have submitted their preference, with regards to the Local Government re-organisation of the districts. Elections are going ahead in may 2027, with 'ghost' elections for the new unitary areas taking over in 2028

3. The caretaker Geoff arrived at the office and raised an issue with the fence posts of The Lees and other items, these were discussed.

F22/26 To agree a date for the next meeting & Close

The next meeting of the F&GP will be on March 27th, there being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm