

Minutes of a Meeting of Comberbach Parish Council's Finance Committee held on Tuesday 7 July 2026

Present

Councillor W Briggs (Vice Chairman in the Chair)

Councillors:

J Johnston

V McDermott

J Ryder

Stephen Penwill (RFO)

The Meeting started at 4.00pm.

1. Appointment of Chairman

Resolved: That Councillor Cameron be appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

2. Appointment of Vice Chairman

Resolved: That Councillor Briggs be appointed Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

3. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor S Cameron. The Parish Clerk had also submitted an apology.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2026

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 21 April 2026 be approved as a correct record subject to the correct spelling of Councillor Washburn.

4. Quarter 1 26-27 Budget Review

The RFO presented the Quarter 1 budget review. He highlighted the increase in inspection costs due to the post installation inspection on the Infant Play Unit. The RFO would move those costs to the project which would tidy up the Q2 report.

Resolved: that the Quarter 1 budget review be noted.

5. Review of reserves and projects forward look

The RFO presented the reserves and project forward look. The reserves for recreation equipment were currently at £17k, which Members recognised may not be enough to part fund a replacement multi-play unit and zipwire to the existing schedule. It was noted that reserves were usually topped up at around £7k per year and it was proposed that both projects be deferred by one year each to 28/29 and 29/30 respectively. The likely costs of both projects were still considered to be in the region stated, but significant grant / donation support would be necessary to implement in timescales. Potential funding sources to be monitored to support future costs

Resolved: that the replacement multi-play unit and replacement zipwire both be deferred by one year to 28/29 (multi-play) and 29/30 (zipwire).

6. Review of current bank statements

In accordance with the Internet Banking Policy, the committee reviewed and approved bank statements for Santander Current account, Unity Trust Current account and Unity Trust savings account, and the bank reconciliations were approved.

Resolved: that the current bank statements and reconciliations be approved.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13 October 2026 at 4.00pm.

Part 2 – EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS – none

The meeting closed at 4.55pm

Cllr W Briggs (Vice Chairman in the Chair)