



Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Staffing Committee held on **Monday 13 October 2025 at 7.00pm** at the **Heelands Meeting Place** on Glovers Lane, MK13 7PN.

Councillors Present: Cllrs Gilpin (in the Chair), Brant and Godfrey.

Other members present: Cllr Exon

Staff present: Philip Farquharson, Clerk

Members of the public: 0

Minutes

FSC10/25 Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Alexander. These were voted on and met with approval and the reason for the apology was therefore approved.

FSC11/25 Declaration of interests: There were no declarations of interest. The Chair reminded other Councillors present that they could not vote if they weren't on the Committee.

FSC12/25 Public participation: There were no members of the public present.

FSC13/25 Minutes of the July 2025 Committee Meeting: The Minutes, and Confidential Minutes, were approved as an accurate record of the Proceedings of that Meeting.

The Chair moved to discuss FSC15/25 next:

FSC15/24 GLPC (Great Linford Parish Council) and Bradwell Common Projects:

A motion was proposed to recommend to Full Council that a working party of Councillors were nominated to hold a meeting with personnel from GLPC to discuss the options further and report back to Full Council with a recommendation.

Action: The motion met with unanimous assent and it therefore Carried and this would be an agenda item at the November 2025 Full Council Meeting for Council to nominate Councillors to form the working party.

FSC14/25 Budget Setting:

The draft budget was discussed, minor amendments were made, and:
Forecast expenditure was: **£270,577**

Forecast income was: **£44,285**, with the shortfall (of **£226,293**) being the precept requirement. Using the number of band D properties for the current year, this would equate to a 3.13% increase, to **£79.75** per band D property per annum for 2026-27.

Action: This voted on which met with unanimous approval and would therefore be recommended to Full Council for adoption.

FSC16/24 CCLA authorisations: It was on the agenda to nominate new authorised signatories to this and Barclays bank account.

Action: Councillor Brant was nominated to be an authorized signatory of the accounts.

FSC17/25 Exclusion of the Press and Public: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public were temporarily excluded, at the request of the Chair.

FSC18/25 Staff Update: Verbal report was given by the Clerk

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 19 January 2026 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 8:30pm.