BARLASTON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 14 July 2026 at 6:30pm at Barlaston Methodist Church Hall, Park Drive, Barlaston ST12 9DP

Present:

Cllr D Borasinski	Cllr E Philpott
Cllr P Fisher (Chairman)	Cllr G Jones

Also in attendance: Parish Clerk: Viv O'Dunne, Cllr Hurst and Cllr Pickering

26. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Tudor and Arnold. It was resolved to accept these.

27. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

28. **Written Applications for Dispensations:** There were no written applications for dispensation.

29. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 January were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

30. **Review of financial position:**

30.1 The income and expenditure to date against the 2026/27 budget was reviewed and noted.

30.2 Variances against the 2026/27 budget were reviewed and noted.

30.3 The Committee identified the following items for recommendation to full Council for consideration during the preparation of the 2027/28 budget: a contribution towards flashing school warning lights, solar conversion of the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), Christmas light displays, and contingency provision should an Asset of Community Value become available.

30.4 The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that £50,000 be transferred from the Lloyds Commercial Account to the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund to maximise investment returns, and that the Investment Strategy be reviewed in light of the favourable returns achieved during the initial trial of the Fund.

30.5 The Committee agreed to recommend the matters identified under Minute Nos. 30.3 and 30.4 to Full Council for consideration

31. **Date of next meeting:** It was noted that the next meeting would be held in October or November 2026, with the date to be confirmed.