

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGTON LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2026 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,
KINGTON LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Cllr Armor, Cllr Evans, Cllr Harrison-Jones, Cllr Lawer, Cllr Pattemore, Cllr Sealy, Cllr Tayler, Cllr Watson, Mrs. Sue Hart (Clerk) and Peter Giles (RFO) and Wiltshire Councillor Greenman

Public Participation: There were no members of the public. Cllr Sealy noted, as a member of the public, that the application for an extension at Whitelands Farm Cottages was just an update to a previous application which had expired.

Report from Unitary Councillor: Wiltshire Councillor Greenman noted that the Wiltshire Council Local Plan had failed and Wiltshire Council had been given a choice of either withdrawing the Local Plan from examination or they could request that the Inspectors draft a final report (which would recommend non-adoption anyway). Wiltshire Council were likely to choose the former option. The failure of the Local Plan is a significant setback in the long-term planning framework for housing and development and could give developers more freedom to put forward planning applications.

164.25	Apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Cllr Reynolds (holiday abroad) On a proposal from Cllr Armor and carried unanimously, IT WAS RESOLVED to approve councillor's apologies for absence.
165.25	Declarations of Interest: In accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council's adopted Standing Orders – To receive declarations of any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda. Cllr Sealy declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the planning application regarding Whitelands Cottage. He stayed in the room during the agenda item but did not speak or vote.
166.25	Minutes – To approve revised minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th February 2026 Draft minutes had been circulated to councillors. On a proposal from Cllr Tayler and carried unanimously, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record, and they were signed by the Chair.
167.25	Planning Applications – Clerk New Applications for Consideration: PL/2026/00783 Whitelands Farm Cottages – Proposed 2-storey rear extension as amendment to previous application now expired. (Approved under 20/02780/FUL) (Deadline for comments: 10Mar26) On a proposal from Cllr Lawer and carried unanimously, IT WAS RESOLVED to Support this application. PL/2025/03307 Land West of Oakleigh Acres, Draycot Cerne - (Revision) Erection of B8 Unit and associated works (Deadline for comments: 17 March 26) On a proposal from Cllr Armor and carried unanimously, IT WAS RESOLVED to Object to this application. The main reasons for objection were lack of evidence to demonstrate CP34 strategic economic needs, serious concerns about road safety due to additional HGVs given its proximity to the recycling centre and Truck Stop, as well as visual impact and light pollution. PL/2026/01242 Chestnut House, Parkers Lane – Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. (Deadline for comments: 18 March 26) Councillors had no objection to this application. PL/2026/01572 Limetree Farm, Upper Common – Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area and PL/2026/01573 Heatherly, Parkers Lane – Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. (Deadline for comments will miss the next meeting but councillors had no objections.

	Planning Updates: None Wiltshire Council Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement Updates PL/2025/09233 Kennet House, Parkers Lane – Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. (Wiltshire Council Decision: No Objection) PL/2026/00647 Unit 3, St Modwen Park, Land SE of Junction 17 of M4 – Proposed Yard and Car Park signage (Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with conditions)																					
168.25	Finance - Report distributed to councillors – RFO a) To note transactions since last report dated 8 February 2026 Payments from Current Account: None Debits from Current Account: <table><tr><td>17 Feb</td><td>Lloyds Bank – service charge</td><td>£4.25</td></tr></table> Receipts to Current Account: <table><tr><td>9 Feb</td><td>Wiltshire Council CIL levy</td><td>£9,384.81</td></tr></table> Receipts to Deposit Account: <table><tr><td>9 Feb</td><td>Interest</td><td>£11.07</td></tr></table> b) To approve Future Payments: To approve the following payments to be made: <table><tr><td>Online</td><td>KLVH Committee Room hire Jan - Mar</td><td>£36.96</td></tr></table> c) To approve the March 2026 Financial Report: <table><tr><td>6 Mar</td><td>KLPC Treasurers Account (Current)</td><td>£8,977.15</td></tr><tr><td>6 Mar</td><td>KLPC Commercial Instant Access Account (Deposit)</td><td>£25,042.62</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Net balances as at 6 Mar 26</td><td>£34,019.77</td></tr></table> On a proposal by Cllr Harrison-Jones and carried unanimously IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the March 25/26 Finance Report including the staff salary and PAYE and other payments detailed therein. d) To note the 4th Quarter/End of Year Budget Update – Councillors noted that there was little change to the predicted end of year budget position apart from the receipt of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money from the development at Land South of Steinbrook House. e) To approve a charity donation in lieu of RFO Salary. On a proposal by Cllr Armor and carried unanimously IT WAS RESOLVED to approve a Charity Donation to RUH-X (paid annually) in lieu of the Responsible Officer being paid a salary. Councillors thanked Peter Giles for thoughtfulness in diverting his salary for charitable purposes.	17 Feb	Lloyds Bank – service charge	£4.25	9 Feb	Wiltshire Council CIL levy	£9,384.81	9 Feb	Interest	£11.07	Online	KLVH Committee Room hire Jan - Mar	£36.96	6 Mar	KLPC Treasurers Account (Current)	£8,977.15	6 Mar	KLPC Commercial Instant Access Account (Deposit)	£25,042.62		Net balances as at 6 Mar 26	£34,019.77
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169.25	Chair’s Report – Cllr Lawer Cllr Lawer said he was attending a Forum on Town and Parish Council Planning the following day at the Wiltshire Council offices at County Hall, Trowbridge. He also noted that the school would need to be updated on the format of the Annual Parish Meeting.																					
170.25	2026 Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr Lawer / Cllr Armor Cllr Armor said he will now be starting to send out invitations to local organisations and needed to get support for any donations for drinks and snacks. Local clubs should also be included.																					

