



## Minutes of the Finance Working Group meeting of Bearsted Parish Council

Parish Office, Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted on Thursday 5th February 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. Signing of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 2. Finance (Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011/817)

- a. Resolution to approve/ratify quotations or payments:  
Oakleaf Electrical £588.00 plus VAT to fix second broken light on the Church Landway.  
Recommend approval to FC.
- b. Grants and Donations: Heart of Kent Hospice. Recommend to FC to donate £2000 towards Hospice Community Clinical Team Salary Costs.
- c. Review February 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. It was agreed to transfer £15,000.00 from the Buckinghamshire Building Society Account to the Unity Current Account.

### 3. KCC Rent Review and Lease

The Clerk and Chairman met with the Chartered Surveyor from Martine Waghorn on Tuesday and should have the valuation report in two weeks.

### 4. S137 Expenditure Limit for 2026

The Clerk reported the limit for 2026-27 is £11.60 per electorate. Bearsted Parish Council's budget for Grants & Donations for 2026-27 will be £5800 as 4% of the proposed £145,000.00 precept.

### 5. Date of next meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

There being no further business to transact, the meeting ended at 11:42 hrs.

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