Shavington-cum-Gresty Council
Finance, Governance & Risk Committee meeting
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MINUTES of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 July 2026 at 7:30PM

In attendance: Cllrs C. Wain, S. Randle, B. Gibbs

ScG/FGR/01/01	To elect the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Finance, Governance & Risk Committee. **RESOLVED:** Cllr C Wain was elected as Chair and the decision on Deputy Chair was deferred to a future meeting.
ScG/FGR/01/02	To receive and consider apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllrs K. Gibbs, S. Jones & P. Galt
ScG/FGR/01/03	To note declarations of Members' interests. Cllr S. Randle declared an interest in items 7 & 11.
ScG/FGR/01/04	To note the Terms of Reference of the Finance, Governance & Risk Committee Members **NOTED** the Terms of Reference Cllr Gibbs raised that it would helpful to review any project suggestions on a quarterly basis through the Finance, Governance & Risk Committee, rather than taking them straight to Parish Council, to ensure that items are properly considered together.
ScG/FGR/01/05	To confirm and sign the minutes of the Finance & Strategy Committee Meeting held on 22 April 2026 **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous meeting are approved and signed as an accurate record.

ScG/FGR/01/06	***Public Participation*** *A period not exceeding 20 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments* No members of the public were present
ScG/FGR/01/07	To review the year-to-date expenditure for the Council as a whole for 2026/27 financial year and to consider Month-End reconciliation statements (attached) Members **NOTED** the Parish Council YTD expenditure for 2026/27 financial year. The month-end reconciliations statements ending 30 April, 31 May and 30 June 2026 were checked and signed by Cllr C. Wain
ScG/FGR/01/08	To receive and consider to recommend to Full Council the budget setting schedule for 2027/2028 (attached) Members **RECOMMEND** the budget setting schedule to Full Council and ask the Clerk to request that members begin to think about projects and plans for next year and beyond, within normal budgetary constraints.
ScG/FGR/01/09	To receive and consider the **DRAFT** following policy (attached): a. Councillor allowance & expenses policy (revisions in yellow) b. Councillor code of conduct policy (no changes recommended) c. Councillor-officer protocol (no changes recommended) d. Investment and treasury management (no changes recommended) e. LGPS discretions policy (revisions in yellow and additional information on mandatory discretions attached) speak to chalc about mitigation of risk, adjust f, g & r committee. f. Officer code of conduct (no changes recommended) g. Grant policy (revisions in yellow) proof of tender process. Members **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the policy documents are adopted with the following amendments: a. Councillor allowance & expenses policy (revisions in yellow) b. Councillor code of conduct policy (no changes recommended) c. Councillor-officer protocol (no changes recommended) d. Investment and treasury management (no changes recommended) e. LGPS discretions policy (revisions in yellow and include approval from finance, governance and risk committee before approval of switch on of the rule of 85) f. Officer code of conduct (no changes recommended) g. Grant policy (revisions in yellow plus a line to say any requests which don’t meet our exact criteria must go to full council for approval, and that all community grant applications may require

	proof of tender/ quotes as appropriate)
ScG/FGR/01/10	To review and consider the recommendations from the internal auditor and appropriate actions (attached) Members **NOTED** the report
ScG/FGR/01/11	To review and consider use of debit cards by officers **(attached)** Members deferred this debate to a future meeting due to declared interest from Cllr Randle excluding him from debate
ScG/FGR/01/12	To review and consider the financial risk assessment **(attached – updates in red)** **RESOLVED** the Members approved the financial risk assessment, with the following additions: • Consideration of risk of unplanned expenditure, outside of budget lines (mitigation to bring decisions through this Committee, where not urgent) • Consideration of risk of operational difficulty with village hall, which relies on volunteer support at present. Mitigation to develop a longer term process for continued operation.
ScG/FGR/01/13	To review and confirm the asset register **(attached)** **RESOLVED** that the asset register was confirmed and a new valuation of the village hall was to be considered for insurance purposes, in line with internal auditor recommendations.
ScG/FGR/01/14	To note the date of the next Finance, Governance & Risk Committee Meeting – 14 October 2026 7:30PM Members **NOTED** the date of the next meeting

Chair: Cllr C. Wain
Clerk: H. Marshall
Meeting closed: 2043hrs