



Kings Cliffe Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 12th February 2026 at the Memorial Hall, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XD

Present: Cllr J Atkinson (Chair), Cllr Woore (Vice-Chair), Cllr Day, Cllr Milne-Atkinson, Cllr Jubb, Cllr Meadows, Cllr Howard

Clerk/RFO: Lee O'Connor

Minutes

25/196	Apologies for absence Cllr McVitty - Cllr Tank - Cllr Bulmer
25/197	Declarations of Interest Cllr Day - 25/207 (NE/25/00691/LBC) Cllr Jubb & Cllr Woore – 25/222
25/198	Public Participation None
25/199	Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) Were agreed in full. Proposed: Cllr Stewart Seconded: Cllr Meadows
25/200	Matters arising from the previous Meeting All actions appear on this agenda
25/201	Reports from Unitary Councillors None received
25/202	Reports from Committees Staffing: No update — items on the agenda Amenities: No update — items on the agenda Church & Cemetery: No update — item on the agenda



25/203	<p>Clerks Report:</p> <p><i>The clerks verbal report included the following work:</i></p> <p>Social Media drive with Emergency Planning group Website updates Assisting authorities with Peter Smith affairs Meeting – Guy Varty (Police Crime Rep) 1-2-1 meetings with councillors Banking Signatories/account changes Attaining Quotes Meeting contractors Playground inspections TKC ‘Walk round’ Updating Grant schedule with GrantScape/applying for 1st grant payment Precept Work Cricket Field meetings/links with Cricket Club</p>																																																												
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25/206	Financial Position Bank Balances: Unity Trust Current Account £101,050.09 (as of 31/1/26) Unity Trust Savings Account £875.08 (as of 31/1/26) Barclays Current £0 (as of 31/01/2026) Barclays Deposit £0 (as of 31/1/2026) of this is for Willow Lane (Hypothecated Reserves) Barclays Bequest Account Re: Cemetery £0 (Hypothecated Reserves as of 31/1/2026) Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver: Section106 Lap&Leap £67,229.09 (Hypothecated Reserves, as of 31/03/25 Statements Annually) Cambridge Building Society Saver: Section106Lap&Leap (Hypothecated Reserves) £53,398.82 (as of 31/01/2026, Statements Annually)												
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			coping stones will be removed, retained, and reinstated on the reconstructed wall.	
25/208	Planning Applications Granted by NCC None reported at this meeting			
25/209	Presentation by Lucy Hawes from NNC (Greenway Project) <p>Lucy shared the following information:</p> <p>Plans and a wider strategy are being developed to underpin future work on footpaths and greenways across the area. In total, 24 routes have been identified, with approximately four or five potentially passing through Kings Cliffe. One key route between Kings Cliffe and Tresham Village is expected to be resubmitted for planning approval. Other potential connections include routes between Warmington and Elton, Kings Cliffe to Fotheringhay, and links working with Apethorpe, although these are currently more limited in scope. Route 8, which would connect Stamford to Kings Cliffe, is also being explored. The Forestry Commission is supportive of the project, particularly in relation to routes passing through or near Fineshade Woods, and there is a clear intention to work closely with Parish Councils as plans develop. Funding has been secured from external sources and there will be a need to develop a stretch of land within our area as part of the project.</p> <p>There is an opportunity for individuals to become Greenway Champions, with involvement tailored to suit availability, ranging from occasional emails every couple of months to more active participation.</p> <p>Councillors discussed whether there is a demonstrated need for additional off-road walking routes locally. It was suggested that the Council could identify one or two priority routes for further consideration, and that this could be added to a future agenda for discussion.</p> <p>Lucy will circulate maps and detailed route information in due course. The project is also referenced within the North Northamptonshire Council Local Plan.</p>			
25/210	Village Police Liaison Rep Update (Guy Varty) <p>The Parish Council thanked Guy for taking on this voluntary role. Guy was pleased to be supporting the village as Police Liaison Representative.</p> <p>Guy reported he is the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Kings Cliffe and has established contact with our local PCSOs. The police have expressed a strong interest in understanding local crime issues and are keen to work more closely with the community, although information sharing can sometimes be slow. Guy will continue to follow up with the police via Oundle to ensure we maintain regular communication.</p> <p>Recent discussions have highlighted concerns around vehicle crime and theft, and there is a clear need to raise awareness of preventative security measures such as the use of Faraday pouches and secure storage for keys and vehicles.</p>			