	Cllr Harrison-Jones's feedback from the Community Survey should be included and an opportunity for villagers to make suggestions on how the Community Infrastructure Levy might be spent.
171.25	Clerk's Report and Matters Arising from previous meetings Clerk's Report: The Clerk had nothing to report. The Clerk provided updates to the Matters Arising from the meeting on Monday 9 February 2026: 091.25 Dislodged Manhole Cover on Upper Common: Rain had unfortunately prevented a local builder from doing remedial concreting and the Clerk has now received quotes for two completely different amounts for this work. The RFO recommended asking a third contractor to quote in order to make sure the result would be safe and resilient to future damage and said he would contact the contractor who had done the A350 bus shelter concreting. 097.25 Website Administrator Backup. The Clerk had not yet had the opportunity to review the draft Cllr Armor had produced regarding administration of the Parish Council's website. ACTION: Carried forward to next meeting. 114.25 Exchange of information – Fence on footpath from the school to the playing field. One quote has already been received for this work, and a second potential contractor has now provided a verbal quote. The RFO was going to obtain a third quote for the Parish Council for the April meeting. A decision will then need to be made on how to progress this, given the footpath is not the responsibility of the Parish Council, but safety concerns necessitate appropriate action being taken. 126.25 Footpaths & Rights of Way (including Byway 34) – Cllr Sealy Cllr Sealy and Cllr Tayler to annotate the Parish Rights of Way map to show which farmers owned which fields. ACTION: Carried forward to next meeting.
172.25	Highways / Parish Steward Update – Clerk / Cllr Pattemore Cllr Tayler provided councillors with a very comprehensive update to the flooding in the Church Lane dip as he had put in a lot of time and effort into resolving the problem. He showed councillors a diagram of the drainage system and what he had done to clear the water, pointing out that the problem had not been caused in this instance, as Highways had suggested, by a blocked ditch. Councillors thanked Cllr Tayler for his tenacity in resolving this problem.
173.25	Community Speedwatch / SID Updates – Cllr Reynolds / Cllr Armor Community Speedwatch Update: No update this month Speed Indication Device Update: There was no update this month.
174.25	Community Engagement Update - Cllr Harrison-Jones Cllr Harrison-Jones will now be concentrating on how best to inform and update villagers regarding the Annual Parish Meeting, including on noticeboards and the Village Mag. She had negotiated with the Village Mag editor that the Parish Council will have two pages each month. One will be for the monthly PC meeting report, and she would be making a timetable for how the second page could be used. Next month she was proposing to provide a budget explainer, the following month would be introducing the Annual Parish Meeting and the month after the Annual Parish Meeting outcome. After that she was proposing that councillors take a month each to cover their areas of responsibility. She has also talked through with the Village Mag editor ways of marketing the magazine to increase subscriptions.
175.25	Footpaths & Rights of Way (including Byway 34) – Cllr Sealy Cllr Sealy was following up with Indurent their provision of support for digging ditches down each side of Byway 34A. They would not be bringing in any materials though it was agreed that any access would be

	made from the Byway 34 end rather than down Old Draycot Lane. It was not expected that this work would incur a payment. ACTION: Clerk to put an item on the next agenda for a Resolution to ask Indurent to do the work.
176.75	KLimate Action and Community Orchard Update – Cllr Watson Village Hall Community Orchard: Cllr Watson noted that all twenty-five trees were now planted. 92 stakes had been put in place for deer protection which now needs to be netted. He is still trying to get hold of the wheelbarrow which had been ordered for carrying water across to the area but thought the company may have gone out of business. KLimate Change Action – Cllr Watson has put together a design for a cluster of trees on Lower Common. He will display this at the Annual Parish Meeting after which any such planting would need to be approved by the Parish Council. Thermal Imaging Camera – Two people had borrowed the camera over the winter and also passed it to a third. It was suggested it should be on display at the Annual Parish Meeting.
177.25	Correspondence sent / received - Clerk Received: The Clerk had received an e-mail complaint regarding large ruts in the verge near Old Chapel Field caused by a van getting stuck. Contact Forms received via KLPC Website: None.
178.25	Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting Cllr Armor said the school was hoping to put a clothes recycling bin outside the front of the school. Councillors discussed the need to put it inside their boundary rather than on Middle Common to ensure that overflow bags don't pile up outside it. The RFO noted that the price of fuel could potentially impact the signed grass cutting contract as it was fixed price. The contractor would be entitled to withdraw although should this be an issue he thought it would be far better to renegotiate. Cllr Pattermore noted that villagers have raised concerns about the slurry and mud over the road at Days Lane near Bowldown Farm. Discussion took place on what action the Parish Council would be able to take, and asked if this could be put on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 13th April 2026 at 7:30 pm in the Committee Room at Kington Langley Village Hall, Church Road.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:34