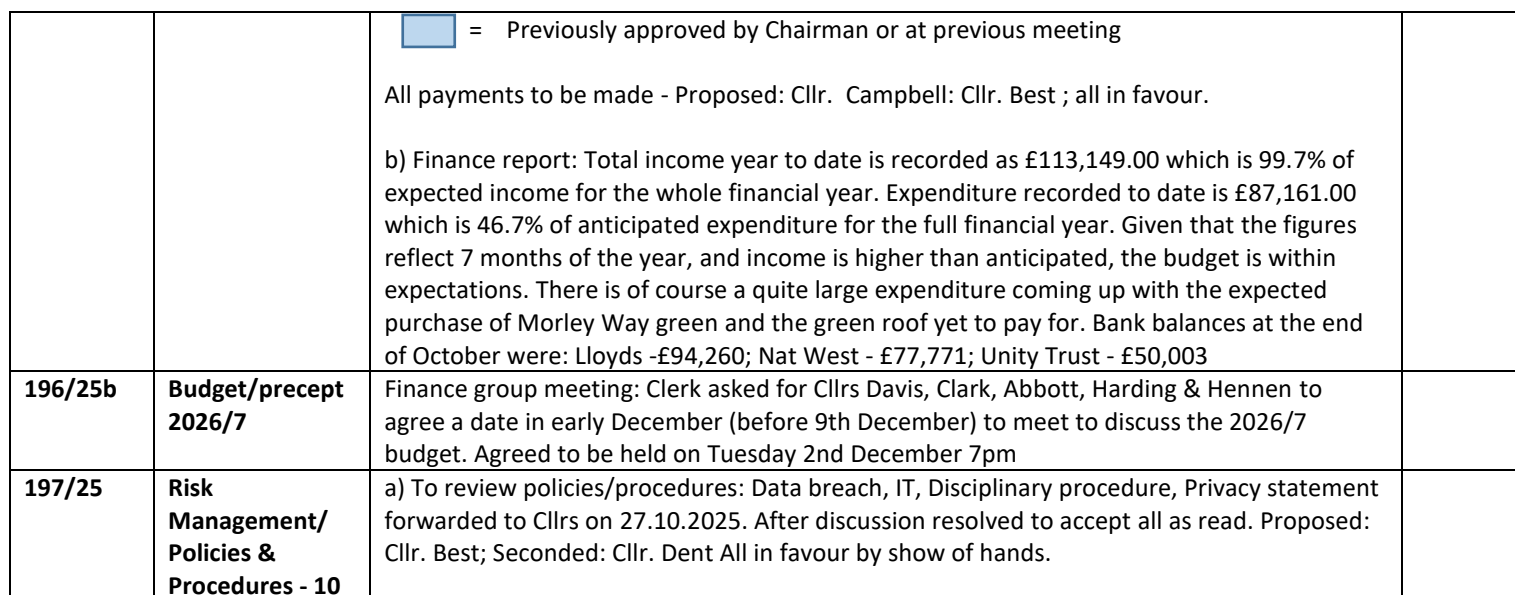


Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Clark; Cllr. Abbott; Cllr. Best; Cllr. Campbell; Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Hennen ; Cllr. Thornhill;
5 members of the public.

