

Kennington Parish Council
Oxfordshire
Minutes of the meeting held on
8 May 2025 at 7:30pm in the Village Centre

Present:

Cllr. Andrews Cllr. Brown Cllr. Cobb Cllr. Cuddy Cllr Douglas Cllr. Feather
Cllr. Jempson Cllr. Johnston Cllr. Locklin Cllr. Powles Cllr. Russell

In Attendance: District & County Councillor Diana Lugova and Lawrence Wootten (Clerk/RFO)

Members of the public: None

1.25 ELECT CHAIR and sign the declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr. Cobb was nominated by Cllr. Powles, seconded by Cllr. Johnston and elected unopposed.
He thanked the members of the Parish Council and signed the declaration of office.

2.25 ELECT VICE-CHAIR

Cllr. Powles was nominated by Cllr. Johnston, seconded by Cllr. Brown and elected unopposed.

3.25 CO-OPTION

The Clerk had received an expression of interest from a Radley resident in the Casual Vacancy but they had not responded to a request for further information for the Council to consider.

4.25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Gamble; Cllr Smith

5.25 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None

6.25 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS - None

7.25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Parish Council resolved to sign the minutes of the meeting on 10 April 2025 as a true record.

8.25 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES AND SIGNATORIES FOR CHEQUES

It was agreed that the following would be appointed to the committees and outside bodies.

9.25 COMMITTEES

1. Finance Committee - *The whole council*
2. Planning Committee – *Cllrs. Andrews, Brown, Feather, Jempson, Johnston, Powles and Smith*
3. Playing Fields Committee - *Cllrs. Brown, Douglas, Feather, Gamble, Locklin and Smith plus representatives from Football Club (2), Cricket Club (3) and member of the public (1)*
4. Personnel Committee – *Cllrs. Andrews, Brown, Jempson, Johnston, Powles and Russell*
5. Pavilion building project Committee – *to be decided at a later date*
6. Events Committee – *Cllrs. Brown, Cuddy, Locklin, Powles and Smith*

The Chair is an ex-officio member of all committees and advisory working groups. The Chair shall have the right to speak at meetings but does not have voting rights, as per the General Terms of Reference of Council's Committees and Working Groups

10.25 OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Village Hall Management Committee - *Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Brown*
2. Youth Club – *Cllr. Feather*
3. Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (OALC) – *Cllr. Brown and Cllr. Andrews*
4. Friends of Kennington Library – *Cllr. Andrews*
5. Scouts and Cubs – *Cllr. Cobb*
6. St Swithun's Church – *Cllr. Andrews*
7. Wild about Kennington – *Cllr. Andrews*
8. Community Speedwatch – *Cllr Cuddy*
9. Transport – *Cllr Cuddy*

11.25 CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

Six signatories for the bank accounts - Cllrs. Brown, Cobb, Douglas, Jempson, Powles and Smith were approved.

- 12.25** All the above committee members and bank signatories were proposed by Cllr. Johnston seconded by Cllr. Powles and all elected unopposed.

ACTION FOR CLERK – contact bank to update bank account signatories

13.25 REPORT OF THE CLERK

- A** Received email from resident: *“Just an email regarding playfield Park and wondering if you could answer some questions about whether or not there's meant to be CCTV on the wall pointing directly in the park. There's no signage saying that there's CCTV but there is definitely a Camera actually inside the park pointing directly at the swings etc. whilst I appreciate it could be there to deter vandalism it's concerning that it's pointing directly at the children in the park and no signage. Please could you could confirm this is supposed to be there.”*

- 14.25** Council agreed that the Clerk should seek advice from Chris Lewis Fire & Security Ltd

ACTION FOR CLERK – to contact Chris Lewis Fire & Security Ltd and seek advice on signage and positioning of CCTV camera.

- B** Received email from Ms Couper (Small World): *“I am writing to ask if it would be OK to prune one of the trees that is growing on the path and leaning over the fence into our garden. Please could you let me know if you'd like to come and visit and what day/ time would suit you (or one of the councillors, if more applicable) best.”*

- 15.25** Council agreed that pruning should go ahead subject to non-disturbance of nesting birds.

ACTION FOR CLERK – to reply to Ms Couper.

