

DRAFT MINUTES OF KINGTON LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2026 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, KINGTON LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM

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

Public Participation: There were 3 members of the public.

Report from Unitary Councillor (see later in minutes)

041.26	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Evans (family sickness), Cllr Watson (family sickness) On a proposal from Cllr Pattemore and Cllr Armor, IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the councillors' apologies.
042.26	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.
043.26	Minutes – To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th June 2026 Draft minutes had been circulated to councillors. One minor change was noted. In section 032.26, last line of the first paragraph where it stated "people would like to be involved in a volunteers' policy". The word "policy" has been changed to "group". On a proposal from Cllr Armor and carried unanimously, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the revised minutes as a true record, and they were signed by the Chair.
044.26	Planning Applications – Clerk New Applications for Consideration: PL/2026/03699 Unit 4C, Indurent Park – Var to conditions 2 & 10 of PL/2024/07156 in relation to mezzanine office space, window & elevation changes etc. (Deadline for comments: 16Jul26) On a proposal from Cllr Tayler and carried unanimously, IT WAS RESOLVED to Support this application. PL/2026/03851 Sundial House, Swindon Road - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area (Deadline for comments: 15Jul26) Councillors had no objection to this application. Planning Updates: None Wiltshire Council Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement Updates Enforcement update: New build at Old Chapel Field - ENF/2025/01003 Old Chapel Field, Plough Lane Kington Langley SN15 5PW A complaint from a villager has been received regarding the state of the footpath outside the new build where it slopes down towards the highway. The very rugged scalpings are proving hazardous to navigate safely and one person has already tipped their mobility scooter over trying to get to the centre of the village. The Clerk has now followed up with Highways. Councillors also agreed that a letter should be written to the owners. ACTION: Clerk to monitor response. ACTION: Chair / Clerk to write letter to resident. Planning Decisions: PL/2026/02990 Land south of Plough Lane – Permission in Principle for erection of up to 8 dwellings (Wiltshire Council Decision: Refuse) Cllr Lawer noted to councillors the main reasons for the refusal. PL/2026/03509 Church Farm, Middle Common – Prior Notification: General Purpose Agricultural Building (Wiltshire Council Decision: Prior Approval Granted)

045.26

Finance - RFO

The July report was distributed to councillors.

a) To note transactions since the report dated 6 June 26

Receipts to Current Account:

18 Jun	Wayleave SSE	£48.67
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Receipts to Deposit Account:

9 Jun	Interest	£14.71
9 Jul	Interest	£13.56

Payments from Current Account:

9 Jun	TACASLLP SI-31 2nd cut	£1,128.00
9 Jun	SLCC Annual Subscription - Clerk	£200.00
9 Jun	SLCC Annual Subscription - RFO	£84.00
9 Jun	Dave Rea - Upper Common repair	£660.00
16 Jun	D/D Lloyds Bank service fee	£4.25
22 Jun	St Peters Church annual grant	£225.00
22 Jun	Union Chapel annual grant	£225.00
22 Jun	KLVH CIO annual grant - pt 1	£750.00
22 Jun	Kington Langley Magazine grant	£350.00

Transfers Between Accounts:

9 Jun	Current (0218248) to Deposit (07020575)	£4,200.00
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b) To approve the following payments.

Online	TACAS LLP Inv SI-37 - 3 rd cut	£1,128.00
Online	Black Nova Invoice 32588	£130.80
Online	KLVH Invoice 4619 Apr - Jun	£21.96
Online	Dave Newton Fencing	£2,775.00

c) To approve the June Financial Report (For resolution).

10 Jul	KLPC Treasurers Account (Current)	£197.65
10 Jul	KLPC Commercial Instant Access Account (Deposit)	£33,005.59
	Net balances as at 10 July 26	£33,203.24

On a proposal by Cllr Armor, seconded by Cllr Tayler, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the future payments and the July 2026 Financial Report.

The RFO noted that thanks had been received from the Union Chapel for their annual donation.

046.26

Chair's Report – Cllr Lawer

Cllr Lawer noted that the Clerk at Purton Parish Council had set up a Working Party to facilitate collaborative working between Wiltshire Council and the local parish councils in the area regarding the recycling issues and number of sites in North Wiltshire. She had put together a comprehensive list of questions that she was asking of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate and Waste including requesting regular updates and was keeping local interested Parish Councils informed of progress.

