

**Minutes of a meeting of Kimpton Parish Council
held on Monday 26th January 2026 at 7.00pm
at Kimpton Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Ben Girling, Judy Hart, Niall MacGinnis, Greg Michalczyk (Chairman) and Paula Nelson

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Parish Clerk)
Hampshire County Councillor Chris Donnelly
Jacob Goodenough (Director, Nova Planning)
Janet Wright (Pillhill Pan Parish Forum)
34 x members of public

01-2026-01 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor Michalczyk welcomed everyone to the meeting.
There were no apologies for absence.

01-2026-02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

01-2026-03 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2025 as a true and accurate record.

01-2026-04 VACANCIES

Councillor Michalczyk highlighted the ongoing vacancies for a Parish Councillor and a Village Hall Trustee. It was noted that a meeting would be held in February with the Village Hall Trustees to discuss potential exchange of representation.

01-2026-05 PLANNING APPLICATION 26/00064/OUTN – Land between Deacon Road and Cow Lane

An outline planning application (Ref. 26/00064/OUTN) had been submitted for the proposed construction of 15 dwellings on land between Deacon Road and Cow Lane.

Several questions had been submitted to the Parish Council in advance of the meeting. These were forwarded to Jacob Goodenough of Nova Planning, the site promoter. Mr Goodenough attended the meeting and presented responses to the submitted questions, as well as addressing several supplementary questions raised by parishioners present. It was confirmed that Nova Planning were seeking outline planning permission for the site, following which the land would likely be sold to a developer.

Parishioners raised a number of concerns, including:

- Drainage, both foul and surface water;
- The location of the single access point to the site from Deacon Road;
- The predicted number of vehicle movements at peak times appeared to be underestimated;
- Whether the proposed provision of 33 parking spaces (via driveways, garages and car ports) would be sufficient; and
- The protection of wildlife habitats.

Mr Goodenough advised that technical reports addressing many of these matters were available to view on the planning portal.

Management of the proposed public open space would be secured through a Section 106 agreement, either via a management company or through transfer of ownership to the Parish Council along with agreed maintenance funding.

Mr Goodenough outlined the demand for social housing, noting that 49 individuals were currently on the Ward register and over 2,000 across the borough, and confirmed that Kimpton was included in the borough-wide requirement for additional housing. Parishioners expressed concerns regarding the lack of local services to support the potential needs of those living in social housing.

Parishioners also questioned the effectiveness of the submitted Ecological and Biodiversity reports, particularly in relation to the local bat population, and the potential impact of street lighting, given the site's proximity to a dark sky area. Mr Goodenough confirmed that these reports would be reviewed by experienced Officers at Test Valley Borough Council.

Mr Goodenough confirmed that groundwater monitoring had been undertaken between November 2024 and March 2025.

It was noted that the site lies outside the settlement boundary and would therefore be considered development in the countryside.

The Chairman thanked Mr Goodenough for the presentation and for answering parishioners' questions.

The Parish Council would consider its response to the application under the Planning agenda item (01-2026-09).

01-2026-06 PILLHILL BROOK ASSOCIATION

Janet Wright of the Pillhill Brook Association presented as follows:

- i. A plaque had been awarded jointly to Southern Water and the parishioners of the Pillhill Pan Parishes for a Climate Resilient Places Award at the Environment Agency Flood & Coast Excellence Awards 2025. It was proposed that replica plaques would be produced for display in each of the Pan Parishes. Janet requested a contribution of £35.63 from Kimpton Parish Council towards the shared reproduction costs. Parish Councillors expressed concern at the level of contribution. As it was hoped that the plaque would be displayed in the Village Hall, a member of the Village Hall Committee who was present at the meeting offered to fund Kimpton's contribution of £35.63 from Village Hall funds.
It was noted that the original plaque would be displayed in Monxton Village Hall.
- ii. A request for part-funding of the Pillhill Brook Association's membership of the Angling Trust, in order to obtain public liability insurance. The total cost was not known at the time of the meeting, although the contribution could be up to £40.
It was agreed that the request would be considered at the next meeting, once the actual funding requirement had been confirmed.

- iii. The Pillhill Brook Association is producing an information poster to educate parishioners about the chalk stream and required support with producing a Kimpton-specific version. A local resident present at the meeting offered to assist Janet with this.

Janet was thanked for the presentation and left the meeting

Several members of public left the meeting at this point

01-2026-07 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Michalczyk appealed for parishioners to help with preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan for Kimpton.

Councillor Nelson left the meeting due to a family emergency

01-2026-08 OPEN FORUM

The following question was put forward by a parishioner during the open forum:

Can the Speed Indicator Device on Deacon Road be turned around to capture speeds entering the village, or could a second device be installed?