- C** Resident contacted Clerk with a suggestion of adding Oxford hospitals to the list of useful telephone numbers within the Chronicle. Clerk said she would forward this suggestion to the Editor of the Kennington Chronicle.
- D** Received phone call from resident regarding how to pay their Council Tax. Passed on VoWHDC's phone number to them and referred them to VoWHDC website.
- E** Responded to request for information from Adventis for registrant name, role, address etc for Kennington-pc.gov.uk domain
- F** Received email from resident stating that *“since the construction of the new property at the end of Manor Grove the parking at the bottom of Manor Grove has become extremely dangerous in relation to pulling out of the Poplar Grove junction. There is an immediate need for yellow lines because it is only a matter of time before an accident occurs. There is plenty pf parking space further up Manor Grove.”*
- 16.25** The Councillors sympathised with the concerns of the resident and pointed out that the issue of illegal/dangerous parking has already been raised. It was agree that the clerk would reply to the resident with contact details for PCSO Highmoor who might be able to offer advice and assistance.

ACTION FOR CLERK – to reply to resident with contact details for PCSO Highmoor.

- G** Received enquiry from resident of Redrow Development, Radley wondering if they could be considered for the casual vacancy on the council. Clerk responded requesting they supply further information about themselves for council to consider.
- H** Request received from Kennington Toad Patrol for availability of Playfield pavilion for a social event. Clerk will check availability with sports clubs and respond.
- I** Rosey Hollinrake reported water leak reported at War Memorial. Reported before but suggest arranging repair now the weather is ok.
- 17.25** Council agreed that repair should be done asap. Councillor Feather will forward a local plumber's contact details to the clerk to arrange repair of the leak.

ACTION FOR CLERK – to contact plumber to request repair of the water leak.

- J Received email from resident on Kennington Road – ***"I recently noticed that a CATV access point has been put in my front garden so I'm trying to find out who installed it and why it's there as I've had no communication about it. I spoke to my direct neighbours closest to the access point and they didn't know anything about it. I got in touch with my communications provider EE who suggested getting in touch with Open Reach. I then contacted Open Reach who responded via Causeway to say they didn't have any record of the work to install the access over the last 5 months. They suggested getting in touch with my local council, hence my email to you."***

Clerk responded, telling resident the issue would be raised at the next council meeting in case any councillor is aware of work being carried out in the village.

- 18.25 Councillors thought that such an installation would be part of cable tv/internet service, but confirmation could be sought from Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department.

ACTION FOR CLERK – to respond to resident explaining that the CATV access point is related to cable tv/internet and directing them to OCC Highways Dept for more information.

- K Previous clerk owed approx. 9 days holiday pay.

- 19.25 Council agreed that the previous clerk would be paid for the 9 days unused holiday.

ACTION FOR CLERK – to ensure 9 days salary is paid via normal payroll for previous clerk.

Continuing issues

- L Zurich confirmed that the claim has been settled and it is awaiting final completion. Received Zurich's insurance quote for 2025-26 of £1,359.62 (11% rise from last year) offered three years deal for £1,262.55 per year (see agenda item 42.25)

- M Included in Kennington Chronicle the suggestion that residents could collect logs from the hedge at Forest Side.

- N Informed FOKL of £2,500 budgeted in 2025-26 for FOKL's events and explained that this money can be released throughout the year by emailing the Clerk as and when funds are deemed necessary. Clerk had received email from FOKL asking **"Are you able to clarify what FOKL is allowed to do with this money? As I understood it this grant, unlike the grant made by the Parish Council last year, was not restricted to be spent only on events but we were also allowed to use this for our general work of supporting the library"**.

- 20.25 It was agreed to remove the word "event" from the wording of the £2,500 grant. The importance of the library to the community was recognised and the council agreed to continue to support the library. FOKL should contact the clerk as and when monies are necessary to allow the council to monitor the grant.

ACTION FOR CLERK – to respond to clarify the use of the grant as agreed by council.

- O Contacted BGG to thank the team for the season's first cut of the grass in Kennington. Reminded BGG that the grass area between the entrances of Grundy Crescent should have been cut and requested that it area is cut next time. Concerns were raised about vision splays not being cut despite being written into the contract with consequent risk to road safety.

ACTION FOR CLERK – to write to BGG requesting that vision splays are cut as stipulated in the contract.

- P Completed and returned the OCC's Priority Action flood projects Expression of interest form regarding a reusable flood water barrier project at the north end of Kennington Road – if successful does council still want to proceed with the purchase of 200 empty sandbags + polythene rolls?

