RFO Report to Parish Council Meeting on 29th July 2026

The following reports are being distributed and scheduled as attachments to the agenda for consideration/approval at the Parish Council Meeting on 29th July 2026.

Please note that, for the purposes of this period's report only, all movements (ie both receipts and expenses) relating to the upcoming Yorkshire Day Family Fair have been temporarily excluded from the routine finance schedules. This is because the accounts for this event are changing almost daily. However a separate commentary report on the Family Fair accounts to date is included below. The figures for the event will be consolidated into the main Parish Council accounts once the event has been held and all expected income and expenditure has been logged.

1. **2026/27 Routine Finance Schedules**

(a) Bank Reconciliation Report (excluding Family Fair transactions)

The total of funds held in the Current and Business Money Manager (Savings) Accounts amounts to £17,751,99. Of this, £7,324.76 is the unspent balance of CIL funding, and a further £402.10 is what remains of the Locality Budget Grant of £850 received from NYC earlier this year courtesy of Cllr. Wilkinson. The latter sum will be used towards the costs of repainting the white railings and tidying up the cobbles near the pub.

The schedule is currently predicting an end-of-year reserve of £9,950.86.

Total routine expenditure for the second two-month period of 2026/27 was £2,884,52 (including £208.62 recoverable VAT). The only receipts during the period were bank interest of £51.79 and the payment of £141.40 from NYC as a contribution towards the cost of Visibility Grass Verge maintenance. For further details of Receipts and Outgoings please refer to the yellow-highlighted section at the bottom of the schedule, and also to the separate Income and Expenditure Transaction Details Reports.

The green-highlighted section in the middle of the report contains details of anticipated receipts and routine outgoings during the next 2-month period, August-September 2026. All of the expenditure items listed here were previously included on the Schedule of Routine Expenditure which was received and pre-approved by Council at the January 2026 Council Meeting (and subsequently updated at the March 2026 meeting), with the exception of the cost of remedial work on trees in the Play Park. As such, and provided also that the invoiced amounts do not exceed the amounts shown here, further authorisation of these payments will be required from only two signatories to the bank mandate, in accordance with Financial Regulations. The work on the trees in the Play Park was quoted for and approved at the May Council meeting.

(b) Income Transaction Details

Nothing exceptional to report. The schedule includes gross income of £840.86 relating to the Yorkshire Day Family Fair, but this is not included in the receipts figure shown under (a) above. Please refer to item 2 below for further details.

(c) Expenditure Transaction Details

Nothing exceptional to report. The schedule attached details of expenditure totalling £438.79 (incl VAT) relating to the Yorkshire Day Family Fair, but these transactions are not included in the expenditure total shown under (a) above. Please refer to item 2 below for further details.

We are currently awaiting an invoice from Rennison (tree specialists) for the remedial work carried out in the Play Park, which was quoted at £500 plus VAT, and was scheduled to be carried out on 13th July.

(d) Accounts Summary (including budgetary performance report)

All routine income and expenditure to date is in line with budget expectations and there are no exceptional items to report. Just over £200 remains of this year's contingency budget provision of £288.10.

2. Yorkshire Day Family Fair Account (Fund-Raising & Events Committee)

The Fund-Raising & Events Committee was originally given an expenditure budget of £750 to cover "up-front" expenses for this event (eg hire of Portaloo, inflatables etc). With just under a couple of weeks still to go, it appears that this budget figure is likely to be slightly exceeded (currently estimated to be by around £150), due partly to the decision to invest in a number of roadside banners (which should in any case be reusable in future years, subject only to being overlaid with different dates!) and also to the decision to add a second portable loo as a precaution. However, the cost of these banners is being partly covered in any case by direct sponsorship which has been secured (amounting to £62). In addition, other sponsorship income of £660 has also been negotiated, bringing the total of pre-event income to £940.86, which is already well in excess of the corresponding income budget figure of £750 anticipated.

This means that the event has already more than broken even, even without the further income that is reasonably expected to be achieved both from the community raffle as well as from ticket sales for attractions and stalls on the day. The committee has also reduced pre-event expenditure on soft drinks and other "consumables" compared with previous similar events by sub-contracting much of the catering activity to third parties, thereby also reducing the risk of possible losses in the event of bad weather affecting attendance.

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