MINUTES OF THE KINGTON LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2026 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, KINGTON LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Armor, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Lawer, Cllr Pattemore, Cllr Sealy, Mrs. Sue Hart (Clerk), Peter Giles (RFO) and Wiltshire Councillor Greenman

Public Participation: There were no members of the public. A councillor's points were noted regarding the planning application for Land North East of Junction 17.

Report from Unitary Councillor: Wiltshire Councillor Greenman said that the Wiltshire Local Plan consultation was running until the end of September and encouraged everyone to engage. Nearly 50,000 houses needed to be found across the county over the next plan period, and he thought Wiltshire Council would need to consider new small towns. The next Chippenham Community Area Parish Forum would be held on 30th September, and the police had been given over an hour on the agenda. He noted that funding had been completely slashed for Community Speedwatch meanwhile speeding is increasing. The whole topic of the use of ANPR across the county would be discussed.

072.26	**Apologies for absence** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Watson (holiday) and Cllr Taylor (another engagement). On a proposal from Cllr Sealy seconded by Cllr Armor and carried unanimously, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the councillors' apologies for absence.
073.26	**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. Cllr Sealy declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the planning application for Land North East of Junction 17, stayed in the room during the discussion but did not speak or vote.
074.26	**Minutes – To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th August 2026** Draft minutes had been circulated to councillors. Minute 067.26 had been modified to add "following the correspondence received from a villager (see Minute 070.26 below)" to the first sentence. On a proposal from Cllr Pattemore seconded by Cllr Armor and carried unanimously, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the revised minutes as a true record, and they were signed by the Chair.
075.26	**Planning Applications – Clerk** **New Applications for Consideration:** **PL/2025/02425 – Land North East of J17 of M4** Outline planning permission for phased commercial / industrial / logistics development (B2 and B8) with ancillary offices, green infrastructure and associated works (Deadline for comments: 4 Sept – extension granted to 15 Sept) On a proposal from Cllr Lawer seconded by Cllr Armor and carried unanimously, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to Object to this application. **PL/2026/04982 3 Milk Marketing Board Houses, Kington St Michael Road** – Replace ground floor window with French doors (Deadline for comments: 1 Oct 26) On a proposal from Cllr Lawer seconded by Cllr Armor and carried unanimously, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to Support this application. **PL/2026/05159 2 Southsea Farm Cottage** – Extension and alterations to become ancillary accommodation (Deadline for comments: 2 Oct 2026) On a proposal from Cllr Burgess seconded by Cllr Lawer and carried unanimously, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to Support this application. **PL/2026/05445 – Upper Common SN15 5PF** Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area (On agenda for information only as this application was raised by the Parish Council) **PL/2026/05490 – Upper Lease House, Parkers Lane** Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area (Deadline for comments: 24 Sep 26) No objection **Planning Updates: None**

Enforcement update: New build at Old Chapel Field - ENF/2025/01003 Old Chapel Field, Plough Lane
The developer has liaised with Highways and applied for an order regarding access. Highways will monitor the entrance and footpath for compliance with regulations.

Wiltshire Council Decisions:
PL/2026/02227 Kington Langley Stud, Ashes Lane – Conversion of mixed equestrian / residential building to dwelling (Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with conditions)
PL/2026/03851 Sundial House, Swindon Road - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area (Wiltshire Council Decision: No objection)
PL/2026/04030 Crosstrees, Plough Lane – Proposed kitchen, study and port extension (Wiltshire Council Decision: Approve with conditions)
PL/2026/04475 Indurent - Prior approval Part 14 Class J: Installation or alteration etc of solar equipment on non-domestic premises – Installation of a max of 225 solar panels on pitched roof areas flat to roof system (Wiltshire Council Decision: Prior Approval Granted)

076.26 **Finance – Report Distributed to Councillors – RFO**

a) To note transactions since the report dated 9 August 26

Receipts to Deposit Account:

10 Aug	Interest	£12.78
9 Sep	Interest	£10.86

Payments from Current Account:

18 Aug	D/D Lloyds Bank service fee	£4.25
20 Aug	TACAS LLP Inv SI-45 - 4th cut	£1,128.00
22 Aug	WALC - Training	£72.00
22 Aug	PKF Littlejohn LLP - EA	£252.00

Transfers Between Accounts

15 Aug	Deposit (07020575) to Current (0218248)	£2,750.00

b) To approve the following payments to be made online:

Online	TACAS LLP Invoice SI-48 - 6th cut	£1,128.00
Online	Clerk–reimburse for thankyou leaving gift to Cllr Harrison-Jones	£25.00
Online	WALC 1338 - Training	£90.00

c) To approve the September 2026/27 Financial Report (**For resolution**)

13 Sep	KLPC Treasurers Account (Current)	£913.57
13 Sep	KLPC Commercial Instant Access Account (Deposit)	£25,879.23
	Net balances as at 13 Sep 26	£26,792.80

On a proposal by Cllr Sealy seconded by Cllr Armor, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the future payments and the September 2026/27 Financial Report.

The RFO said that the half year budget 2026/27 will be on the agenda for the next meeting and prompted councillors to start thinking about the balance of budget for the rest of the year.
ACTION: All councillors.

077.26 **Chair's Report – Cllr Lawer**
The Chair said that the bookings system for the Stanton St Quinton Recycling Centre was now active but as it had only fully started that day it will take time to know how well it will work to reduce traffic queues.