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
186/25	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Johnson - holiday; Cllr Harding - dentistry	
187/25	Absentees	None	
188/25	Chairs Additional items - 1a	<i>Any items for consideration, which the Chairman deems urgent by virtue of the special circumstances to be now specified:</i> There were none	
189/25	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: Cllr Abbott re <u>F/YR25/0807/PIP</u> ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. ii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
190/25	Public Participation - 3	Mrs Best said that whilst completing a litter pick, as resident complained about dog waste on Meadow Way. Cllr. Campbell will put a sign there.	
191/25	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2025 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Dent. All in favour.	
192/25	Fenland District Council - 5	Cllr Davis reported that: There was an Extraordinary District Council meeting regarding the new Local Government Reorganisation. FDC voted for option D. Fenland District Council would rather no new system and no new Unitary Councils and a letter has been sent to that effect. That being the case Fenland District Council felt forced to choose Option D as being best option for Fenland.	
193/25	Cambridgeshire County Council - 6	Cllr Thornhill said that Cambs CC voted for option A. He said that on visiting the Fenland reservoir plan/meeting he is concerned about the number of vehicles which would use the A141 - about 1000 a day. Cllr. Davis said that should there be an accident on the A141 all of that traffic would use the through road in Wimblington. He is concerned about safety on the A141. At the recent public consultation in our village the main concern was the amount of additional traffic He said he had a meeting arranged for 3rd December with the police re Stonea Bridge.	
194/25	Clerks report - 7	Clerk said: she has contacted Fraser Dawbarns asking them to liaise with FDC regarding the purchase of Morley Way green, as FDC are ready to proceed. Legal requirements are underway. The annual return for the WMPF registered charity has been completed for the last financial year and Cllr Campbell added as a trustee. The 6 month service of the Fire alarm system was completed and some replacement batteries and 2 emergency lights had to be replaced - see payments. Also a Fire risk assessment was done by Swift Fire, but several of the answers within the assessment were not, in the clerks view, correct, so it has been referred to the assessor for review. Fens reservoir team have advised that they will be carrying out camera and drone based traffic surveys which will include Public rights of way. Clerk has received confirmation that our 2025/26 LHI bid has been successful, so the footpath either side of the WMPF will be widened and levelled, although the work will probably not start until at least May 2026 at the earliest. FDC have advised that from June 2026 'households will receive two new food waste containers: a five-litre indoor caddy to collect food waste in the kitchen and a small 23-litre outdoor food waste bin, plus a roll of caddy liners. The outdoor bin will be emptied every week on the same day as current blue and green bin collections.' The use of the service is optional. At the October meeting clerk asked Cllrs whether they wish to pursue CCC's inclusion of Wimblington in their 'from the ground up' initiative. Clerk contacted the other 4 Councils and it seems from a talk CCC gave to Chatteris Town Council that they 'work with local groups to prepare oven- ready schemes to do with open spaces, biodiversity, etc. By getting together statistics it is hoped this will help with grant applications, etc' Would Cllrs like the CCC group to come and speak to us about their intentions? - Yes Regarding Glen's request for some residents to be put forward for a Royal Garden Party invite, only 2 Cllrs have put forward 6 names which I will now formally forward to the Lieutenancy office for consideration, at the request of Wimblington Parish Council. Finally, we have arranged with Cambs Police for a surgery to be held here in the hall on Friday 19th December from 18.00 - 19.00, should anyone have any concerns they wish to raise with the Police this will give you a chance to do that.	PA

195/25	Other Matters - 8	a) New battery for Council laptop: Further to October clerks report 174/25, a new battery for the Council's laptop is advised by Upwell Computers, who installed Windows 11, as the finger pad is not working and is raised, indicating a swelling battery. Quote to supply and install Dell battery is £150.00. After discussion resolved to approve the purchase/quote. Proposed: Cllr. Dent. seconded: Cllr. Campbell	PA
		b) Purchase and use of a battery hedge cutter: At the October meeting Cllr Best had offered to cut certain hedges in the village if we could purchase a battery hedge cutter. As he is a Street Pride volunteer, clerk had asked whether the Street Pride insurance would cover him - Cllr Dent to check. Clerk contacted our insurers who confirm that he is covered under our insurance, but have asked for a risk assessment to be in place. Draft risk assessment forwarded to Cllrs Davis & Best. Comparison doc for hedge cutters forwarded to Cllrs 23.10.2025. After discussion resolved to purchase option 3 - Terratek Cordless Hedge Trimmer Long - £89.99. Proposed: Cllr. Clark. Seconded: Cllr. Abbott	PA
		c) Grass cutting 2026/8: Clerk had invited 2/3 companies to tender for the coming 2026/8 grass cutting seasons. Tenders are expected to be received by the end of this month, to allow for budgeting for the next financial year.	
		d) Warranty for 2 MVAS: Elan city have asked whether we wish to extend the warranty on the latest 2 MVAS. Councillors all voted not to extend the warranty on the first 2 MVAS, as it was so expensive. They say that they have now applied a discount, however, they are still asking for £199.00 each radar per year over a 3 year contract, so £597.00 per radar covering 3 years = £1194.00 for both. After discussion resolved not to take out the additional warranty. No Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Hennen.	PA
		e) Purchase of Public open space at Morley Way: Further to information received from FDC and subsequent contact with a Solicitor, Solicitors costs are estimated to be £3000.00 to complete the legal needs for the purchase. Given the acceptance by Councillors for the purchase at the August meeting - 125/25c - Chairman has agreed the legal fees with Fraser Dawbarns. There are options regarding searches - basic or more intense. The second one is more expensive. FDC does not have any information to share with us. Therefore should we have the full search. - Yes Proposed: Cllr. Dent; Seconded: Cllr Campbell	PA

