Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the CKVH on **July 8th, 2026,** at 18:29pm.

PRESENT: Richard SEMPLE (chair), Tim KEIGHLEY (Deputy Chair), Philip PALMER (Clerk), , Baz GARDNER, Steve LATHAM, Pennie WASSELL and Chris WILLIAMS, Ludgershall and Rural North.

1.40:26 WELCOME

Councillor SEMPLE (Chair), chair, opened the meeting and declared that it was quorate.

2.41:26 APOLOGIES

There were apologies for non attendance from Mark ECKERSLEY who was away with work.

3.42:26 PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

Paul CLEARY, Regional Community Manager for Wessex Internet was present and delivered a short presentation about Wessex Internet and their outreach to rural areas to offer full fibre broadband with dynamic down and upload speeds. They are based in Blndford Dorset and are a small limited company entity concentrating on South Wiltshire at the moment and building thier network which they hope to launch in May/June 2027. Individuals can ‚debundle' from exisitng suppliers eg Sky and take a Wesex Internet package for broadband. These are competitively priced and have a one time £49 activation fee. Their call centre is based in the UK and currently answers within 30 seconds. Details of how to register interest and pricing structure was left with the clerk.

There was an adjournement to hear from Chris WILLIAMS, Ludgershall and Rural North.

Wiltshire Councillor Report June 2026

At the annual full council meeting on the 19 May, Cllr Laura Mayes was re-elected Chairman of Wiltshire Council with Cllr Ruth Hopkinson as Vice-Chairman.

Under Public Participation there were statements regarding climate change; a Notice of Motion against the closure of Wiltshire Fire Stations requesting support; a question regarding LHFIG funding, with a reply given stating that there had been some confusion about the Community Infrastructure Levy and that the cabinet member was working with colleagues to maintain or increase funding.

A petition was presented with over 4000 signatures, approximately 3200 with Wiltshire postcodes objecting to the recent Cabinet decision on waste regarding the three-weekly bin collection. The reply given stated services were changing but not being cut, with an increase in doorstep recycling and food waste collection alongside the changes to the switch to three weeks for residual waste. The council's recycling performance was currently below average, and these changes should see the rate rise from 42% to over 60%.

The main item for discussion was the withdrawal of draft Local Plan. The decision to withdraw the plan followed advice from the Planning Inspector, who indicated that the draft, in its current form, was unlikely to pass examination under updated national planning policy introduced by the Labour Government, which has increased Wiltshire housing targets by 84%.

In my view, it risks creating a "planning free-for-all" across Wiltshire. Without an up-to-date Local Plan, we lose our ability to properly control where development takes place, leaving our communities exposed to higher, government-imposed housing targets and speculative development and I did vote against the motion to withdraw the draft plan, although it was narrowly carried.

The council must now begin work on a new Local Plan under the updated national policy, which is likely to result in even higher housing targets for Wiltshire. In the meantime, the absence of an adopted plan leaves the council more vulnerable to speculative planning applications, with developers better able to challenge decisions on appeal. This creates uncertainty for residents and increases the risk of development being approved in locations that do not reflect local priorities, at least until a new plan is in place, which is likely to take several years, potentially three or more.

Councillors' motions were then debated, including Delivering a Funded Alternative to withdrawal of the Stonehenge Tunnel Scheme – approved; BWS Integrated Care Board and fertility treatment, Wiltshire residents deserve equitable access to fertility treatment in line with clinical guidance – approved; Purchase of Bleed Control Kits – approved; Wiltshire Council take action to the closure of four Wiltshire Fire Stations – approved – since this meeting it has been announced that the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Stations threatened with closure will remain open for the time being.

Help Boost Wiltshire's Mobile Connectivity

Wiltshire Council is asking parish councils, residents, and local businesses to help improve mobile connectivity across the county by identifying areas with poor or no

signal—often known as "not spots". Gathering accurate, real-world data from communities is a crucial step toward addressing these gaps. Please complete the Mobile Connectivity in Wiltshire survey every time you come across a location where signal is weak or unavailable. This could be in your home, while travelling, or anywhere in your local area where coverage fails.

