

Biddulph Town Council



MEETING: Finance Strategy and Management Committee
DATE: Tuesday 26 May 2026
TIME: 5.30pm
LOCATION: Council Chamber

AGENDA

1. **ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR**
2. **APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
 - i. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
 - ii. Other Interests

4. **MINUTES**

To **confirm** the Minutes of the Finance Strategy and Management Committee meeting held on 28 April 2026 (approved at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council meeting on 12 May 2026)

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Minutes-Finance-28-April-2026-Draft-No-Confidential.pdf>

5. **AUDIT AND ACCOUNT MATTERS**

- a) To **approve** the bank reconciliation for March 2026 (attached)

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ALL-BANKS-RECONCILIATION-MARCH-2026.pdf>

- b) To **receive** the draft Annual Governance and Accountability Return figures for 2025-26, in advance of approval at the June Town Council meeting (sent separately).



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6. TO RECEIVE THE 'YEAR IN REVIEW 2025-26' DOCUMENT

7. POLICY REVIEW (ATTACHED)

- a) To **approve** the reviewed Reserves Policy

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Reserves-Policy-May-2026.pdf>

- b) To **approve** the reviewed Civic Allowance Policy

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Civic-Allowance-Policy-May-2026.pdf>

- c) To **approve** the reviewed Asset Management Policy

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Asset-Management-Policy-May-2026.pdf>

8. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) To **consider** disposal of any assets, in line with the Asset Management Policy and Financial Regulations
- b) To **confirm** approved suppliers as part of the Procurement Policy

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, the Council is to determine which items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9. TO RECEIVE AN VERBAL UPDATE ON TAX ADVICE DISCUSSIONS

10. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON BRIARSWOOD ACTIVITY

11. TO CONFIRM THE OUTCOME OF BARRISTER ADVICE



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12. QUOTATIONS

- a) To **approve** the quotation for a tree survey at the Burial Grounds
- b) To **approve** the quotation for a tree survey at the Town Hall
- c) To **approve** the quotation for a new laptop

SM Haydon
Chief Officer/ Responsible Financial Officer

copy to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Brady, Eardley, Harper, Hart, Hawley, Hopkins, Jackson, A.Lawton, Rogers, Salt, Wood, Yates



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