



**A MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE AND
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.00pm
AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER**

Present

Cllr M Bowe (Mayor), Cllr D Henderson (Deputy Mayor), Cllr G Forman, Cllr K Cargill and Cllr A Foster.

In attendance Mrs V Lowe, Town Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr V Blake.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting had been signed at Full Council.

4. Finance Issues

a. The monthly management accounts which had been circulated in advance were approved.

b. The Town Clerk presented projected figures for the remainder of the financial year plus a proposed budget for 2025-26.
The figures had been circulated in advance of the meeting and the Town Clerk responded to questions raised.

It was agreed that there was scope for increasing burial fees from April 2025. The Town Clerk will investigate this and report back.

It was agreed that an allocation of £10,000 would be included in the budget to cover the anticipated repair costs for the lychgate at the Cemetery.

The Town Clerk was authorised to accept the quote for grass cutting costs for 2025.

On the basis of the above information, the budget was agreed.

c. It was agreed to put a proposition to Full Council that a precept of £410,120 was requested from Stratford-on-Avon District Council for the year 2025-2026.

5. Debit Card

In accordance with the Financial Regulations, the Town Clerk was authorised to use the Lloyds Bank debit card to make a single purchase of up to £1405.00 (including VAT) on items from Rutlands Limited for the Alcester Community Shed as part of the squash courts project. It was noted that the limit on the debit card is set at £500 under the ATC Financial Regulations without F & GP consent.

6. January meeting

In order to allow Councillors to attend the SDC Code of Conduct training, it was agreed to move the January F & GP meeting to Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 7 pm.

7. Propositions to Full Council

There is a proposition from the Committee at 4c.

The meeting was then closed by the Mayor.