Parish Stewards – Resumption of Parish-Requested Work

I understand that that Parish Stewards will shortly resume undertaking works requested directly by parish councils – this follows the focus on potholes in previous months.

Parish Clerks should already have received the latest schedule, which sets out when the Steward will be visiting each area and can help with forward planning. Please submit requests and work with the Steward to ensure that the most pressing issues are addressed.

Area Tidworth Board

A very successful Tidworth Area Board Health and Wellbeing event was held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall on the morning of 1st June with many organisations involved, free refreshments and a concert provided by Celebrating Age Wiltshire.

Tidworth Area Board met on Monday 15 June, Cllr Keith Allen was appointed Chairman for 2026/27, and myself as Vice-Chairman. Updates were given by the MoD, Towns and Parish councils and the Neighbourhood Police Team – Anti Social Behaviour remains the top priority and joint operational days are planned in July to target the illegal use of electric motorcycles.

The Police and Crime Commissioner gave an update on the proposed policing hub in the south of the county at Old Sarum, Salisbury. This is at a very early stage, it is hoped for a preliminary planning application by the end of August followed by a two year period before full planning approval is granted and the commencement of construction.

Community grants and LHFIG funding awards were made and each of the board members gave updates on the Area Board priorities.

The next AB meeting is scheduled for Monday 26 October 2026 at the Memorial Hall, Ludgershall.

4.43:26 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on June 10th 2026 were adopted and signed, there were the following actions arising from them to be reviewed.

INDEX	MINUTE REF	ACTION	OFFICER	DATE COMPLETED
1	6.33:26	ACTION: Clerk to communicate this to the planning officer Sue MORGAN before 14/4/2026.	Clerk	10/6/2026
2	9. 36:26	ACTION: Clerk to reinstate communications with the CURNICKs regarding the entrance to the railway track at Aughton and with Dave RICHARDS regarding the stile replacement by Dean Farm House on CKIN36.	Clerk	12/06/2026
3	11. 37:26:d	ACTION: Clerk to pay the annual website license fee of £248.40	Clerk	12/6/2026

4	11. 37:26: e	ACTION: Clerk to procure, and fit replacement defibrillator pads for the Cake Barn Defibrillator	Clerk	12/6/2026
5	12. 38:26	ACTION: Clerk to write to the householder of Aughton Farm and request that it be trimmed.	Clerk	19/6/2026 29/6/2026
6	12. 38:26	ACTION: Clerk to task the Parish Steward with clearing the detritus from the railings by Cuckoo Pen when next in the village.	Clerk	28/6/2026

5.44:26 Disclosures of Interests.

There were no disclosures of any interests from the Councillors.

Action: Clerk to circulate the email concerning declarations of councillors home addresses under their Register of Interests on appointment to the Council.

6. 45:26 Planning matters

There were no planning issues before the Council.

7. 46:26 Chairmans Report

The Chair stated that he had nothing to report this month stated that the path around St Mary's Church had been resurfaced that very morning.

8. 47:26 Footpaths and Fence Projects

The clerk stated that the fence was now almost completed, and that he had spoken with the contractors immediately prior to the meeting and their next actions will be to complete the gate installations still outstanding. The clerk also spoke regarding the repair and re-siting of the bench at the Rec, and it was agreed to obtain a quote for this work from Chris Wheeler Construction.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quote from Chris Wheeler Construction for repair and re-siting of the bench at the Rec and making good the old plinth.

There was discussion about the footway between Aughton junction and Aughton Farmhouse. The clerk gave an update regarding contact with the owner of Aughton Farmhouse and the assurance received that arrangements are in hand for a contractor to cut it back in the near future. It was agreed to submit a MyWilts App report regarding the hedge from Aughton junction to footpath CKIN7. **Action: Clerk to create a MyWilts App report regarding the hedge from Aughton junction to footpath CKIN7.**

It was also discussed about the hedge belonging to 6 Aughton, which requires trimming. Some trimming has been done by the Parish Steward on 9/6/2026, but it still requires a harder cut. **Action: Clerk to write to occupant of 6 Aughton regarding hedge trimming.**

9.48:26 RFO REPORT

a. ***Account Balances***. The clerk gave the balances on the accounts as at 8/7/2026 as Treasurers working account £235.49 and Deposit account £28,700.00 which includes the

monies earmarked for the fence, and Gates for Stiles projects carried over into the new financial year 2026/2027.

b. ***Authorisation of payments made***. The following payments were authorised by Councillor GARDNER and Councillor WASSELL retrospectively.