Councillor Girling responded that the device could be turned around, although this had proven to be less impactful previously. It was agreed to consider whether turning or relocating may be productive. Councillor Girling advised that a funding application had been submitted to the Police & Crime Commissioner for an additional device plus equipment to establish a Community Speedwatch group.

All but 4 of the remaining parishioners left the meeting

It was agreed to bring forward the Planning agenda item.

01-2026-09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Council considered planning application 26/00066/FULLN – 15 Deacon Road - Erection of replacement garage.

RESOLVED to provide feedback to the Parish Clerk by email, enabling a consolidated response to be submitted before the consultee response deadline.

- b) Council considered planning application 26/00064/OUTN – Land at OS Ref 427928 147503 Deacon Road – erection of 15 dwellings. Councillors echoed the concerns expressed by parishioners earlier in the meeting regarding traffic, flooding, drainage, ecology, future maintenance, street lighting and lack of local services to support the development. With extensive housing proposed on the parish border, the need for more housing in Kimpton was questioned. Councillor Michalczyk advised that the A342 Group had expressed concern regarding increased traffic, whilst also appreciating that government housing targets for Test Valley had increased.

There was concern that if this application was approved, it may lead to speculative development of other sites in the parish.

RESOLVED to object to the application based on traffic, flooding, drainage, ecology and lack of services, and the lack of necessity for this additional housing, and that the Parish Council's response shall be agreed by Councillors via email and submitted to Test Valley Borough Council before the deadline of 13th February 2026.

Jacob Goodenough left the meeting

c) The following planning responses, agreed via email due to the consultee response deadline being prior to this meeting, were noted:

| Application No. | Address | Proposal | KPC response |
|-----------------|---|--|--------------|
| 25/03005/TPON | Not The Old Rectory Kimpton Lane | T1 - 3986 - Beech, T2 - 3990 - Sycamore, T3 - 3988 - Sycamore - Cut and prune to provide up to 2m clearance to power lines | No objection |
| 25/03007/TREEN | Not The Old Rectory Kimpton Lane | T4 - 3991 - Sycamore - Side prune vegetation to provide up to 2m clearance from overhead lines | No objection |
| 25/03068/FULLN | South Park Farm Andover Lane Great Shoddesden | Erection of agricultural building | No Objection |

d) The following planning updates from Test Valley Borough Council were noted:

| Application No. | Address | Proposal | KPC response | TVBC Determination |
|-----------------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 25/02238/FULLN | 3 The Triad Cow Lane | Part conversion of garage to form study and home gym, single storey front extension to form entrance link to house, and side extension to garage to form car port | No Objection | Permission Granted |
| 25/02435/FULLN | Privet Side Deacon Road | Conversion of garage to living accommodation comprising kitchen, diner, living area, bedroom and bathroom | Object on grounds of inadequate car parking | Not yet determined |
| 25/02568/CLEN | South Park Farm Andover Lane Great Shoddesden | Planning Implementation Works consisting of the construction of a 50m x 4m access road associated with Planning Consent 21/02997/FULLN | Request for 'No Solar Farm Traffic' signage | Certificate of lawfulness issued |
| 25/02755/SCON | Land Southeast Of Ludgershall Andover Road | Scoping opinion under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017 for the provision of up to 1,150 dwellings... | Not consulted | Not yet determined |
| 25/03062/PDQN | Agricultural Barn East Of Manor Farm Down Road | Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed conversion of agricultural building is converted to three dwellinghouses | Not consulted | Not yet determined |

01-2026-10 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Hampshire County Councillor Chris Donnelly congratulated the Chairman on facilitating a well-run meeting and for providing parishioners with an opportunity to engage in the proposed development between Deacon Road and Cow Lane.

Councillor Donnelly reported that £500,000 had been secured for a new unit at Harrow Way School for children with autism.

It had been confirmed that local elections would go ahead on 7th May 2026, following suggestions from central government that these might be delayed due to Local Government Reorganisation.

The outcome of Local Government Reorganisation was expected on 24th March 2026, with hopes that Test Valley would be merged into the Winchester group, as this had similarities to the current arrangements.

£14m had been raised from charges to utility companies for digging up roads and this would be invested in addressing potholes, which parishioners were encouraged to report.

01-2026-11 LOCAL PLAN

Councillor Michalczyk advised that Test Valley Borough Council continued to work on the Regulation 19 submission, and that the developer for proposed development south of the A342 would be attending the March meeting of the Parish Council.

01-2026-12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

There was nothing more to add to information already shared by Councillor Donnelly under minute reference 01-2026-10.

