Minutes of the Barlaston Parish Council Finance Meeting
Held on Tuesday 8 July 2025 at 6:45 pm: Barlaston Methodist Church, Park Drive

Present:

Cllr P Fisher (Chair)
Cllr C Hurst
Cllr G Jones
Cllr L Arnold
Cllr S Tudor
Cllr E Philpott
Cllr D Borasinski

Also In attendance:

Parish Clerk: Ms Vivien O'Dunne and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Pickering. It was resolved to accept these.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Written applications for dispensations under the Localism Act 2011:** There were no written applications for dispensation.
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Finance Meeting 7 January 2025:** These were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

   Review of Financial Position: The Committee reviewed income and expenditure against the approved budget to date.

   It was noted that there is likely to be an overspend on salaries and related costs, alongside an underspend on the entertainment budget. These lines will be revisited in November with a view to making appropriate virements.

   The take-up of community grants has been slow to date. The Clerk will promote their availability via the Parish Council website, social media, and the parish magazine to encourage applications.

   It was further noted that, at the end of the financial year, the Council may consider transferring the Village Hall Repairs Reserve to the Play Park Reserve, subject to confirmation of the spending restrictions associated with the Barlaston Village Hall Charity.

   The Clerk also encouraged councillors to begin considering potential projects for inclusion in the 2026/27 budget, to be discussed further at the November meeting.

   Resolved: That the financial report be received and accepted.
5. **Recommendations for resolution by Full Council:** That the financial report and associated recommendations be accepted by the Committee.
6. **Date of next meeting:** 11 November 2025

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