He also said that Wiltshire Council had implemented a new Speed Limit Policy, the main changes being that requests and funding would no longer go through the Local Highway and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) but directly through the Traffic Engineering Team. Guidance criteria to qualify for a speed limit reduction were now not restricted to mean speed assessments but included criteria such as walking, cycling, access to schools, community support and village environments. Wiltshire Council would fund the assessment including data collection if necessary, and Traffic Regulation Order legal costs. A Parish Council would be required to fund signs and road markings. Following discussion on how this would apply to the village, given the focus it had received at the recent Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr Lawer questioned whether

	a working party should be set up to understand the policy in detail and investigate how and where a 20mph speed limit could be taken forward for consideration in the village. ACTION: Cllr Lawer to follow up. An issue had been identified at Lower Common where a resident's stone wall had partially collapsed. It had been noticed that a stretch of the wall was currently being rebuilt on Lower Common land. The encroachment by about 3 feet onto the Common appears to go round one or two trees. The Parish Council was advised by the Society of Local Council Clerk's legal advisor that this was unlawful and that in order to avoid further action the Parish Council should request that the work must cease and any stonework on the Registered Common removed. ACTION: Chair / Clerk to write letter to resident.
047.26	Clerk's Report and Matters Arising from previous meetings The Clerk asked whether following Wiltshire Council's request that councillors' addresses should be removed from the online Register of Interests and if any councillors needed help to carry this out. If councillors wanted their addresses to remain on the register they should e-mail the Clerk to that effect. ACTION: Clerk to follow up with individual councillors removing their address if they wished. ACTION: All councillors - Any councillors wishing their address to remain to e-mail with the Clerk. The Clerk said that her practice has always been to forward emails from Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Police, etc. to both Kington Langley and Sutton Benger Parish Councils at the same time. A new councillor at SBPC had objected to the number of e-mails that resulted and the Clerk had been requested to implement a priority system for them with flagging to indicate Action / Must Reads and Information Only. Rather than having different procedures for each council she said that KLPC councillors will now see this in the Subject headers of some forwarded e-mails but that it wouldn't affect e-mail distribution in any other way. Highways-related road works and road closures notices will continue to be sent as before. She noted that a red car had been parked in front of the entrance to the old Hit or Miss on Days Lane without apparently being moved for several weeks. She had asked the Wiltshire Council Conservation Officer whether this would be an issue should any emergency services need to access the site. Villager Julia Cook had been acting as the Village Hall representative to the Parish Council but had ceased reporting updates since Cllr Watson had been appointed to the Village Hall committee. ACTION: Clerk to review with Cllr Watson. The Clerk noted that many hedges in the village were being cut during July even though they did not need to be done for safety, preventing obstruction or maintaining access purposes. She queried whether this was legal under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Cllr Sealy, a farmer, said that this only applied to agricultural land but was legal if local residents did so. However, it is an offence if nesting birds are disturbed. ACTION: Clerk to confirm the position.
048.26	KLPC Lytes Alms houses – Continued Parish Council representation (For resolution) Following Lindi Reynolds' retirement, the Parish Council needed to agree representation for the Alms houses. Lindi Reynolds was prepared to continue should the Parish Council wish her to do so. On a proposal by Cllr Sealy and carried unanimously, IT WAS RESOLVED that Mrs Lindi Reynolds continue as the Parish Council's representative. ACTION: Clerk to confirm with Lindi Reynolds.
049.26	Highways / Parish Steward / Grass Cutting Contract Update – Clerk / Cllr Pattemore Cllr Pattemore reported that the grass cutting contractors had just been and councillors commented that the greens were looking really good. She noted the contractor took pride in the quality of their work and would always come back to resolve any issues that were raised. The Parish Steward had been concentrating on filling pot holes at the last visit although there were still some near Kin House to be filled. The ruts in the road near Chedds Cottage had been ticketed as a larger

