PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL



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To All Members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

Dear Councillor
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of **Pontesbury Parish Council, Finance & General Purposes Committee** will be held at **The Pavilion** at **6.00pm on Thursday 3rd December 2026** and members are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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AGENDA

1. **TO RECORD ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**
   2.1. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
   (Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, whether or not the Interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.)
   2.2. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
3. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL -** To approve the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 5th November 2026 (*attached*) – *Appendix A*
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – 15 minutes will be allowed
5. **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS –** To consider a recommendation to full council that the lower limit for seeking three estimates (Financial Regulation 5.9) be increased from £500 to £1,000
6. **STATUTORY FINANCE**

   6.1. **2026-27 reserves –**
   - 6.1.1. **Play Equipment** - To approve allocation of £5,000 from unallocated CIL NF Reserve to replace older play equipment in 2027-28
   - 6.1.2. **Streetlight Columns –** To approve the allocation of £12,000 from the unallocated CIL NF reserve for the replacement of the remaining 6 streetlight columns in 2027-28.

   Note – this will leave an unallocated CIL NF balance of £296.63

7. **DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES** – To receive an update from the Facilities Working Group on estimated budgetary impacts of undertaking street scene services in 2027-28
8. **DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSAL –**
   8.1. To receive and approve an updated Receipts & Payments Forecasting report showing projected outturn against the 2026-27 budget – *Appendix B*
   8.2. To consider a provisional budget and resulting Precept requirement, (noting that the costs of potential devolution of services are provisional and that the Tax Base has not yet been published) – *Appendix C*
9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** May 2027 – date to be confirmed