

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Meeting held 17th March 2026.

Present: - Cllr. Edward Pitts – Chairman (EP)
Cllr. Nick Gerrard (NG)
Cllr. Charlie Parry (CP)
Cllr. Jason Bridgen (JB)
Mr Kenrick Fell - Clerk
Mr & Mrs Robinson

1. WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Hannah Beckett-Pratt, Cllr. Jerry Pett (WCC), Cllr Neil Bolton (WCC) and Cllr. Jonathan Williams (HCC)

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20th JANUARY 2026.

The Minutes were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Email from Kate Burdett – tree work being carried out in next 2 months.
Notice board – to be ordered.

6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: -

a) Lengthsman (CP)

The Lengthsmen have visited the village four times. The schedule from Titchborne has not been received yet.

b) Footpaths. (JB)

JB stated that the footpaths were OK. The verges at the side of Kilmeston Road were being damaged. It was likely that they are being damaged when the hedges were cut as the driver has to go over the verge.

c) Village Green (NG)

NG stated that the Green was OK. One tree had been cut. The Clerk informed the PC that Idverde had raised the cost of cutting the grass from £96 to £98.

d) River Itchen. (HB)

HB had reported that work was due to commence around August. The fencing will be replaced and the Poplar trees to be cut down. NC stated that Poplar trees loved water.

e) Highways (EP)

EP stated that tarmac had been laid in the pothole. The Clerk reported that there was a considerable amount of mud on the road at present.

f) General Maintenance

Nil.

g) Councillor's Reports.

Neil Bolton/Jerry Pett's report had been distributed to Members.

7. PLANNING.

SDNP/25/04536/HOU 5 Greys Farm Close Philip Eves
Single Storey Rear Extension & Interior Alterations
PC OK SDNP Approved

SDNP/25/04551/TPO Kilmeston Manor
T2 Lime reduce in height to 30 ft, T3 Dead tree.
Application withdrawn.

SDNP/25?05097/HOU. Manor Cottage Serena Brown
Single Storey Extension following removal of existing annex building.
PC OK

8. OPEN FORUM.

Chris Robinson suggested that the Parish Council should prepare a clear plan before the Annual Assembly. The Chairman will speak to the National Trust.
It was hoped to have a Winchester City Council Officer to speak at the Annual Assembly.

9. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

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Report from Cllr. Bridgen.
Report from Cllr. Pett WCC
WCC Thank you for Precept Form, Parish Update.
Env. Agency – Groundwater flooding Meon Valley
Chris Robinson – reply and Chris's response.
Devolution and LGR
Titchfield Tree Services
Elan – SID Device
Network Rail – Digital Lineside Neighbour Notification
Cllr. Hannah Beckett-Pratt – Apologies and water report distributed to Members.
ID Verde – quotation for grass cutting the Green.
Greenbarnes – notice board quotes
Cllr. Williams – email re grant
HCC Grant
New email address for PC
Apologies from Cllrs. Pett, Bolton & Williams.

10. ACCOUNTS (Clerk)

The Clerk presented the financial position for March 2026.
50% Precept expected

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Grant received from HCC	£870.00
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PAYMENTS

Clerk's exps.	£85.10
Grant St. Andrews	£120.00

Accounts agreed and Monthly Financial Statement signed.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Normal.

13. DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING – 19th May 2026.

Annual Assembly & Annual Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.