DATE	EXPENSE	DEBIT
1/6/2026	*Clerks salary*	*£262.06*
1/6/2026	*HMRC PAYE*	*£64.60*
1/6/2026	*BT Group*	*£57.68*
4/6/2026	*HP Instant Ink Subscription*	*£6.49*
8/6/2026	*Bawdens Ground Maintenance*	*£214.20*
11/6/2026	*Norton subscription*	*£29.99*
12/6/2026	*BWP Creative (website)*	*£248.40*
12/6/2026	*Microsoft subscription*	*£84.99*
15/6/2026	*First Aid For Less (new defib pads)*	*£167.46*
15/6/2026	*Hills Waste Solutions*	*£86.10*
16/6/2026	*Lloyds Bank service charge*	*£4.25*
30/6/2026	*Clerks salary adjustment re performance raise*	*£45.32*
30/6/2026	*HMRC PAYE re clerks salary adjustment raise*	*£11.20*
30/6/2026	*Clerks salary*	*£282.55*
30/6/2026	*HMRC PAYE*	*£69.80*

The following credits have been received since the last meeting

DATE	REMITTER	CREDIT
	No credits received in this period	

The following transfers have been made since the last meeting.

DATE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
8/6/2026	*Transfer from deposit*	*£323.37*
12/6/2026	*Transfer from deposit*	*£500.00*
19/6/2026	*Transfer from deposit*	*£512.17*

c. ***Sign off bank statements*** to end of June 2026, together with associated reconciliations statements were signed off.

d. ***D-Day Memorial***. The D-Day memorial was once again discussed, specifically the plaque for the stone and tree as none has been forthcoming despite promises from Tom ROBINSON the former publican. It was agreed for the clerk to arrange a small appropriately worded waterproof plaque. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange a small appropriately worded waterproof plaque and install.**

e. ***Closure of the Rag Ride private road.*** A discussion took place concerning the 'closure; of the Rag Ride to non-authorized vehicular traffic. Anecdotally it is spreading that this has been instigated by a local resident who pet cat was killed recently by a non-authorised vehicle. Posters have appeared with a photo of the cat saying 'You killed me!' and a leaflet hand delivered throughout Brunton and as a flyer in CK and Aughton with this months Courier. Allegedly spot checks are being conducted possibly by the resident and

photographs of offending registrations taken. **ACTION: Clerk to find out informally from Jon COULING the substance of this matter.**

f. ***Installation of a swift/swallow nesting box with live feed cameras at village hall.*** This proposal came from Chloe ARMOND-NUTT via Councillor LATHAM. It concerns the possible installation of the nesting box at the village hall to be financed by the Parish Council with display of the live feed images on the Parish Council website. It was considered that this was not a matter for the Parish Council but rather the village hall although the Parish Council would consider a donation towards it, and would host the live feed imaging on its website.

10. 49:26 AoB

Councillor GARDNER raised the issue of a vehicle attributed to September Cottage in Aughton parking in the mouth of footpath CKIN7, effectively blocking access to the footpath. **Action: Clerk to investigate and write to the occupant of September Cottage advising them of the law over this action.**

Councillor LATHAM raised the issue of the VDS. He has received the material from Councillor SEMPLE and will incorporate this into the draft. **Action: Councillor LATHAM to continue with VDS production work.**

13. 39:26 DoNM

The next meeting date was set as 9/9/2026. This date may be subject to change as Councillors GARDNER and LATHAM are away on holiday independently. Councillor SEMPLE stated that he may also have work commitments' that could prevent his attendance.

Meeting commenced on 10/6/2026 at 18.29
Meeting closed on 10/6/2026 at 19.50
Signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council

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