



KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Held on 7th July 2025

Present: Cllr Davina Martin (vice-Chair); Cllr Val McWilliams; Cllr Jerry Cook; Cllr Laura Spencer; Emily Arnold (Clerk) four members of the public.

- 1. Chairman opening remarks, apologies, and approval of absences:** Cllr Martin welcomed everyone present and thanked them all for attending the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Chatley and Cllr Steve Reeves.
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd June 2025 were approved as a true record, proposed Cllr McWilliams, seconded Cllr Cook they were then signed as a true record.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 4. Public Forum:** The trees by the bus shelter were looking so much better now.
- 5. Reports from Kent Police, County and City Council members:** None
- 6. Matters arising: (if not already on the agenda):** None
- 7. Finance:**
 - a) Payments and receipts: Bank Balance as of 30th June was Current Account £905.79 and Saving (Instant) Account £24196.39 **Total** £25102.18 (which includes a reserve of £11000) **Agreed and signed.**
 - b) Invoice not received as work still outstanding – Millenium Bridge
 - c) Changing Website address and new emails (.gov.uk) – Cost £510 first year set up and then annually £330 – **Agreed**
 - d) Parish Capital Grants 2026/27 – Clerk to see if we could apply for this for; The Queens tree, plaque and strim guard and to get the second Brooch repainted.
- 8. Planning:** Noted that CA/25/00694, CA/23/01235, CA/24/02217, CA/25/00826 and CA/25/00649 all still to be decided
- 9. Miscellaneous Parish Council Matters:**
 - a) Kingston Brooch; Cllr Cook has been and looked and the brooch needs repainting, not sure about getting the Brooch down – Clerk to ask someone to look. Cllr Cook happy to paint the wooden frames for both Brooches.
 - b) Holding of village society funds - memorandum of understanding was agreed by council.
 - c) Black Robin Lane, Junction with London Bound A2: pole with sign knocked down onto salt bin – been reported
 - d) VJ Day – Remembrance would take place in larger towns.
- 10. Highways, Footpaths and Trees:**
 - a) Marley Lane – Cllr Chatley dealing with it
 - b) Embankment – Tree removal and sectioning – Cllr Reeves dealing with it
 - c) Bushes at Black Robin PH – No update

- d) Barham to Kingston footpath – No update
- e) PROW/CC/446 – Investigate which bits of this (if any the PC were responsible for)
- f) Queens Tree – No update
- g) Millennium Bridge – Due to be done
- h) Road Markings – Clerk to report again
- i) Woodland Management plan – Cllr Spencer to contact the people that had offered to volunteer and get a plan of action for going forward.
- j) Black Robin Bus Shelter – Follow up, Clerk to find out a starting date.

11. Matters for future discussion:

12. Date of next meeting: 1st September 2025 at The Barn, Kingston at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 20:25

Signed_____

(Chairman)

Date_____

Please note these Minutes remain as draft Minutes until they are approved by the Parish Council at their next Parish Council meeting on 1st September 2025.

Future Meeting Dates

06/10/2025, 03/11/2025 and 01/12/2025