196/25	Payments - 9	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:				
		Payments		NET	VAT	£
		Salaries	*Including tax & NI			3194.54
		Lloyds bank	Aug-Sept bank charges			4.25
038/25a		Morton & Hall	Flat roof structural engineer	1650.00	330.00	1980.00
		D Biggs electrical	Replace large hall lights	1566.32	313.26	1879.58
		Generis Security	Repair hall alarm & CCTV	685.00	137.00	822.00
		Brain Elmore	Light pole & Drain cover	102.00	20.40	122.40
		Southern electric	Street light electricity Aug	264.81	52.96	317.77
		Southern electric	Street light electricity Sept	296.11	59.22	355.33
		FDC	New waste bin Doddington Rd	81.00	16.20	97.20
176/25a		A Deptford defibs	New pads for Mindray defib	67.95	13.59	81.54
		Grahams bin clean	Hall bin clean October			15.00
		Swift Fire & Safety	6 months test & service	425.02	85.00	510.02
175/25a		National pens	pens	96.49	19.30	115.79
		Wrights tools	Paint to repaint Tommy's	13.00	2.60	15.60
		idverde	Oct grass cutting	584.47	116.89	701.36
See clerk rep.		Swift Fire & Safety	Annual Fire risk assessment	325.00	65.00	390.00
140/25b		Kompan	New rocker for WMPF	2296.17	459.23	2755.40
		THK PAT testing	Annual hall PAT tests	71.00	14.20	85.20
		A Muskett	Replace street lights	2704.00	540.80	3244.80
		Lloyds bank	September bank charges			4.25
		Invoices paid by Barclaycard				
152/25a		Futura Direct	Hedge trimmer	74.99	15.000	89.99
		Amazon	Rechargeable batteries (radar)	17.49	3.50	20.99
		*See appendix a for salary breakdown				



