



KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th May 2025 at 7.10pm
in The Pavilion, Kennett Playing Fields, Kennett

PRESENT: Cllr A French – Chairman
Cllr F Mclachlan – Vice Chairman
Cllr R Swanson
Cllr T Foddy
Cllr D Watson
Cllr M Hillyer
Cllr S Baxter – Apologies

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Field – Clerk

FC24/25.174 **Chairman's Welcome and Open Forum**
The Chairman welcomed all those present.

FC24/25.175 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr S Baxter – Apologies – Accepted.

FC24/25.176 **Declarations of Interest**
Standing Declarations of Interests:
Cllr AF – Member CLT
Cllr DW – Member CLT, Trustee VHA, PCC
Cllr RS – Trustee and Member CLT, Trustee VHA, PCC, School
Cllr TF – Trustee and Member CLT
Cllr MH – Member CLT
Cllr SB – Member CLT, Trustee VHA
Cllr FMcL – Member CLT

FC24/25.177 The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council were signed at the meeting held on 10th June 2024.

FC24/25.178 Election of Chairman for the year 2025/26

Cllr French was duly elected Chairman and signed the Acceptance of Office Declaration in the presence of the Clerk.

FC24/25.179 Election of Vice Chairman for the year 2025/26

Cllr McLachlan was duly elected Vice Chairman and signed the Acceptance of Office Declaration in the presence of the Clerk.

FC24/25.180 Adoption of Standing Orders for 2025/26

The Clerk had provided all Councillors with draft Standing Orders for the year 2025/26 based upon the model Standing Orders produced by NALC.

These were adopted by the Parish Council.

FC24/25.181 Adoption of Financial Regulations for 2025/26

The Clerk had provided all Councillors with draft Financial Regulations for the year 2025/26 based upon the model Financial Regulations produced by NALC.

These were adopted by the Parish Council.

FOR INFORMATION – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR YEAR 2024/25

All policies were now up to date following a hiatus which should be noted as a positive move following work conducted by the Clerk and the Chairman since the Clerk’s appointment in July 2024.

It was acknowledged that the village was expanding rapidly and more engagement with residents needs to be progressed.

The new school had opened and both staff and pupils were benefiting from the new facilities.

There had been a successful LHI bid in the year ending 2024 which was resulting in traffic calming works taking place along Dane Hill Road.

Village improvement works had been undertaken utilising a grant from ECDC and hundreds of bulbs had been planted along with a contractor being engaged to clear the footpaths throughout the village. It was acknowledged that the work done was a ‘one off’ and would not be carried out annually and residents should be reminded that they need to ensure that any vegetation hanging over boundaries onto public footpaths need to be maintained.

Prudent spending is required going forward to ensure that expenditure does not exceed income (precept monies).

The use of CIL monies received and expected to be received must comply with the legislative rules and it was acknowledged that if the PC were unable to spend the CIL monies received from ECDC to mitigate the effects of the new development these funds will be required to be returned to ECDC.

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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Chairman

Dated:

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