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Minutes of Meeting of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held on **19th December 2025**
in **Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate, BN26 6AL** at **11:45**.

PRESENT: Councillors D Murray, J Keen, M Cunningham, G Archer, D Dunbar, S Shing **(6)**

NOT PRESENT: Councillor M Piper, M Caira, D Watts **(3)**

MINUTES

13995 Item 1: Opportunity for Public Comment for items on the agenda

None

13996 Item 2: Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr M Piper, M Caira, D Watts

No other apologies received

13997 Item 3: Declarations of interest

Item 8: Polegate Community Library CIC Director: S Shing – Non-prejudicial

13998 Item 4: Minutes of the meeting dated 19th September 2025

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting 19th September 2025. VOTE all in favour.

13999 Item 5: Payments of accounts as presented

List of payments made between 01/11/2025 – 30/11/2025 = £39,659.26

It was resolved to approve the payments totalling at £39,659.26. VOTE all in favour.

14000 Item 6: Allotment Rates

To discuss how the Council can increase the Allotment Rates.

It was resolved to increase the allotment fees at Cophall from £7.70 per rod to £11.50 per rod with effect from 1st January 2027, and then to £12 per rod

from 1st January 2028. The fees at Gosford will increase from £5 per rod to £8 per rod with effect from 1st January 2027, and then to £12 per rod from 1st January 2028. VOTE all in favour.

14001 Item 7: Archaeological Testing

Motion to take £12,000 out of general reserves to fund the Archaeological work at Brightling Road Leisure Ground Project.

It was resolved to go ahead with the Archaeological works at Brightling Road Leisure Ground and use £12,000 from general reserves to fund it. VOTE all in favour.

14002 Item 8: To transfer £420 from EMR 353 to the Library CIC bank account

It was resolved to transfer £420 from EMR 353 to the Library CIC bank account. VOTE all in favour.

14003 Item 9: Confidential

Personnel Committee to consider pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. (Legal Matters)

It was resolved to go into confidential for the reasons shown discussion of staff matters. VOTE all in favour.

14004 Item 10: Banking Update

The clerk updated the committee about the issues with the councils banks. This was noted by all present.

The meeting closed at 12:10pm

Signed Chair of Meeting _____ Date _____