198/25	Planning - 11	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: <u>F/YR25/0772/F</u> - Erect 1x self-build/custom build dwelling at Land South Of Gage Villa Sixteen Foot Bank Stonea - no objections <u>F/YR25/0563/VOC</u> - Variation of Condition 4 (access alterations), 5 (access surfacing), and 8 (list of approved plans) of planning permission F/YR23/0208/F (Erect an extension to existing agricultural grain store, 2.5 metre high palisade and security mesh fencing, installation of a weighbridge and associated hut, and widen existing access) - access width reduction and amendment to timeframe of delivery at Knowles Transport Limited Manea Road - No objection to time of delivery but still concerns over access width reduction. Has CCC Highways Authority actually visited the site to ascertain the viability and safety of HGV's access/exiting the site onto a busy road close to both a sharp bend to the east and traffic lights to the west? Councillors sited incidents of lorries across the road where they were unable to make a clean exit from the site to turn to the traffic lights and another lorry entering from the A141 unable to move forward due to the lorry across the road! Councillors also have concerns about reports that construction materials for the new reservoir are to come into Manea Station and be transported along Manea Road <u>F/YR25/0807/PIP</u> - Permission in principle to erect up to 7 x dwellings at Land South Of 6 Bridge Lane - object - Location: The applicant's representative refers to a number of previous planning applications in proximity to Bridge Lane, these should not be set as a precedent. Those previous planning applications that were actually sited within Bridge Lane were not supported by locals (F/YR20/0234/O - 21 Objections) and FDC planning department officers actually recommended 'REFUSAL' of F/YR25/0058/O - it was the planning committee that overturned the recommendations. The further planning applications referenced in the application are not in or adjacent to Bridge Lane other than F/YR20/1235/O which has a 'green boundary' that sits south to the access to Bridge Lane. Willow Gardens (F/YR21/0328/F) Eaton Estate (F/YR23/0206/F) are not in close proximity and should hold no relevance. Bridge Lane is a narrow rural 'LANE', which now has two granted planning applications, which will be impact extensively on the safety of pedestrians and vehicle users. This safety has been highlighted through previous planning applications by Highways to which they have referenced conditions and regulations that need to be addressed/met. Drainage and flooding are also major concerns raised during previous applications. This location is not appropriate. Use: This site is a green field, part of the countryside environment still available as a safe haven and natural habitat for the local wildlife, many of which are now being destroyed by unnecessary development. Development : Wimblington's rural countryside environment is being demolished field by field by developers constructing dwellings that the village has far exceed requirements for, especially executive housing development. As mentioned previously, FDC Planning Departments officers have recommended 'Refusal', with strong valid reasons, for development along Bridge Lane. Access to the proposed site will be questionable at such a	
			MD
			MD

		narrow point in Bridge Lane. The applicant states that heavy vehicles have, on occasions, access the present dwelling but the recess and splay of the entrance has allowed for this. Constant use by occupants of 7 dwellings, plus general delivery/refuse or emergency vehicles, is a totally different matter. Plus, this proposed site will be dominated to the north by 6 Bridge Lane. b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Johnson forwarded in a written report: 'The Local Green Space, Settlement and Coalescence maps sent from FDC have been returned with minor amendments and inclusions needed. Hopefully this will not take too long and the final, corrected, maps can be forwarded to our consultant Sally for her to include in our final NHP document. I will be taking my laptop backpacking with me in order to complete the 'Consultation Report' needed and any further documentation that Sally will require for the presentation of our final plan to both FDC and the external examiner. There is a short fall on the hours paid and hours still needed to complete the Wimblington & Stonea Neighbourhood Plan but, as discussed at previous meetings, the Parish council have agreed to cover this.'	
199/25	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport – 12	a) Street lights reported: None b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Abbot said that the pot hole at the top of Bridge Lane, 'does not fit the criteria to be repaired' says highways. Cllr Hennen said that regarding the Hook Rd. repair/replacement drain, the road has still not been repaired, so still has huge potholes and slopes dangerously. The ditch is still full of water and is not draining away, despite the new pipe. c) Eastwood End replacement light: Further to a site visit, our contractor has quoted £898.00 net to replace the removed bracket light with a column on the first corner of Eastwood End as you cross from King St. After discussion resolved to approve the purchase. Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Campbell d) LHI bid 2026/7: Clerk asked would Councillors put forward any works which might be considered for the 2026/7 LHI bid? The application portal is now open until 16th January. After discussion resolved to ask for a reduction in the speed limit at the edge of Wimblington going into Doddington from 40mph to 30 mph, in possible joint application with Doddington PC. Proposed: Cllr. Abbott. Seconded: Cllr. Dent if Doddington are in agreement. Update 13.11.2025 - Doddington do not want to have a joint application to reduce the speed limit.	MD PA PA
200/25	War Memorial playing field – 13	a) replacement equipment: The worn teen shelter is now removed, various replacement option links were forwarded to Cllrs. on various dates. Quote 1 for train and open carriage was £7295.00. Quote 2 for different train & carriage was £6695.00. Quote 3 Tractor with trailer £8392.00 installed, Play car £2943.00 not installed, play train £3313.00 not installed, The tractor £3910.00 not installed. Normally installation and deliver costs are costs are approximately £2300.00. After discussion resolved to Go with quote 1 in red. Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Campbell.	PA
201/25	Parkfield - 14	A report was received on the 12th November and subsequently forwarded to all Councillors	
202/25	Doddington Rd. Cemetery – 15	a) Additional light or move bench?: It has been reported to the clerk that the new light seems to have moved the youths to use the bench behind the gazebo, as there has been a lot of rubbish found there. Should we move the bench or install another light at the back of the gazebo? After discussion, resolved to do nothing for the moment but monitor. b) Double width plinths: A request has been made to install a double width plinth, which would mean that the headstone would be central to 2 burial plots. As this is the first request of this type, are Councillors happy for a single headstone to be place central to 2 grave spaces? As we have always followed FDC's pricing structure, they do allow double plinths, so the option is within our pricing. After discussion resolved to agree to the double plinth. Proposed: Cllr. Campbell Seconded: Cllr. Dent	PA
203/25	Parish Hall - 16	Cllr Best has had to reset the heating 5/6 times in the last 2 weeks.	
204/25	Burnthouse Wind Farm Community Fund - 17	This is a new heading, as we are now able to provide smaller grants as a partner with Burnthouse Wind Farm Community Fund. An amount of up to £3000.00 per annum will be given to the Parish Council to administer in the form of smaller grants. There is a list of groups which cannot benefit - see Annex 1 below - but all other groups may apply for small grants. Larger grants may still be accessed directly from the Burnthouse Fund. Any group wishing to apply for a grant should contact the clerk for an application form. Applications to be administered by the clerk and Chairman and reported at following Council meeting.	
205/25	Correspondence /other business	Cllr Campbell had drafted a dog waste sign he would like to display - all in agreement.	