	job. She was asked whether the Parish Steward could cut back the mare's tail below the new fencing opposite the church but there were concerns regarding the safety of carrying out this work. ACTION: Cllr Pattemore to check with the Parish Steward.
050.26	Community Speedwatch / SID Updates Community Speedwatch Update: Lindi Reynolds had reported that the weather had been far too hot and that both representatives had been away. She confirmed that she would continue to send reports when they did go out. Speed Indication Device Update: Cllr Armor reported on the past three months and said that averages very similar to previous months, the most notable outlier being someone going at 67mph driving towards Kin House in April. He was asked whether speeders were being picked up between the current SID site and Kin House however he said that the SID reports in both directions. The SID was due a move and he agreed to re-site it to the established position on Middle Common. It was thought that this move would be unlikely to pick up any significant speed differences.
	Wiltshire Cllr Howard Greenman joined the meeting and was asked if he had any updates to report. As part of the preparation for the resubmission of the Wiltshire Local Plan, he said there had been a call for sites as a way of establishing how Wiltshire can meet the significantly raised housing allocation. There was also a requirement to meet the higher allocation of Gypsy and Traveller sites. Wiltshire Council also had to create a new Mineral and Waste strategy which he thought could be challenging.
051.26	Community Engagement Update - Cllr Harrison-Jones Cllr Harrison-Jones showed councillors a chart of the top 10 project requests that had come from villagers at the Annual Parish meeting and talked through priorities and what could qualify for Community Infrastructure Levy funding. The Clerk said that Wiltshire Council were adopting a flexible approach to projects that might qualify if they "supported and enhanced the parish" and thought that this might apply to some footpath projects. Putting duck boards across the muddy sections of Badger Alley was considered a possibility and Cllr Sealy asked if he could have the contact details of the contractor who had carried out the recent footpath fencing. ACTION: Clerk to provide details to Cllr Sealy.
052.26	Footpaths & Rights of Way (including Byway 34) – Cllr Sealy Cllr Sealy had been carrying out a lot of maintenance work strimming around Byway 34. He said that he now had a date for the Byway 34A work to be carried out and confirmed that this would mean closing the whole byway for the week of 14th September from the post near Swithins down to the Byway 34 fingerboard. On a proposal by Cllr Harrison-Jones, seconded by Cllr Armor IT WAS RESOLVED that the byway would be closed for the week.
053.26	Parish Council Website – Current Status –Cllr Armor Cllr Armor reported that recent changes by the supplier who provides the PC web hosting introduced problems which have not been fully resolved. Parts of the current website are unstable and will become increasingly difficult to administer and support. ACTION: Cllr Armor to propose a redesign of the affected areas of the website. The Clerk asked which councillors were still not able to access the new .gov.uk e-mail addresses and noted that three had not been able to access their new e-mails and were currently using the personal emails. ACTION: Clerk to follow up.
054.26	KLimate Action and Community Orchard Update – Cllr Watson There was no update in Cllr Watson's absence, but the Clerk noted that he had distributed a very comprehensive summary of the No Mow sites.

	Cllr Armor asked whether each No Mow area could have designated owners who would be willing to pull out ragwort or thistles before they start to take hold. ACTION: Cllr Watson to follow up if appropriate.
055.26	Correspondence sent / received - Clerk Sent: - Request for Wiltshire Council Conservation Officer to review safety of car parked across Hit or Miss entrance. Received: - Request for parish steward to clear weeds at Moors Close. (This has been done) - Complaint from villager regarding state of footpath outside new build at Old Chapel File and request for assurance that the footpath will be reinstated. (Covered in Minute 044.26 above) Contact Forms received via KLPC Website: None.
056.26	Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting Points noted: Cllr Pattemore said there was a lot of ragwort growing around the Indurent site – Cllr Sealy said he would look into it. Cllr Tayler said there was also a lot of ragwort growing along the A350 dual carriageway. Also, that visibility was impaired near the turning to Kington St Michael as a result of trees growing in the centre of the dual carriageway near the Plough traffic lights and that lower branches should be removed. Wiltshire Councillor Howard Greenman agreed to inform Highways of the issue. A 1968 Jaguar had been parked in the layby for some weeks. It had been pristine on arrival but was now suffering from birds sitting in the trees above. Cllr Greenman agreed to follow this up.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 10th August 2026 at 7:30 pm in the Committee Room at Kington Langley Village Hall, Church Road.**

As this is the summer meeting there will be a shortened agenda to primarily cover Finance and Planning.

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:15.