01-2026-13 SOUTH PARK SOLAR FARM – COMMUNITY BENEFIT PAYMENT

Councillor MacGinnis reported that contact had been made regarding the community benefit payment from the proposed South Park Solar Farm and had been advised that the application was only at access stage at this time and therefore considered premature for this discussion. Councillor MacGinnis will continue to monitor and liaise as necessary.

01-2026-14 FINANCE

a) The following update from Low Carbon regarding the Community Benefit Payment due for Meadow Solar Farm was noted:

“There have been further delays with the project, and we are now looking like a March connection. We are trying to push for an earlier date, but there is still work to be completed on site. The delay is both on our side of the connection and with the DNO works too.”

- b) The following financial report for the period 19th November 2025 to 19th January 2026 was noted:

| | | Exp | Inc | |
|---|-----------------|--------|------|-------------------|
| Balance as presented at last meeting | XXXXXX41 | | | £10,084.50 |
| Transactions | | | | |
| Street Lighting April-Sept 2025 | | 187.73 | | |
| Grass Cutting 2025 | | 550.00 | | |
| Grass Cutting Aug-Oct 2025 | | 300.00 | | |
| Clerk's Salary – November 2025 | | 300.00 | | |
| Parish Christmas Tree | | 150.00 | | |
| Clerk's Salary – December 2025 | | 300.00 | | |
| Website hosting – December 2025 | | 18.00 | | |
| Balance as at 19th January 2026 | | | | £8,278.77 |
| <i>Payments approved at this meeting</i> | | | | £353.63 |
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| Balance as presented at last meeting | XXXXXX68 | | | £102.84 |
| Transactions | | | | |
| Interest received – December 2025 | | | 0.05 | |
| Interest received – January 2026 | | | 0.05 | |
| | | | | £102.94 |

c) Approval of payments

RESOLVED to approve the following payments and to note payments made since the last meeting:

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| G Michalczyk | Reimbursement for website hosting from Ionos - December 2025 REIMBURSED 06.01.2025 | £18.00 (£15.00 net) |
| G Michalczyk | Reimbursement for website hosting from Ionos - January 2026 | £18.00 (£15.00 net) |
| M Taylor | Parish Clerk's Salary - December 2025 PAID 06.01.2026 | £300.00 |
| M Taylor | Parish Clerk's Salary - January 2026 | £300.00 |
| M Taylor | Reimbursement of expenses to purchase replacement defibrillator pad REIMBURSED 14.11.2025 | £71.40 (£59.50 net) |
| M Taylor | Contribution towards cost of printing planning leaflet (80 x A4 double-sided, colour) | £6.00 |

- d) Councillors considered a final draft budget 2026/27 v0.6, noting that the £800 increase in precept was, in the main, covered by an increase in the tax base (the figure against which council tax is calculated) from 2025/26 to 2026/27, resulting in a minimal increase to parishioners.

RESOLVED to adopt the budget 2026/27, as set out in appendix I to these minutes, and to submit a precept request to Test Valley Borough Council for £11,300.

01-2026-15 SPEED SIGNS/TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- a) Following concerns about regarding traffic on Down Road, in regard to permission granted under planning application 21/00734/FULLN (Land at Manor Farm), it was noted that Test Valley Borough Council had referred concerns about the impact of increased traffic from the Manor Farm industrial units to Planning Enforcement.
- b) It was noted that an application had been submitted to the Police & Crime Commissioner for funding to purchase an additional Speed Indicator Device and Speedwatch equipment.

01-2026-16 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

- a) It was noted that, following discussion at the last meeting, a contractor had been instructed to carry out a hard cutback on the far end of Footpath 3 at a cost of £280 (+VAT), funded from funds held for work undertaken through the Lengthsman Scheme. Councillor Hart reported that the contractor had done an excellent job.
- b) There was no update on other tasks to be undertaken at this time.
- c) It was noted that, following a site meeting attended by Councillors Hart and Michalczyk, Test Valley Borough Council had agreed to fund the purchase of bulbs for planting on the Village Green and, depending on quantity, potentially other areas in the parish, along with seeds for a flower meadow in the playing field. Volunteers would be needed to plant the bulbs at the earliest opportunity following delivery.
- d) It was noted that Alison Hellyer had been appointed as the new Community Engagement Ranger for the North West Area Access Team at Hampshire County Council.

