

Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 01 September 2026 at 1930 at
Keinton Mandeville Village Hall.

Present: Mr T Ireland (Chair), Mrs C Calcutt, Mrs Von Bergen, Mr H Von Bergen, Mr C Lane and Mr K White

Also in attendance: Councillor S Page and Kaye Elston (clerk) and three members of the public.

Item 1 26/27/103	Apologies for absence - Mr K Sturgess – these were accepted. - Chair advised that there are still two vacancies on the parish council.
Item 2 26/27/104	Public Session - Dog Waste – member of the public asked if we could put up more notices to encourage the public to pick up after their dogs as there is a lot on paths, pavements etc around the village. - Parking by school staff – member of the public believes that members of staff from the school are parking in Chistles Lane instead of parking in the school carpark. Mr H Von Bergen agreed to have a conversation with the school. ACTION: Mr Von Bergen
Item 3 26/27/105	Declarations of interest Mrs and Mrs von Bergen regarding SHOCK and Lakeview.
Item 4 26/27/106	Minutes of last meetings 07.07.2026 Agree the parish council minutes as a true and accurate record of the meetings held. Proposed: Mr C Lane Seconded: Mrs C Calcutt All councillors present in agreement
Item 5 26/27/107	Actions and Matters arising Actions from the last meeting have been completed apart from the communication to Councillor Page regarding the pavements and road conditions in Lakeview.
Item 6 26/27/108	Report from Somerset Unitary Councillor – Stephen Page - Strawberry Line – this has been completed and is a route for cyclists and ramblers. - Additional bus route 567 – this will go to Castle Cary train station as a six month trial. - Somerset Council finances – Grant Thornton has placed Somerset in category A for their account assurance recovery. - Devolution – previously local authorities were asked to consider working closer together a group but Somerset were not successful as getting into the pilot first phase. But this has now come back around and Somerset potentially will move into the Wessex Group which will consist of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP). This proposal will be resubmitted and potentially put a Mayor in place. Councillor Page advised that the hope is that together the local authorities would be able to control more how it spends the budget. - Lorries going through the village and a request to reduce these to 7.5 tonnes – following the discussion at the last parish council meeting the clerk was asked to approach Councillor Page what was the process to follow up this request. Councillor Page advised he has spoken to Highways and this would not be put in place on a B road as it is an important route and would then displace lorries onto more rural roads. Also Somerset Council would not want to slow down important routes for lorries for economical reasons. The traffic survey commissioned by the parish council confirmed that 37% of the lorries are local companies and therefore these could not be restricted as they moving between their places of work. Concern was raised by a member of the public about the very large lorries that come through the village at 0600 in the morning. Councillors believe that the second phase of the traffic calming in the village may deter some lorries from coming through the village as it will slow their journey down. - Appeal for foster carers – Somerset Council is running a campaign and is asking people to think about different types of fostering. - Planning application 22/01720/OUT Land South of B3153 in Keinton Mandeville – this has been resubmitted to be heard before Area South Planning Committee. No date has been confirmed yet but it will provide an opportunity for the parish council and other members of the public to speak again about the application. Councillor Page will advise Keinton Mandeville when the application will be heard. Councillors questioned in the committee will be looking at already presented information which would be a re-examination or is there a requirement for new information. ACTION: Councillor Page

