



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF Finance & Strategic Planning Committee [In-person] held on **Tuesday 10 March 2026** at **17:00**. The meeting was held in the **Ottery St. Mary Town Council Offices, 8 Broad Street, Ottery St Mary EX11 1BZ**

Present: Cllrs Ben Feasey, Dean Stewart (Chair), Janice Aherne, Vicky Johns (Mayor) and Emily Peka
In Attendance: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk
Minute Taker: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

FSP/26/03/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were noted from Cllr Grainger.

FSP/26/03/02 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

Cllr Johns	No interests declared.
Cllr Feasey	No interests declared.
Cllr Aherne	No interests declared.
Cllr Peka	No interests declared.
Cllr Stewart	No interests declared.

FSP/26/03/03 ADMISSION TO MEETINGS

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

There were none.

FSP/26/03/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments for consideration
Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes

There were none.

FSP/26/03/05 MINUTES

Chair's initials _____

To receive the Minutes of the Finance and Strategic Planning Committee meeting of 20th January 2026 (FSP/26/02/01 - FSP/26/02/13) by the Chair as a correct record

The minutes of 10th February 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.

FSP/26/03/06 CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO GRANT APPLICATIONS

A thank you letter was noted from Operation Rudolph 2025 for their community grant.

FSP/26/03/07 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE SECTION 106 CONSULTATION
<https://otterystmarysection106survey.commonplace.is/>

It was noted that the consultation ends at 5pm on 27th March 2026. To date 242 responses have been received. All parishioners are encouraged to submit their views on the proposed projects.

FSP/26/03/08 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK REGARDING ANY OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE

The results received to date from the Annual Partner Impact Questions were reviewed. The full results will be reviewed at the April meeting.
There was a discussion regarding the draft expression of interest for the Town of Culture. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the best way to integrate the Strategy Document into the day to day decision making of the Council. It was AGREED that this will be discussed at the Operations Meeting. It was AGREED that a review of the strategic document should be included on the Full Council meeting agenda.

FSP/26/03/09 TO NOTE ANY SPECIFIC CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

There were none.

FSP/26/03/10 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS

There were none.

FSP/26/03/11 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Meeting ended 18.18.

FSP/26/03/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 14TH APRIL 2026

Reports & Appendix 1

Meeting concluded at 18:18

Chair's initials _____