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Ponsanooth Parish Council held their Finance Committee meeting at Ponsanooth Hall, on 6th October 2025, 6pm and there were present: Chairman Cllr D Willcocks, Vice Chairman Cllr S Fitch, Cllr M Beckett, Cllr M Ferris, the Clerk Mary Gosling and one member of the public.

		Action
210/2 5	The Chairman of the Finance Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
211/2 5	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Palmer.	
212/2 5	There were no declarations of interest.	
213/2 5	There were no declarations of gifts and hospitality.	
214/2 5	Public participation - a member of the public presented a case against renewing the out-of-action streetlight in Dingles Close.	
215/2 5	Item 10 – The Streetlights Report was brought forward and noted. Following consideration of the report and comments made during public participation, it was agreed that it is not necessary to replace light 01BF at Dingles Close, as the light has been inactive for four years. Resolved: To defer removal of the light until 1 April 2025, at a cost of £950 (excluding VAT).	MG
216/2 5	The budget update for 2025 – 2026 was received and noted, it was also noted the budget has been well managed with the forecasting spreadsheet.	
217/2 5	The draft budget for 2026 – 2027 was discussed. It was proposed to aim for three months of net revenue expenditure, due to the reserve amount being under three months. The Clerk to email the extract from the practitioner's guide for Cllrs information. The following recommendation from the external auditor and the Audit actions document was noted. "The smaller authority's general reserve is that this should be maintained at between three and twelve months of net revenue expenditure, dependent on the size and activity level between councils. The smaller authority's general reserves represent less than three months of expenditure." The draft budget to be agreed at the December Finance Committee meeting.	MG
218/2 5	Arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks were confirmed.	

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219/2 5	The outcome of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024 - 25 was noted, completed action from audit checklist to be reported at December meeting.	
220/2 5	It was noted the draft preschool lease and heads of terms are ongoing.	
221/2 5	A new Clerk has been recruited, and induction starts in mid-October, with an official start date of the 3rd November 2025. Resolved: to accept a proposal to pay costs of £475 towards training for the new Clerk.	
222/2 5	Date of next meeting 8th December 2025	

End 6.50pm.

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