	- National Planning Framework – these introduces changes in the planning process as from 31.10.2026. Applications to build 500 houses or more will be presented to an area planning committee and below that number will be determined by a planning officer. - Section 106 payments agreed with developer for Lakeview are being made and if this continues the Village Hall can put a claim in for the s106 money in 2027.	
Item 7 26/27/109	SHOCK Update - The monthly meetings have continued through the summer and the next meeting is on 15 September 2026. - Decision to pay for a planning consultant from the funds donated – there are two recommendations and the plan is to meet them both and then come back to the parish council with a recommendation to appoint. - SHOCK are reviewing what tactics to apply for the resubmission to the area south planning committee for 22/01720/OUT. - SCRAPP AGM is on 30.09.2026 at 1900. Membership is growing.	
Item 8 26/27/110	Planning applications None received.	
Item 9 26/27/111	Determination of Planning. Receive the following notices: 20/03613/FUL Queen Street 30 - there have been a change of developer but there has not been an application to change the planning permission already granted.	
Item 10 26/27/112	Other planning matters. - Draft Neighbourhood Plan version 13 update – the working group has met today to review the feedback comments from Somerset Council and the consultant Stuart Todd. There is more work to do but the plan is going in the right direction. There are challenges around the green spaces in the village and some support is needed from landowners. National Planning Framework – there is an opportunity to designate settlement boundary but this requires carefully wording. - Planning application 19/02211/OUT Queen Street 9 - there are concerns around drainage and if the soakaway will be adequate. Somerfield is the developer and Mr Ireland does have a contact for them. Mr Ireland agreed to contact them and ask for a meeting on site. ACTION: Mr Ireland	
Item 11 26/27/113	Environment Champion Update. - Newt Ponds at Lakeview update – there are no further updates. - Church yard – it has been strimmed and bulb planting will follow. - Keinton Environment Group – they are keen to adapt the verge by the end of Chistles Lane and put wild flowers in there.	
Item 12 26/27/114	Finance and Payments (RFO – Clerk) Payments - Kaye Elston (salary) - Ian Matthews (grass cutting) - ICO (annual fee) - Somerset Council (speed reduction work) - Albert Goodman (Payroll Fees) - Christopher Lane (engraving) - HMRC (PAYE) - SALC (training) - Battens Solicitors	£227.68 £136.67 £52.00 £5950.00 £99 £6.50 £152 £45 £206.40
Item 13 26/27/115	Receipts: There were none	
Item 14 26/27/116	Other finance matters - Account balances as at .2026 Community account £1000 Business Savings £43 454.95 Business Savings £5371.44 - Invoice for Speed reduction work in the sum of £5950 – this was approved Proposed: Mrs C Calcutt Seconded: Mr C Lane	

	All councillors present in agreement - ICO Annual renewal fee in the sum of £52 – this was agreed - Battens invoice in the sum of £272.80 – agreed to pay Proposed: Mrs D Von Bergen Seconded: Mr K White All councillors present in agreement - Invoice MD Gardening Services for strimming Row Lane – this happened during the summer break as it was urgent maintenance. Clerk and Chair agreed payment in the sum of £40. - Barclays Bank online account setting up for Mr K Sturgess – Mr Sturgess has not received his card reader and the clerk will chase this with the bank. - Annual subscription to SCRAPP – agreement to join the group that brings parish councils together across Somerset to work together regarding planning and concerns around Somerset Council Planning department practice. The bank account for the organisation has now been set up and the fee in the sum of £150 is now due for payment. Councillors in agreement to pay the fee. Proposed: Mr K White Seconded: Mrs C Calcutt All councillors in agreement - Request for new laptop – two quotes have been received, one from a local company Somerton Computing in the sum of £638 and Currys which is cheaper for a basic package at £549 but there are other parts that would need to be added to this like migration of data etc. The current subscriptions to Norton and Microsoft office can be transferred across which will reduce the cost from Somerton Computing. Councillors agreed that the local company is known and has a good reputation for providing good service and therefore the order can be placed with them up to the figure quoted of £638. Proposed: Mrs D Von Bergen Seconded: Mr K White All councillors present in agreement Clerk to order. ACTION: Clerk - Revised quotation for bin emptying from Somerset Council in the sum of £2839.20 – this is reduced as one bin has been taken away. Councillors in agreement to pay this invoice. Proposed: Mr C Lane Seconded: Mr K White All councillors in agreement
Item 15 26/27/117	Grant requests. Receive the following grant requests: None have been received
Item 16 26/27/118	Highways. Consider the following and agree any actions arising Update / Items to report - Reports of issues in the village Dog poo – councillors agreed to remind people to clear up after their dogs in the parish magazine. Also agreed that a larger bin on Church Street may help. Clerk to request. ACTION: Clerk Parking on Irvine Road in front of the bollards – this has been raised before and the situation was monitored. Mr Sturgess reported previously that although cars do park their occasionally it is not all the time. Drains on the side of the road in the High Street have been filled in with tarmac and Highways have advised this is because the drains have collapsed. Residents need to monitor this situation as if there is heavy rainfall then there is a risk of flooding. Cars mounting the pavement in Queen Street where it is narrow – this is a challenging issue and the planning for Phase 2 will review any options to potentially reduce this happening. - Drains and gullies work to be completed update – clerk has chased quote as Mr Lane has met a potential contractor on site. - Fingerpost replacement update – the new finger post has been ordered. 20mph speed limit installation and planning for phase 2 – councillors would like to consider some build outs into the road near the shop to slow the traffic down. They do not want to stop people parking outside the shop as this would impact the shop business. Clerk has contacted Somerset Highways to ask them to come to site and review what can be put in place. Clerk to chase Highways. ACTION: Clerk - Request 7.5 tonne weight environment limit on B3153 – see Minute 26/27/108 above. Clerk to report back to resident that raised this.