	This was unanimously agreed.
25/216	<p>Pytchell Lease</p> <p>It was discussed and resolved to agree the proposal set out by TKC to support the Parish Council to manage the Pytchell.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Stewart Seconded: Cllr Woore</p>
25/217	<p>Grass Cutting/Village Maintenance Tendering</p> <p>It was discussed and resolved to move to a 3 year (extended 2 year) and agree a SLA with contractors. These would need to be approved at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was suggested to contact Rob Stockley to see if he was willing to help and arrange a 'walk round' focusing on village trees.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Milne-Atkinson Seconded: Cllr Woore</p>
25/218	<p>Donation to Church (GrantScape Refund for CTP)</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed not to donate the CTP and use the funds for the Cemetery works.</p> <p>This was unanimously agreed.</p>
25/219	<p>Water Pollution Check (Willow Brook)</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed for the clerk to contact the environment agency with Cllr Howard for a check and an update on the health of the Willow Brook waters.</p>
25/220	<p>Clerk Appointment (Probation period end)</p> <p>Full permanent contract agreed (probation period completed and successful) and thanks to the Clerk by Councillors.</p> <p>This was unanimously agreed.</p>
25/221	<p>Heritage Easter Egg Hunt – permission to use the Pytchell</p> <p>It was discussed and resolved to approve the date (either Easter Sunday or Monday).</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Stewart Seconded: Cllr Howard</p>
25/222	KCPC Office Lease/Meetings



	<p>It was discussed and resolved to move the PC office and address to KC Active.</p> <p>This was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>It was also discussed and agreed for all PC Meetings to move to KC Active (café room) from March 2026.</p> <p>This was resolved with one abstention.</p>
25/223	<p>Speed Safety Camera Install Update</p> <p>It was agreed the first camera unit install should be on Park Street and then the second on Bridge Street. Cllr Milne-Atkinson to link with Cllr Bulmer and Cllr McVitty to investigate further.</p>
25/224	<p>Sovereign Grange (Oak Lane) Park Inspection Update</p> <p>Following a recent inspection of the play park, no major issues reported. The inspector found general wear and tear with no issues at this time. The next inspection will take place in 1 years' time.</p>
25/225	<p>ZigZag Path Update (Kingsmead)</p> <p>Following a second quote for the repair/replacement of the pathway, Cllr Milne-Atkinson was to link with a professional engineer to outline if the bank required any works before the path is repaired/replaced.</p>
25/226	<p>Allotments Update</p> <p>The Clerk reported all but 1 tenant had paid their allotment rents for the year 2026 (at the time of the meeting). There are 2 plots available with 1 viewing taking place soon.</p>
25/227	<p>Village Calendar</p> <p>It was discussed to try and create a 'village calendar' of events to benefit the community and potential visitors to the area. The Clerk would communicate this to the village clubs/groups.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Woore</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr Milne-Atkinson</p>
25/228	<p>Gazette Entry for March 2026</p> <p>To be shared via email and published in the gazette</p>



25/229	April 2026 Meeting Date (to be confirmed) It was discussed and resolved to Move the meeting date to Thurs 16 th April 2026 due to staff Holidays Proposed: Cllr Woore Seconded: Cllr Howard
25/230	Communications Received None reported

The next meeting of the Kings Cliffe Parish Council will take place on Thursday 12th March 2026 (7pm)(KC Active, Kings Cliffe)

Minutes signed:..... Date:.....

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