- 21.25 It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting until the flood barrier project has been approved.

- Q Passed on Cllrs. Andrews and Gamble's email addresses to St Swithun's Primary School's head teacher who plans to contact them to arrange a meeting regarding becoming school governors. Head teacher responded, explaining that councillors will be contacted by the Chair of the Governors.

- R** Uploaded the General Terms of Reference of council's committees and working parties and the Risk Assessment Statement on the Website and updated the Document Schedule.
- S** Uploaded the Public Participation at Meetings; Health and Safety; Internal Control and Discretionary Pensions Policies on the Website and updated the Document Schedule.
- T** Amended the hire agreements and prepared and sent annual agreements to both the Football and Cricket Clubs Also prepared and delivered hire agreement for Kennington Strollers. Prepared and sent hire agreements for the Football Club's annual presentation day and the two weekend football tournaments.
- U** Informed unsuccessful company and arranged for Oxford Tree Surgeons to carry out the works in Cow Lane – works completed at end of April.
- V** Informed companies who gave quotes with regard to the refurbishment of Forest Side BMX track explaining that this project has been deferred until 2026/27 when funds can be budgeted.
- W** Contacted Revd Samson Kuponiyi asking about a constitution and the formation of an independent association. Received response: **'We have also recently come to that understanding, as we continue to enquire that we get things right. We are working on formally setting up the association and compiling with other requirements - constitution, AGM date etc. I will ensure to carry you (KPC) along'**. The Council was informed that the constitution has now been drawn up.
- 22.25** It was agreed that a Kennington flag would be printed – proposed by Cllr Powles, seconded by Cllr Russell. The clerk would send a copy of the Kennington village crest to Cllr Andrews for use in the production of the flag.

ACTION FOR CLERK – to forward copy of Kennington village crest to Cllr Andrews..

- X** Resident has reported more lidless rubbish bins around Bagley Close, which is both an eyesore, with the possibility of more lidless bins being used by BIFFA when they collect the weekly food waste. Reported to Vale of White Horse Waste department, which was forwarded to BIFFA to be actioned (Ref: 633299 and 633302).
- Y** Forwarded report regarding CCTV to Thames Valley Police Commissioner's office as requested by May 2025.
- Z** 2024-25 audit delivered by the clerk to the council's internal auditor.
- AA** Clerk attempted to request parking indication markers at the beginning of Poplar Grove via OCC's portal, but formal agreement from council is necessary for any request.
- 23.25** It was agreed that parking indication markers should be requested at the beginning of Poplar Grove via OCC's portal – Proposed Cllr Powles, Seconded Cllr Douglas and carried unanimously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – make request for parking indication markers via OCC's portal.

- AB** Contacted James Freeman (bridge inspector) regarding the potential of professional graffiti artists at the by-pass bridge columns. James has passed on the council's request to Andrew Manson who has been instrumental in organising various art projects with schools throughout Oxford and he's sure that Andrew can give advice.
- AC** New Clerk has completed Health and Safety and Manual Handling on-line courses. Also completed the SLCC ILCA to CiLCA course. Booked into the Rialtas finance training throughout the next six weeks.
- AD** Village Warden reported fire equipment undated after last inspection, together with a yellow safety tag having been broken off. Clerk has contacted Churches Fire & Security will attend to rectify.
- AE** Received email from FOKL – ***"You will see from the forwarded email conversation below that I was recently in touch with your predecessor Anne about the generous grant to FOKL from the Council. In summary, I wanted to check what the grant could be used for, as I had understood that we were allowed to use this for general support of FOKL's work in supporting the library in Kennington, however Anne's email suggests that this could only be used to support events. Anne offered to clarify this with the Council at the next meeting on 8th May. Can I just check with you that you will check this with the council at the next meeting"***.

It was agreed that the clerk would respond as agreed by council under item N and minute item 20.25.

24.25 CORRESPONDENCE AND REQUEST FOR GRANT AID

Request for grants

- A** The Council received a request for £1050 from ARCh Oxfordshire for year-long 1:1 literacy support to 6 children in St Swithun's school.
- 25.25** It was felt that the sum of money requested was not commensurate with the benefit to the community given that it would be £1050 of a total annual grant budget of £5000.
- 26.25** The principle of making a donation to the charity was proposed by Cllr Powles, seconded by Cllr Johnston and approved by majority.
- 27.25** The donation of the sum of £100 was proposed by Cllr Johnston, seconded by Cllr Powles and approved by majority.

