MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2026 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Gilbert, Eichner, Killick, la Djoi, Waters & Williams

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Summers

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Volkers

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk & Deputy Clerk. Cllr. Christie as a member of the public

105/26 PUBLIC QUESTIONS
None

106/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies had been received from Cllr. Summers (holiday).

107/26 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
Cllr. Waters	119/26	Personal	Board member of FRSGA
Cllr. Williams	119/26	Personal	Board member of FRGSA

108/26 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30th JUNE 2026
Cllr. Eichner proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 30TH June 2026 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED

109/26 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING
Noted

Cllr. Gilbert proposed that item 12 on the agenda was discussed at this point of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED

110/26 PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE C2 WATER PURIFIER
After discussion, Cllr.la Djoi proposed that this matter be deferred until a future meeting pending more Information. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.

111/26 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION
This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.
Grotto manager update – Cllr. Gilbert suggested that there should be a deadline of middle October and then a decision be taken by People Committee.

112/26 FINANCIAL REPORT
This had been previously circulated and was NOTED

113/26 LIST OF PAYMENTS
The List of Payments had been circulated in advance and was APPROVED.

Unity Trust from 18th June – 9th Sept 2026	£200,144.96
Pockit Card – David O'Driscoll 1st June to 9th Sept 2026	£ 56.97
Pockit Card – Carolyn Coomber 1st June to 9th Sept 2026	£ 668.60
Pockit Card – Gages 1st June to 9th Sept 2026	£ 3,452.54
Pockit Card – Youth 1st June to 9th Sept 2026	£ 730.82
Total	£205,053.89

114/26 BANK RECONCILIATION & INVESTMENTS
These had been previously circulated and were NOTED

Cllr. Gilbert proposed that the ratification of the General staff pay award for 2026-27 be considered 'urgent business under Standing Order 3(x). This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.

115/26 TO RATIFY THE GENERAL STAFF PAY AWARD FOR 2026-27
Cllr. Gilbert proposed that the pay increase of 3.3% be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.

116/26 TO RESOLVE ON AMENDED SCHEME OF DELEGATION
The Clerk had circulated revised wording for the Scheme of delegation. This was discussed and Cllr. Eichner proposed that the changes be accepted including the amendments suggested. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.
It was also reiterated that Chair of Council and all Personnel and Grievance Committee members should have HR training.

117/26 REPORT FROM RESILIENCE GROUP
Cllr. Killick reported that there would be a screening of the film 'National Emergency Briefing' in the Fred Bishop Hall of the Community Centre on 29th September 2026.Notes of the last meeting would be issued shortly.

118/26 SIX-MONTH FEEDBACK FORMS
Frow Friends – This was NOTED - The applicant would be thanked and asked to submit more information at 12 months.
Forest Row Energy – This was NOTED. No further feedback required.
FRSGA – This was NOTED. No further feedback required.

119/26 GRANT APPLICATIONS
Forest Row Sports Ground Association – Cllr. Killick proposed that a grant of £ 3,000 be given. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.

120/26 GRANT PRIORITIES
This was discussed. Cllr. Gilbert proposed that the salary allocation spreadsheet be considered with the budget setting for 2027-28. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED with 1 abstention.

121/26 TO NOTE ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL
Cllr. Killick asked that the purchase of a generator be included on the next Place Committee agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

SIGNED:.. (Chairman) DATE...