

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Meeting held 20th January 2026.

Present: - Cllr. Edward Pitts – Chairman (EP)
Cllr. Nick Gerrard (NG)
Cllr. Charlie Parry (CP)
Cllr. Jason Bridges (JB)
Mr Kenrick Fell - Clerk
Cllr. Jerry Pett (WCC)
Cllr. Neil Bolton (WCC)
Cllr. Jonathan Williams (HCC)
Mrs Ann Cresswell.

1. WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr. Hannah Beckett-Pratt had given her apologies.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18th NOVEMBER 2025.

The Minutes were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

HCC had removed the diseased trees at Derry House.

6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: -

a) Lengthsman (CP)

CP stated that the Lengthsmen had one more visit. The Lengthsmen schedule had been received. Cllr. Williams believes that the scheme will continue next year.

b) Footpaths. (JB)

JB reported that the footpaths were OK. One issue Manor field fencing.

The Chairman did not think it was a Parish Council problem and Members agreed.

c) Village Green (NG)

There was a problem with motorists parking on the grass and there was one tree very low. An email had been sent to a resident but there was no reply. Nothing had been done about the low tree and parking.

d) River Itchen. (HB)

Although a Contractor had resurfaced the affected area on Kilmeston Road the hole had opened up again and with all the rain the road was still flooded. No grips had been dug.

e) Highways (SY)

It was reported that some of the 20mph signs had been removed at the bottom of Kilmeston Road.

f) General Maintenance

The bus shelter was mentioned again.

g) Councillor's Reports. Report received and distributed.

Cllr. Petts, Cllr. Bolton and Cllr. Williams spoke about the LG Review.

7. PLANNING.

SDNP/25/04306/TPO Kate Ridgeway Fell lime tree2.
Kilmeston Manor
Not approved yet.

SDNP/25/04536/HOUS Philip Eves Single Storey Rear Extension & Int. Alterations
5 Greys Farm Close

Approved.

SDNP/25/04551/TPO Kate Ridgeway T” Lime reduce in height to 30ft & T3 dead
tree. Not approved yet.

SDNP/25/05097/HOUS Serena Brown Single storey extension following removal of
existing annex building.

Manor Cottage. PC approved.

8. OPEN FORUM.

Jimmy Langrish’s field was mentioned but there was no news as to what was
happening with the property.

Cllr. Bridges referred to the stream at the road end of the path to the Village Hall.
VH Committee to discuss.

9. NOTICEBOARD.

Quotation given to Rachel – possible grant from Boomtown.

Grant Form from Cllr. Williams.

10. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

SENT

Application form for grant from HCC for new notice board – Cllr. Williams

Precept submitted to WCC

Contacted Idverde for grass cutting cost in 2026.

Email to Chris Robinson with reply.

RECEIVED

Report from Cllrs. Bolton & Pett WCC

WCC Parish Update Dec & Jan, New Street Cleansing & Grounds Maintenance
Service

Lengthsmen schedule

Transport SE Funding Update

Meon Valley Bus – Jon Richards

Village Hall Nov. Invoice cancelled.

CAB New Money Skills Project

HCC Field Access

Email from Chris Robinson re Agendas on website, Wayfarers Walk alterations and
Food Recycling.

A request was received asking for the owner of a particular house in the village. The
Clerk explained that the Election Register details were private and that the person
needed to contact WCC.

11. ACCOUNTS (Clerk)

PAYMENTS

Clerk’s exps. £85.10

Grant St. Andrews £120.00

Accounts agreed and Monthly Financial Statement prepared.

BUDGET 2026/27

The Clerk had issued a Draft Budget to Members, and this was discussed and an
increase was suggested of £500 to the precept. This was agreed a Precept of

£7,000 was sent to WCC. With a Tax Base from WCC of £139.10 this gave a Band D rate of £50.32 for 2025/26.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Normal agenda. Suggestion - Presentation on Recycling at the Annual Assembly in May.

Cllr. Bridges suggested a gift should be given to the four residents who liaised with BT/Open Reach etc to provide High Speed Broadband to the village. The process was far from easy and took several months. The suggestion was discussed and the Clerk will investigate whether it is possible and what amount can be given.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th March 2026.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.