He was unable to attend the LHFIG this month and asked whether any anyone would be able to attend. He noted that 20 mph applications were no longer managed by the LHFIG and that Langley Burrell Parish

	Council had approached the Parish Council as they were also interested in introducing a speed limit reduction further along the B4069 and would be willing to share costs. An action group set up by Purton Parish Council were holding a follow up on 7 October relating to the potential closure of the Hills recycling centres at Lower Compton and Purton. The Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) conference is scheduled for 6th October in Swindon this year.
078.26	**Lower Common – Wall constructed on Registered Common Land (For Resolution)** Councillors considered their response to a solicitor's letter received from a resident at the Grange Lower Common relating to a boundary wall that was being rebuilt across part of Lower Common. On a proposal by Cllr Armor seconded by Cllr Sealy and carried unanimously, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk would respond to the solicitor to say that the Parish Council has a responsibility to enforce the Byelaws of the Registered Commons and has no authority to grant permission for building any structure on the Registered Common. Unless a satisfactory solution can be found that doesn't involve encroaching on the common, the Parish Council would be obliged to take further action. **ACTION:** Clerk to send response to solicitor. **ACTION:** RFO to notify insurer that this issue has been raised.
079.26	**Clerk's Report and Matters Arising from previous meetings** The Clerk gave an update regarding timings for recruiting two councillors. The Extraordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th October and the deadline for receiving applications is Friday 2nd October. She had already received five applications. The dead willow by Sundial Cottage on the B4069 has now been felled. The Clerk said that since Cllr Harrison-Jones has left the second page allocated to the Parish Council would need more ideas from councillors to ensure that it would be filled. Cllr Armor said he would do an update on the Forest School this month. KLPC may not be able to fill it every month but the Clerk would advise the editor in good time. **ACTION:** All Councillors to come up with ideas. A villager had already done some work on noticeboard renovations unprompted by the Parish Council. The Plough Inn noticeboard had been removed but would be reinstated. All councillors thanked the villager for his work. **Matters Arising:** The only outstanding action was putting duck boards along Badgers Alley (see Minute 083.26 below)
080.26	**Highways / Parish Steward/ Grass Cutting Contract update** All No Mow areas are now cut including the one sponsored and maintained by Kin House. The next full cut would be on the following Friday. The Parish Steward has removed a tree that had fallen across a ditch in Plough Lane, put the Kington Langley signpost back up and cleared the path between Doveys Terrace and Wayside Close. It was noted that Wiltshire Council have announced that they will no longer support the Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS) after this year which will mean that they would no longer be supplying salt. Cllr Pattemore noted that the dry weather had produced quite a few cracks along the Millenium Footpath. She would be reviewing this with the Parish Steward.
081.26	**Forest School and Use of Middle Common** Cllr Armor reviewed the current activities by the school to set up the Forest School adjacent to the school in the trees at Middle Common. He had spoken to the Head plus the Forest School lead and had reviewed options to create a safe boundary that would comply with Registered Commons Byelaws.

	The option agreed on was a 'dead hedge' approximately 25 metres long. It would be temporary and its purpose is to provide a safety barrier and not to provide an enclosure as it would be open at either end. No other structure would be built inside, the area wouldn't be used for storage, nothing should be planted and no fires should be lit. The area should remain clear between classes and no debris left. Councillors thanked Cllr Armor for engaging with the school and coming up with a workable solution. On a proposal by Cllr Lawer and carried unanimously, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would agree to the erection of a 'dead hedge' and the school would be asked to agree to the provisos. **ACTION:** Cllr Armor to put an article in the October Village Magazine. **ACTION:** Clerk to put on the October PC meeting agenda for final agreement.
082.26	**Community Speedwatch / SID Updates** **Community Speedwatch:** The team hadn't been out during the month due to holidays but the police carried out one roadside check recording one vehicle at 37 mph. The team were hoping to be out again later in September. **SID:** Cllr Armor said that there had been several occasions when the SID had recorded someone travelling at more than 60 mph heading East.
083.26	**Footpaths & Rights of Way (including Byway 34) Cllr Sealy** Cllr Sealy provided an update on the renovation project being carried out on Byway 34A by an Indurent contractor. Any complications about doing the work had been successfully ironed out with the Rights of Way Officer and the team from Indurent had been really helpful regarding the required byway closures. Work was still ongoing – they have already cleared ditches and will be bringing in some rubble. He noted that the correct designation for Byway 34A is a bridleway. Duck boards at Badgers Alley: The Rights of Way officer might have a contractor to lay duck boards if the Parish Council could provide the materials. He was aware of the drainage issues on the ROW by Kin House plus the cause. The Morrell Way ROW was noted as completely clear. Cllr Burgess noted that the start of Byway 34 near the end of Silver Street had got very overgrown. The RFO said that cutting it as far as Spinners Welle was included in the grass cutting contract and would be done at the end of the season. **ACTION:** Cllr Pattemore to ensure they had it on their list.
084.26	**Correspondence sent / received – Clerk** None.
085.26	**Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting** The Vice Chair, Cllr Watson, would be standing in for the Chair at the October Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at **21:10**.

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on **Tuesday 6th October at 7:30 pm in the Committee Room at Kington Langley Village Hall, Church Road** to consider candidates for co-option to the two current councillor vacancies. (*Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to Local Government Act 1972.)*

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 12th October 2026 at 7:30 pm in the Committee Room at Kington Langley Village Hall, Church Road.**