

FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Finance Report for the Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15 July 2026

1 2025/2026 Quarter Two

Attached is the financial statement dated 03 July 2026. It balances to the latest bank statements received with a closing balance of **£1,632.78**

Bank Statement Reconciliation

	£ p
Current Account Statement @ 03 July 2026	208.02
Reserve Account Statement @ 03 July 2026	1,424.76
BANK ACCOUNTS TOTAL	1,632.78

2 Payments for Approval

Precept Payments	Budget £ p	Actual to Pay £ p
Clerk's salary (budget gross – actual net)	134.84	107.84
PAYE	nil	27.00

3 Annual Audit 2025/2026

Our internal Annual Audit was completed to plan by accountant Hannah Follows ACA and no external audit is required. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) has been on the website since 19 May and the notice of Local Government Electors Rights since 02 June. (the right to view papers, which closes on 14 July). There have been no requests to view to date.

Hannah Follows made no charge for this service and I propose a vote of thanks and ask the clerk to send a note of appreciation.

4 Bank Mandate

Since Cllr Hammond resigned after our last meeting, I am the only remaining cheque signatory and cheques require two signatures. We need a new bank mandate as of now and I propose that all councillors should be made signatories to give us maximum flexibility for the future. The first requirement of the bank will be a resolution to make this change and I ask that the following be debated, agreed and minuted so I can proceed.

“The council, at its meeting held on 15 July 2026, resolved to appoint all serving councillors, namely: David Carver, Angus Hawkins, Chris Tait, Oliver Thomas & Philip White as signatories for cheques on the council's NatWest current account. Any two of the said signatories being required to validate a cheque. Councillor David Carver, as RFO, remaining able to instruct money transfers between the council's NatWest current and reserve accounts without a second authorisation.”

David Carver
03 July 2026