Maresfield Parish Council

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGES OF MARESFIELD, NUTLEY & FAIRWARP

Draft Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, Nutley

Present: Cllr T Lewin (Acting Chair), Cllr H Rai, , Cllr Dr B Smith and Mrs N O'Hanlon (Clerk)

1. **Public Session.** None.

2. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr M Craddock and Cllr L Reeves.

3. **Declarations of interest.** Cllr Smith declared that she is a Governor of Nutley C of E Primary School, She takes the minutes at the Nutley Memorial Trust CIO meetings and is on the Fords Green Committee.

4. **Adoption of the minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd June 2026.** It was unanimously **Agreed** to **Adopt** the minutes as circulated with the meeting papers.

5. **Review of months 4 and 5 of 2026/27 Receipts and Payments and Bank Reconciliations.**
   Noted.

6. **Grants/Donations – Consider bids for Parish Council funding 2027/28.** The grant applications were discussed and the proposed awards will be presented to Council for approval at the October Parish Council meeting

7. **Current year forecasts 2026/27 and first draft Budget/Precept figures for 2027/28.** The budget and precept figures as submitted with meeting papers were discussed and the F&A Committee **Resolved** to recommend to Full Council in October that a net expenditure budget of £105,400 and a grants budget of £18,073 be approved for the year 2027/2028 .

   The recommendations include the return to general reserves of the EMR for Park Farm Lane Maintenance, of £1,453.

   The 2027/28 precept requirement is calculated to be £118,374 with the shortfall between this figure and the net expenditure budget of being met from reserves. The Chair proposed that a precept for 2027/28 of £118,374, which equates to a 3.3% increase on the previous year, is recommended to Full Council for approval, this was seconded and **Agreed** unanimously.
   (N.B. If Council approve the figures at the October meeting and unexpected costs are made known to us after that date, the figures may be amended and re-presented to Council, not later than the December 2026 Council meeting.).

8. **To Note: Local Government pay agreement for 2026/27 (3.3%).** Noted.

9. **Matters arising from the meeting for public communication.** None.

10. **Correspondence.** None.

11. **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1st December 2026.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm