

	Before the minutes were signed by the Chairman, Cllr Butler issued a personal statement to the members of the council and said he had waited three months for the minutes to be approved and now that they are approved, he would leave the meeting and until the matter contained in his statement is resolved he felt unable to continue. Cllr Butler then left the meeting and Cllr Smith followed him returning momentarily. Members read through the statement. Cllr Smith said she had a small idea of the issue and she felt the new Chairman of Finance and HR should deal with the issue once elected. She also requested the statement be put to one side to allow the Chairman of FHR and the Council to meet afterwards to discuss the points raised. It was requested that the recording of the meeting of the 29 th of October is not deleted. The minutes were then approved.	The Clerk to update the website.
109/24	The Chairman requested a proposer and seconder for the post of Chairman of the Finance and HR Committee. Cllr Galan Bamfield proposed Cllr Smith and Cllr Paul seconded the proposal. There were no other candidates and Cllr Smith was voted to be the new Chairman of the FHR committee.	Clerk to update the website
104/24	The new Chairman of the FHR Committee briefly explained the Budget and the precept to the Council. Cllr Paul queried the allowance for LHFIFG which was discussed and agreed not to alter	
105/24	The Council RESOLVED the Budget for 2025/26.	Clerk to post on the website
106/24	The Council RESOLVED the Precept for 2025/26 at £275,000 with no increase for the third year in a row.	Clerk to request the precept from Wiltshire Council.
107/24	The Council RESOLVED to transfer Earmarked reserves from the Energy projects into two new earmarked reserves for the Village Hall roof and the Skatepark of £25,000 into each EMR fund.	Clerk to transfer EMR funds.
108/24	The Council RESOLVED to accept the Asset Register as of 7 th January 2025.	Clerk to post on the website
110/24	The Council RESOLVED to approve the following Direct Debits for 2025: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. BT for Pavilion Broadband b. Octopus Energy for Utilities for both buildings c. Wiltshire Council for business rates d. Water2business for water e. Hills Waste for waste collection f. Virgin for Telephone and Broadband at the Village Hall. 	

111/24	THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 28 th January 2025.	
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_____ CHAIRMAN _____ DATED.

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Durrington Town Council – Budget and Precept Meeting on Tuesday 7th January 2025. Minutes approved as a true and accurate record and signed as so by the Chairman presiding.
Signed Date.....