

Great Waltham Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of Great Waltham Parish Council held in the Pavilion, South Street, Great Waltham on Monday 22nd January 2024 at **7.30pm.**

1. Chair's Welcome:

Chair: Gilbert.

Cllrs: Martin, Stephenson, Jackson, Micklem and Bradley.

2. Apologies for Absence.

None required all members present.

3. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda and requests for dispensation.

No declarations were made.

4. Public Participation session - items do not need to on the agenda.

No members of the public were present.

5. To review open items on the Action Tracker circulated prior to the meeting.

All open items were discussed, updates provided and, if applicable, closed as being complete. A revised report will be published on the website.

6. Review of the Budget Performance 2023-2024 to date.

BUDGET	23-24	BALANCE
£81,271	£72,186	£9,085

The spend was reviewed by each heading from the new computer software. It was confirmed that the run rate of spending is lower than the balance would suggest as there are several one-off items such as Village Hall car parking fee, insurance, and subscription fees which have already been paid in full for the whole year.

The data available is improving for the management of accounts and will be enhanced next year when we have a complete year on the software.

7. To discuss and confirm budgeting arrangements in relation to Ford End Average Speed Camera scheme.

£10,000 has been held in the earmarked reserves for several years. An additional £10,000 for the project has been budgeted for in 2024-2025.

A meeting between Council representatives and Essex County Council Highways department (surgery session) to discuss the scheme is to be held on 12th February 2024.

8. To receive an update on the submission of the 2024-2025 precept request.

The precept demand was sent to Chelmsford City Council, and they confirmed receipt on 24th November 2023.

Members – Cllr Jackson, Cllr Martin, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Bradley, Cllr Micklem and Cllr Stephenson.

Meeting Closed. 20.20
Will Adshead-Grant.
Clerk to the Council.