01-2026-17 MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Michalczyk attended the following meetings and updated as follows:

- 27th November - PPPF meeting with EA about a bunding solution at Water Lane - suggestion was to re-engineer the land next to Water Lane. To be discussed with Landowner.
- 10th December PPPF Quarterly meeting - Minutes are published on our website. This meeting will move to an annual meeting going forward as the remit of the group changes to a wider strategic one, with the 2026 meeting planned for June.
- 11th December - Meeting with 3 Villages Sports Trust Trustees, Thruxton PC Chair & Fyfield PC Chair re future funding of Sports Trust. Further proposal to be prepared by the Sports Trust & Thruxton PC.
- 5th January - Meeting with TVBC about Orchard and wildflower grants (see minute reference 01-2026-16c).
- 9th January - PPPF monthly meeting - Hampshire County Council have now contacted Southern Water in relation to road and verge repair at Water Lane. HCC will install verge markers once SW have repaired the area.

Date of works TBC

- 3rd December & 21st January - A342 meeting. Ongoing work to create document explaining issues with the road. A survey of road use to be issued to all parishioners. The survey is being delivered with assistance from TVBC.
- Upcoming meetings:
- 29th January HALC County Forum
- 2nd February Meeting at Thruxton Circuit with Circuit Owner & Thruxton PC Chair & Fyfield PC Chair
- 6th February PPPF update meeting

Councillor Girling is attending the joint Police & Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Constabulary Road Safety Summit on 3rd March 2026.

Councillor Hart is attending 'Roots & Roofs: An Introduction to Rural Affordable Housing' on 25th February 2026, an event hosted by the Action Hampshire Housing Team.

01-2026-18 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nothing to report at this time.

01-2026-19 ONGOING ACTIONS

The following ongoing outstanding actions and updates were noted:

| Minute Ref | Action | Assigned to | Update |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 24/072 | Energy Efficiency Training | Parish Clerk | Being explored, potentially for APM or summer fete |
| 25/007 | Village Green Charity | Parish Clerk | Current administrator has filed final reports to the Charity Commission and will arrange to pass over administration of the Charity to the Parish Council. Followed up Jan '26 |
| 25/013 | Resilience Plan | Cllr Michalczyk | Drafting of plan ongoing |
| 25/038 | Solar Farm funding | Chairman / Parish Clerk | Payment was expected November 2025. See agenda item 14a |
| 25/032 | 3 Village Sport Field contribution | Council | Dialogue ongoing with partners |
| 25/071 | Playing Field – gate closure | Cllr Hart | In hand |
| 25/071 | Playing Field – basketball signage | Parish Clerk | In hand |
| 09-2025-05 | Wildflower funding | Parish Clerk | See agenda item 15c |

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| 09-2025-17 | Meeting with Thruxton Race Circuit | Cllr Michalczyk | To liaise with Fyfield Parish Council on potential joint meeting |
| 09-2025-18 | To source funding for a replacement football net for the recreation ground | Parish Clerk | To be actioned |
| 10-2025-05 | Grant funding for additional dog bin | Parish Clerk | Grant application submitted to Test Valley Borough Council, response awaited. Serving cost included in 2026/27 budget |
| 11-2025-05 | Suggest a meeting with Village Hall Committee to discuss shared representation | Cllr Michalczyk | Meeting planned for February 2026 |
| 11-2025-07 | To discuss with TVBC potential for a s106 agreement for combining maintenance of open spaces | Cllr Michalczyk | Dialogue commenced |
| 11-2025-09 | Solar Park Farm - 'No Solar Farm Traffic' signs | Parish Clerk | Request sent and acknowledged |
| 11-2025-11 | To apply for a Bus Service Improvement Plan grant for a replacement noticeboard in the shelter on Deacon Road | Parish Clerk | Grant application to be submitted |
| 11-2025-14b | Traffic calming measures around Village Green | Parish Clerk | Initial enquiry submitted to HCC, response awaited |

01-2026-20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 30th March 2026, 7pm at Kimpton Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.16pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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KIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL - ADOPTED BUDGET 2026/27 v1.0

Year: 1 April 2026 - 31 March 2027

| | 2026/27 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | |
| Precept | £11,300.00 |
| Bank Interest | £5.00 |
| VAT Reclaim | |
| Total Income | £11,305.00 |
| EXPENDITURE | |
| Clerk's Salary | £3,600.00 |
| Administration | £75.00 |
| Newsletter | £100.00 |
| Annual Subscriptions | £325.00 |
| Website / IT | £110.00 |
| Insurance | £425.00 |
| Audit | £570.00 |
| Training - Clerk | £100.00 |
| Play Area inspection | £100.00 |
| Hall Hire | £120.00 |
| Asset Maintenance | £1,500.00 |
| Grass Cutting | £2,000.00 |
| Christmas Tree | £200.00 |
| Street Lighting | £500.00 |
| Dog Bin Emptying | £750.00 |
| Grants | £750.00 |
| Total Expenses | £11,225.00 |
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| Budgeted net inflow | £80.00 |