	ACTION: Clerk Speed Indicator Device Report and location of devices - SID device updates - the data shows that there has not been a significant increase in traffic through the village. Community Speedwatch Report (CC) – update - The team are potentially going to stop their activities in September 2026 as there are not enough team members to be able to continue. Parish council want to thank them for all their work and contributions over the years they have been set up.
Item 17 26/27/119	Parish Paths. Update / items to report. - Potential Rights of Way for Keinton Mandeville review request by the Ramblers Association 2026 project – councillors agreed they did not have any information to submit to the request as they feel the farmers and landowners in Keinton Mandeville are generous and enable the community to walk the paths already in existence. - Quotes for Babcary Lane bridleway and Row Lane footpath have been obtained and the work has been planned in for September 2026.
Item 18 26/27/120	Play Areas. Happy Tracks / Skatepark - Inspection Report – the most recent report was of a poor standard and the clerk has emailed Somerset Council to ask for clarification. This has also been chased and still no further response. Clerk to chase again. ACTION: Clerk - Dog inside Happy Tracks play area – it has been reported that recently someone has allowed a dog to enter into the play area, despite there being signs in place. This need to be monitored.
Item 19 26/27/121	Castle Street Playing Field - Solicitor has requested information on the timeline of the Playing Field and Mr Ireland and the chair of the Playing Field Trust will meet to put this information together. ACTION: Mr Ireland - Communication received regarding Castle Street Playing Field trust which Mr Ireland has responded to and also spoken with the chair of the trust.
Item 20 26/27/122	Maintenance. None
Item 21 26/27/123	Village Hall Report (CC) - Shading on the terrace and the work in the meeting room has also been completed. - Inspection of the MUGA has taken place and it needs to be repainted and also a new surface. It is hoped that Section 106 funding can be applied for to resurface the MUGA.
Item 22 26/27/124	Councillor training SALC training letter circulated.
Item 23 26/27/125	LCN Meetings No notes to circulate currently.
Item 24 26/27/126	Correspondence. Receive the following correspondence and agree any actions arising: None to report
Item 25 26/27/127	Correspondence. Circulation - NALC publication and updates - Somerset Council circulars
Item 26 26/27/128	PR. Items for inclusion in the next edition of the Parish Magazine, for the website and social media sites. - Winners of the flower competition. - Reminder to the community to pick up after your dog when out walking. - Thank you to Speedwatch
Item 27 26/27/129	Future agenda Items - Approval of Standing Orders - External Audit Review
Item 28 26/27/130	Any other reports There were none.
Item 29 26/27/131	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 05 October at 1930

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