



KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May 2026 at 7.45pm
in The Village Hall, Kennett Playing Fields, Kennett

PRESENT: Cllr A French
Cllr F Mclachlan
Cllr R Swanson
Cllr D Watson
Cllr M Hillyer
Cllr S Baxter
Cllr P Nelson

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk

1 Member of the public

FC25/26.161 **Chairman's Welcome and Open Forum**
The Chairman welcomed all those present.

FC25/26.162 **Apologies for Absence**
None.

FC25/26.163 **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 MH – Member CLT
Cllr SB – Member CLT, Trustee VHA
Cllr FMcL – Member CLT
Cllr PN – Member CLT

The Chairman, Cllr A French, provided those present with a report on the work of the Parish Council over the last year. The text of which is reproduced below.

Chair's - Year Review 2024/25

The key highlights/issues of this year are:

- Significant advancement of the new development has seen the village population grow, this has not come without its own difficulties and the PC are very aware of improvements needed that might fall outside the developers interests but are key to the Parish's success and safety – for example a safe passage to school as well as adequate but also regulated as required parking in the new development.
- The PC continues to receive updates on the progress from the CLT board and will need to work hand in hand as communal areas of the development are transferred over for upkeep.
- Biodiversity continues to be of significant importance, and it is firmly on the PC's radar as it looks towards enhancement of the environment both existing and through the new Kennett Garden Village and making improvements in particular to the landscape in the new development after transfer of asset to CLT.
- We have continued to monitor and comment on planning applications within the parish and have transparently acted accordingly to each case presented and made comment as required.
- We continue to 'lean on' County and District Cllrs' to seek their valuable assistance on giving us a voice with the respective local authorities
- With regards to finance we have maintained the 'working accounts' for day to day running of the PC accounts in a stable order and are in receipt of further CIL contributions leaving our development opportunity pot in a healthy position.

A look ahead to our priorities in 2025/26

- With CLT to ensure the continuing delivery of development and that this is according to agreement. We can consider supporting or improving delivery by financial contribution as appropriate.
- To actively consider appropriate enhancements in the village by use of CIL Money.
- To consider and implement net zero biodiversity gains in the village to provide local contribution to climate change.
- To work with County Council Highways to ensure appropriate road calming measures and speed limits are in place throughout the village and these are proportionate and reasonable throughout the whole village not just near to the new development.
- To ensure that the Dane Hill Road scheme is delivered at earliest opportunity
- To arrange the installation of the flashing speed signs on station road in conjunction with Dane Hil Road scheme
- To press for road marking and signage renewals throughout the village

To continue to review diligently all planning applications that come forward to ensure they are befitting of the village and more importantly continue to align to the conditions and the planning

FC25/26.164 Election of Chairman for year 2026/27

Cllr A French was nominated by Cllr S Baxter and seconded by Cllr M Hillyer. Cllr A French was duly elected Chairman and signed their acceptance of office form witnessed by the Clerk.

FC25/26.165 Election of Vice Chairman for year 2026/27

Cllr F Mclachlan was nominated by Cllr R Swanson and seconded by Cllr D Watson. Cllr F Mclachlan was duly elected Vice Chairman and signed their acceptance of office form witnessed by the Clerk.

FC25/26.166 Adoption of Standing Orders for Financial Year 2026/27

The Clerk had provided all Councillors prior to the meeting with a copy of the new Standing Orders for the Parish Council based on the NALC Model Standing Orders. The Standing Orders were accepted and adopted by the Parish Council.

FC25/26.167 Adoption of Financial Regulations for Financial Year 2026/27

The Clerk had provided all Councillors prior to the meeting with a copy of the new Financial Regulations for the Parish Council based on the NALC Model Financial Regulations. The Financial Regulations were accepted and adopted by the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 8pm.

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Chairman

Dated: