

**MINUTES OF THE ST NEOT PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN COTT YARD, ST NEOT ON WEDNESDAY 19TH
NOVEMBER 2025**

Present: Councillors C Smith (Chairman), G Rogers, N Ball, D Glanville and T Hooper.

Sue Blaxley (Parish Clerk/RFO)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm

1. Apologies

None

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024 were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Parish Council Rent Charges and Salaries

To review current Parish Council rent charges for Goonzion Downs and Cott Yard and to review the expenses and salaries paid to the cleaner and clerk

It was noted that the Clerk is paid at spinal point 33 which will increase in accordance with the NJC scales which are inflationary linked. It was noted that she is also paid administration expenses for the use of her home as an office at £25/month and for the use of her home telephone and broadband at £15/month plus pension contributions, the latter being determined by Cornwall Council. It was agreed that the rent for Cott Yard will not increase. It was agreed that the rent charges for Goonzion Downs be increased by 10% so that the rents charged will be as follows: Mr and Mrs Wilton - £199.65 and Jane Williams - £36.93. It was noted that the cleaner is currently paid £12.21/hour (the National Living Wage) and it was agreed that this will be increased to the National Living Wage for 2026 from April 2026. It was proposed by Councillor C Smith and seconded by Councillor T Hooper that formal recommendations as outlined in this minute are made to members at the next full Parish Council meeting. All councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

4. Draft Precept for 2026/2027

To discuss figures for the Precept for 2026/27

Figures detailing the end of year accounts for 2025/2026, the current year's

Precept, the Income and Expenditure as at 31st October 2025 and an estimation of expenditure until 31st March 2026 were examined. The draft precept was considered and compared with the other information provided. In terms of income and expenditure, each item listed was discussed and the anticipated income and expenditure justified. It was proposed by Councillor N Ball and seconded by Councillor T Hooper that a formal recommendation to raise the precept by 4% for 2026/27, taking the precept from £47,458 to £49,356, would be made to members at the next full Parish Council meeting. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

5. Date of next meeting

To be arranged

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:10pm.