



# Kings Cliffe Parish Council

14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** (Kings Cliffe) was held at Kings Cliffe Active (Café Room) on  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.00pm**

## THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING May 2026 – Minutes

1	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting</p>
2	<p><b>Present and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p><b>Present:</b> Cllr J Atkinson (Chair), Cllr Woore (Vice-Chair), Cllr Day, Cllr Jubb, Cllr Meadows, Cllr Howard, Cllr McVitty, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Milne Atkinson</p> <p><b>Clerk/RFO:</b> Lee O'Connor</p> <p><b>Members of the Public:</b> 0</p>
3	<p><b>Chair's Report for 2025-26</b></p> <p>Good evening everyone, and welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>As last year's meeting took place prior to the elections, I would like to begin by thanking those councillors who stepped down, for their service and commitment to our community.</p> <p>I'm sure we would all like to extend our sincere thanks to all councillors who have served on the Parish Council over the past year. Being a parish councillor is a voluntary role, and each member gives their time freely in support of the village and its residents. It has been a pleasure to welcome new councillors to the Council this year, all of whom have made a very valuable contribution.</p> <p>During the year, we experienced a change of Clerk. And I would like to thank Carrie for her hard work, dedication, and support to the Parish Council over the past few years. At the same time, it has been wonderful to welcome Lee, who has embraced the role enthusiastically, bringing many talents and has already made a very significant contribution to the running of the Council.</p>



Overall, it has been a very positive year for the Parish Council.

We were successful in securing grant funding for the development of the Cricket Field, and residents will have seen work taking place over recent months. We now hope for some rain to help the grass establish well. The project, including contractor coordination and grant management, is being handled extremely effectively by the Clerk.

We have also finally managed to purchase and install the village speed signs. As we continue to develop our understanding of the data they collect, we will soon be able to share useful information such as vehicle numbers and traffic speeds entering the village. This data can then be used to inform various agencies to help to initiate action where necessary, i.e. Police Speed cameras, a possible 20 MPH speed limit within the village etc.

The Clerk has also been working hard to update the Parish Council website, and we are progressing towards creating a village calendar to coordinate and inform on all village groups events. In my report last year, I spoke about my ambition for the Parish Council website to become the villager's "go-to" source of information — a signpost and champion for our community, with links to all village groups and organisations. I am delighted to say we are now moving firmly in that direction.

The Emergency Planning and Response Team continues to work tirelessly to strengthen village resilience and provide reassurance to residents. It is a great achievement that three members of the KCPC Emergency Planning and Response Team have now qualified as volunteer EMAS Level 2 Community First Responders, further enhancing our community's emergency response capabilities and giving comfort to our residents in case of emergencies.

It is great to finally see the start of the development for affordable homes at Daleswood Rise — a development that has been "in progress" for many years.

The PC has applied for a grant for the fencing of Oak Lane common to enable seasonal grazing to assist with the management of the common and promote biodiversity (as required under our Biodiversity Policy).

The Parish Council Amenities Committee have teamed up with Kings Cliffe Transition Group to maintain and improve the Pytchell, a beautiful quiet space in



	<p>our village. Monthly work parties have started and a project plan for maintenance and improvements is being prepared.</p> <p>There are areas of severe deterioration of the stone wall on the western boundary of the Pytchell and we are in discussions with the residents of the adjacent property.</p> <p>The Parish Council has also formed a project group to review the village street lighting, which currently costs approximately £15k per year to operate and maintain. Many of our lamp posts are deteriorating and parts are becoming obsolete, moving to more efficient LED forms of lighting will both reduce costs and be more environmentally beneficial. We will keep the village informed as this project progresses.</p> <p>Alongside these projects, the Parish Council continues its important day-to-day work, liaising with highways authorities, representing the interests of local residents, managing and maintaining the cemetery, maintaining the churchyard, managing the play equipment at Oak Lane Park, reviewing planning applications in line with National, Unitary and KC Neighbourhood Plan planning policy.</p> <p>I believe we would all wish to thank our excellent contractors, Robinsons Gardening and Rob Giddings, whose hard work helps ensure the grassed areas and verges throughout the village continue to look so well maintained and cared for.</p> <p>Above all, the Kings Cliffe Parish Council is here to serve and support our community. We are always keen to hear from residents, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns, ideas, or suggestions that could help improve village life and strengthen our community further. Your feedback and involvement are always welcomed and appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you all for your continued support of the Parish Council and our community.</p> <p><i>Jeanne Atkinson - Chair</i></p>
4	<p><b>Questions to the Council</b></p> <p>None recorded</p>