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Minutes of the Strategy, Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 2nd November, in the Methodist Chapel, School Lane at 7.00pm.

Present – Cllrs S Roberts (Chair), B Hancy, G Madle, F Smethers, D Starmer, C Wallace

Also Present – Clerk, Cllr Bess, Harlestone Manor

Meeting Start: 7pm

190/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies received. Cllr Gardner absent.

191/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

No declarations made

192/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public.

193/26 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of the Strategy, Finance and Policy Committee of 7th September 2026.

194/26 NORTHAMPTON WEST SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION

a) A meeting is arranged with Bloor on site to look at open space. It is thought a West Northants council officer will also be present. Aim of the meeting is to establish a timeline for handover. It may make sense for handover to Harpole and Harlestone Manor to happen at the same time, especially if we use the same contractor or want to share a solicitor.
Clerk and Chairman are having a meeting with Davidsons later this week to discuss plans submitted for the second phase of development.

195/26 NORWOOD FARM SUSTAINABLE EXTENSION

a) EIR letter has been sent to West Northants Council requesting information on breaches and discussions that have taken place with developers. There is a legal obligation for the council to respond. There may be a need for an EGM in December depending on the outcome.
There has been an S106 variation application to change definitions. Clerk to chase for information.

196/26 SPORTS PROVISION

a) There has been no change on the new pavilion and no work on new pitches. Last communication received was regarding negotiations on access to the site.
Transfer of playing fields still in progress.

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197/26 EVIDENCE GATHERING

Proposal had been tabled regarding CCTV service which could help enforcement with HGV traffic and gather evidence on traffic flow. It was proposed that they are invited to the January meeting to present.

198/26 FINANCE

a) Payments for November

Supplier	Description	Amount
Staff Costs	staff costs	6,935.16
Amazon	Chairs	22.87
R&G Groundworks	Allotment Maintenance	169.96
Amazon	Allotment Maintenance	26.08
Autella Payroll Services	Payroll Services	73.31
Gigaclear	Broadband	30.00
Parish Online	Mapping Software	100.00
R&G Groundworks	Grass cutting	352.00
Northants Police	PCSO	8,020.84
R&G Groundworks	Grounds Maintenance	1,147.00
Vistaprint	Newsletters	200.99
Harpole Bowls Club	Room Hire	60.00
Old School Hall	Grant	20,000
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	32.50
Forde & McHugh Ltd	Street Light repair	160.00
Northants CALC	Training	81.00

b) Reconciliation had not been completed. Information to be shared once available.

c) It was approved that £250 be donated to St Johns Ambulance for the defibrillator training.

d) Draft budget was discussed and it was proposed that questions and suggestions are sent to the clerk for consideration at January Meeting.

199/26 COMMUNITY CENTRE

A resident had made the suggestion that the council consider purchasing The Turnpike to convert into a community facility for the village. It was noted that the building has now been sold to a company who has purchased many Beefeater restaurants.

200/26 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

Meeting closed 7.55pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 4th January 2027 at 7pm

Signed Date

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