

Kimbolton Parish Council

Minutes of the Face to Face Parish Council Meeting at Kimbolton Village Hall on Tuesday 5th May 2026

Present: Cllrs Ed Rollings, Becky Beaumont, Jo Read, Henry Beaumont, Will Mears, & Brian Morris.

In Attendance: John Stone & Matt Heeley

1. To receive apologies for absence. – Doug Underwood
2. To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interest - None
3. To adopt minutes of the previous meeting – 2nd March 2026 – Agreed

4. Village Reports –

4.1 Footpaths

- Nearly all the works have been completed on the Public Works Grant. 1 stile (bought on the grant) left to be installed. Installation will be included on the 2026/27 grant application.
- The new applications are now open with a deadline on 30/09/2026.
 - List of works required to be started
 - Applications for 2026/27 will be capped to a maximum of £5,000. Once all works have been completed and invoiced the Parish Council can submit a further application of up to £5,000 worth of funding.
- It was noted that the steps down from the Walls Farm require a new handrail.

4.2 Lengthsman

- The Drainage Grant and Lengthsman Scheme applications are both due in May 2026
 - o Lengthsman Scheme – 15/05/2026 – Parish Council budget this year is £1640.00.
 - o Drainage Grant – 17/05/2026 - the cap on maintenance works is £4,000 per Parish Council. Funding for new assets is available above this cap. Matt Heeley pointed out that often the funding is swallowed up by the cost of planning / design / traffic management etc, which doesn't make them great value for money.
 - o Ed and Matt Heeley to look at both applications and submit before the deadline.
 - o Total cap on all 3 schemes (PRoW, Drainage and Lengthsman) - £25,000.
- It was noted that some strimming works are needed and need to be completed before 01/06/2026.
- We still have 1 day with the jetter to use. Matt Heeley to organise.

4.3 Update on A4112 Road Safety/Speeding.

- Matt to pass along contact details to Ed regarding a second SID base.

5. Finance – To note the financial position and consider the following payments

- 5.1. Approve accounts 2025/2026 – **Approved**
 - 5.1.1. – note that we are c. +/- £500 on budget for the 2025/2026 period.
- 5.2. Little John audit report – **Bell Beaumont to email across**
- 5.3. Jim Collett churchyard mowing invoice 1526 - £300.00 - **Agreed**
- 5.4. Payment to Bell Beaumont Clerk services January, February & March – £563.70 - **Agreed**
- 5.5. Payment to PAYE January, February & March – £140.80 - **Agreen**
- 5.6. Clear Councils (insurance) renewal - £781.50 - **Agreed**
- 5.7. Payment received from Herefordshire Council, ProW grant- £3358.12
- 5.8. Payment received from Herefordshire Council, Drainage grant - £2150.00

5.9. Payment received from Herefordshire Council (Precept prt 1) - £6250.00

5.10. Orphans Press Invoice 32600 – Parish Website - £240.00 – **Agreed.**

6. Kimbolton Village Hall.

- Quote received for the acoustic panels – around the cost of £7500.00
- Will Mears will be applying for funds/grants
- John Bowen has been kindly mowing the grass each week.

7. Hamnish Village Hall

- No Comments

8. Planning Applications –

- o It has been noted that the planning application for Stockton Field expires on 08/12/2026. There are no signs of the site being developed at this current time.
- o Noted that all the work that Will Mears and John Stone put in to get Section 106 money for the village from the development could not be forthcoming which be a great loss.

9. To note Correspondence

- 9.1. None

10. Any Other Business

10.1. – New Notice Boards

- o Ed Rollings to look at the failed grant application and see if will can reapply. There is Parish Council budget accumulating for these noticeboards if a grant is not successful.
- o Will Mears to look at quotes for a board.

10.2. – Website

- o Bell and Becky Beaumont to look into issue with uploading on website and get minutes etc uploaded.

10.3. – Village Litter Pick

- o Would need to be organised by Volunteers due to insurance.
- o Volunteers can contact Herefordshire Council for equipment.

11. Public Forum – To receive comments from members of the public.

- **Drainage at Grantsfield**

- o Potential scheme to redirect some surface water off the road at Grantsfield was discussed. It is a significant project, not something that the Parish Council would be able to undertake. Matt Heeley to speak to Mark Watkins at Herefordshire Council and pass along the information for them to look into. Compared to other areas / flood risk schemes, this is relatively minor and therefore may not be considered urgent by Herefordshire Council.
- o It was recommended to keep reporting the issue to Herefordshire Council.
- o Parish Council will concentrate on managing existing assets in the area to help with the situation.
- o Ed Rollings to contact Edward Price, landowner above Grantsfield road to discuss the ditch at the bottom of the field.

12. To raise matters for next agenda – Drainage issues at Grantsfield

13. To note date of next meeting – Monday 1st June 2026 @ 7.45pm

15. Close the Meeting at 8.34pm

Signed:

Date:

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