	-18	Cllr Best asked that once the hill is cut back, can we re-seed the area and place 3 donated planters there instead of the flower border. - All in agreement.	
206/25	Confidential item - Staff & volunteers - 19	 Proposed: Cllr. Campbell; Seconded: Cllr. Dent LGA S137 and S111 refers	
207/25	Date of next meeting - 20	Next meeting: Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 20.30	

Appendix a*

	November 2025	NET	VAT	£
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			
Handyman 1cl	Handyman duties			
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			
Caretaker and Handyman 2	Caretaker and Handyman duties			
Total				3194.54

Annex 1

CCF only funds community-focused not-for-profit organisations, which must be legally registered if their income is above £5,000. This includes the following:

- [Registered](#), [exempt](#), and [excepted](#) charities (click for definitions) ***including religious organisations if their project benefits the wider community and doesn't include religious content.*
- Parish and Town Councils, Village Halls, and Parochial Church Councils
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) and Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Social Enterprises which have the Social Enterprise Mark
- Co-Operatives and Community Benefit Societies (formerly Industrial and Provident Societies)
- Schools
- Sports clubs that are either Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), affiliated with a National Governing Body such as Badminton England, or have an income under £5,000

CCF supports projects delivered within Cambridgeshire by national organisations as long as the funding is ring-fenced for the area and a small number of our funds have further geographical requirements. Our funding **cannot** be used for the following:

- Organisational structures not listed above, or projects which are not charitable in focus
- Including grants to individuals
- Activities or projects which have already taken place (i.e. Retrospective funding)
- Sponsored events or fundraising activities
- Improvements to land/buildings that are not open to the general public at convenient hours
- Projects promoting political activities, lobbying for causes
- The practice of religion or any projects that actively promote religion or particular belief systems (or indeed the lack of belief). This is because these activities could exclude people from accessing a project on religious grounds.
- Animal welfare projects or overseas travel
- We do not usually fund core activities or essential services that are a statutory obligation
- We do not usually fund grant-making or grant-making organisations unless under a partnership distribution agreement

For guidance on best practice, visit the [Charity Commission website](#).