

**HINDLIP, MARTIN HUSSINGTREE AND SALWARPE
PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee Held at Churchfields Farm,
Meeting/Coffee Room on Thursday 8th January 2026 at 2.00pm**

Councillors in Attendance:

Cllr. A Thawley (Chair). Cllr. P Oakley. Cllr B Meddings. Cllr. A Phillips

Present E Gallagher - Clerk

Minutes

1. Apologies:

Non received

2. Precept 2025/26

Expenditure to date was reviewed against the 2025/26 budget and each category was discussed in detail with a view to setting an accurate estimate of expenditure for 2026/27

It was felt that the 26/27 precept budget should be pared down as much as possible in view of the current cost-of-living burdens affecting many of its parishioners. It was agreed that any over budget payments could be subsidised from the 26/27 General Reserve if the total year-end expenditure exceeded the precept received.

A request had been made by absent councillors that the grant award for Burial Ground Maintenance be debated in detail at the forthcoming Parish Council Meeting. It was agreed that a provision should be made for a small grant within the draft budget with a view to further discussion and possible amendment.

The initial draft precept calculated to a total of £34962 with resident's tax base calculation of £32.07, this being a 13.48% reduction on the 25/26 residents tax burden of £37.06

3. Reserves

Ringfenced reserves allocated for 2025/26 were scrutinised and some adjustments made in line with expected 2026/27 requirements. A new category for a Unitary Authority Restructure had been set up in line with advice from CALC and other persons of authority.

Draft proposals would be put to the Full Council Meeting on 19/01/2026

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 3.50pm.

Signed

Date

Chairman
Cllr. A Thawley

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Ringfenced Reserves 2026/27

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Tax Base Calculation 2026/27

a	Budget requirement		34962.00	
b	Less Grant		-£603.00	
c		c = a-b	34359.00	
d	Divide by tax base 25-26		1071.52	
e	BAND D LEVY 2026/27	e = c/d	32.07	
f	Band D levy 2025/26		£37.06	
g	Percentage increase	(e-f)/f x 100	-13.48	