ST CLEER PARISH COUNCIL

TO MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE: Cllrs Prinn, Pearce, Harbord (Chair), Emuss

Dear Members,

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of St Cleer Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 28 October 2026 at 17:45 in the Pavilion, St Cleer Sports Ground, St Cleer.
All members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee are summoned to attend to consider and resolve upon the business set out below.

Reference	Item
1.	**Persons present and apologies:** to note those present and receive apologies for absence.
2.	**Declarations of interest and dispensations: to receive declarations from members**, including: • Disclosable pecuniary interests • non-registerable interests • Declarations of gifts • Applications for dispensations
3.	To approve the minutes of the previous Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, held on 9 September 2026, and to be signed by the Chair.
4.	**To consider grant applications and recommend approval to full Council.** 1. St Cleer Foodbank – £300 to purchase a second-hand shed for storing goods. 2. Cleerway Community Church (St Cleer Toddler Group) – £500. 3. Royal British Legion – £50 for a Remembrance Sunday wreath.
5.	To consider and approve a change to the grants policy wording so that**,** for the 2028/29 financial year, all applications over £200 must be received by the Parish Council by the end of September. Applications of £200 or less would be exempt. This would enable the Parish Council to consider grants over £200 before setting the budget and precept.
6.	To consider the draft budget for 2027/28 , reserves and precept and to recommend approval to full Council.
7.	**Contested election costs** a. To consider and recommend that full Council approve the use of the £4,500 held in the Election Reserve towards the cost of the contested election held on 20 August, which totalled £5,751. The remaining £1,251 would be funded from the General Reserve. **Transfers to the General Reserve** b. To consider and recommend that full Council approve transfers during the 2026/27 financial year of £10,000 from the MUGA Reserve and £4,000 from the Well Lane Car Park Reserve to the General Reserve. These transfers are proposed in response to unexpected expenditure relating to the contested election and staff salaries. As a result, the General Reserve is forecast to fall below the Council's recommended minimum of three months' expenditure, as set out in the Council's Investment and Reserves Policy. The proposed transfers would strengthen the General Reserve and help restore it to the recommended minimum level.
8.	**Proposal to exclude the press and public from a closed session under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**
9.	To discuss the departure of the facilities and maintenance Supplier and the arrangements for a replacement.
10.	Date of next meeting: 25 November 2026.

Meeting called by: Sue Harbord, Chair Date: 23 October 2026
Agenda signed by: Anita James, Locum Clerk/RFO clerk@stcleerparishcouncil.gov.uk