



Minutes of the Finance Working Group meeting of Bearsted Parish Council

Parish Office, Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted on Thursday 8th January 2026 at 11am

Present:

Cllr David Hall (Chair)
Cllr Richard Ash MBE
Cllr Frank Jagger
Cllr Carolyn Smith

Also, in attendance was the Clerk Joanne Upton.

1. Finance (Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011/817)

- a. Resolution to approve/ratify quotations or payments:
Ratify Thomson Rueters, JCT Minor Works Contract for car park project, £112.80. Will recommend approval to FC.
- b. Grants and Donations: None.
- c. Review January Payments: It was agreed to recommend approval to Full Council.
- d. Review Finance Reports: It was agreed to recommend approval to Full Council.
- e. Review Balance of Accounts: It was agreed to recommend approval to Full Council.

2. Hall Hire Costs

The new Madginford Hall hire costs, were noted and agreed.

3. KCC Rent Review and Lease

Under delegated authority the Clerk has appointed Martine Waghorn to undertake the rental and capital valuation on the land at Madginford Hall, at a cost of £1750.00. They will visit site on the 3rd February.

4. Precept

The Working Group considered several options for the precept. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council either £142,000 which will increase the cost to the Band D by £0.17 per annum or £145,000 which will increase the cost to Band D by £0.99 per annum.

5. Date of next meeting, 5th February 2026

There being no further business to transact, the meeting ended at 11:25 hrs.

Signed..... Date.....