ACTION FOR CLERK – to inform ARCh of the approval of a £100 grant.

Correspondence for discussion/action

- B** Oxfordshire County Council community transport grants 2025-26: applications invited
- C** Volunteer Flood Wardens – forwarded to councillors
- Correspondence forwarded to Councillors for information**
- D** Update from Matthew Barber, Police & Crime Commissioner
- E** Upcoming OALC Training Courses
- F** The April edition of Vale News for 2025
- G** TAB Spring Newsletter & Family Fun Day
- H** 49,000 new garden waste permits purchased by green-fingered residents this spring – posted on the website and on Facebook
- I** TTRO (T15885) Temporary Fotopath Closure - Sandford on Thames, Footpath 263/8/50 – posted on the website and on Facebook
- J** £100,000 available for climate and nature recovery projects in the Vale (VoWHDC Press Release)
- Newsletters**
- K** OALC April 2025 Update
- L** RSN Weekly News
- M** News from Healthwatch Oxfordshire
- N** April Newsletter – Community First Oxfordshire

28.25 FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Bank Accounts as at 30 April 2025

Community Account	500.00
Business Premium Account	161,368.85
National Savings & Investment Account	86,540.73
Public Sector Fund (CCLA account)	113,100.20
Total	361509.78

Income received in April	
Vale of White Horse District Council 1 st 6 month 2025-26 precept	75,619.00
HM Revenue and Customs Quarter 4 VAT refund (January – March)	1,236.19
HM Revenue and Customs Quarter 4 VAT refund (January – March) DUPLICATE PAYMENT BY HMRC	1,236.19
Vale of White Horse District Council CIL money from development at 158 Poplar Grove & 101 Upper Road P23/V0715/FUL & P24/V0139/FUL	11,021.30

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CCLA Investment Management Ltd Income reinvestment between 1 April – 30 April 2025	430.45
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Direct debits to be paid in May		Power to Act
Virtual Landline Invoice No. 995607 (28 Apr – 28 May 25) subscription for virtual landline	8.75	Section 111 LGA 1972
YGP Playfield Road Pavilion April electric (Invoice No: 992342)	88.59	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
YGP War Memorial April electric (Invoice No: 994436)	38.55	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
YGP Forest Side Pavilion April electric (Invoice No: 994437)	52.37	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
EDF Playfield Road pavilion gas supply 01.04.25 to 30.04.25	19.49	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
Castle Water Playfield Road Pavilion 01.04.25 to 30.04.25	6.63	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976

	Accounts to be paid May		Power to Act
020	Mrs A E Feather Salary for April less tax & pension contribution	1620.15	Section 112 LGA 1972
021	Mr L J Wootten Salary for April less tax, NI & pension contribution	1536.14	Section 112 LGA 1972
022	Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund Clerks' and Employer's contributions for April	1054.53	Section 111 LGA 1972
023	Mr J Satchell Salary for April less tax	533.95	Section 111 LGA 1972
024	Mr T Fleming War memorial grass cutting volunteer for April	41.91	Section 111 LGA 1972
025	Mr A Cobb Chair's monthly allowance for April	73.69	Section 111 LGA 1972
026	HM Revenue and Customs Tax and Employer NI contributions for April	970.27	Section 111 LGA 1972
027	Fleet Line Markers Ltd Line marker for the Cricket Club	82.18	Section 111 LGA 1972
028	Eurooffice Limited Files; wireless mouse; floor cleaner and paper	83.98	Section 111 LGA 1972 LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
029	Oxford Tree Surgeons Ltd Cutting back trees in Cow Lane	390.00	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
030	Zorro UK Ltd Wireless keyboard and mouse	37.99	Section 111 LGA 1972
031	The Bob Cutting Big Band (Invoice BCBB 5-01) Performance at the VE Day Dinner and Dance	300.00	Section 145 LGA 1972
032	Rachel Brown VE Day Event Decorations	28.88	Section 145 LGA 1972

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033	Lawrence Wootten H&S and Manual Handling Courses (2 x £33.50)	67.00	Section 111 LGA 1972
034	Adventis Web Hosting	31.50	Section 111 LGA 1972
035	Zorro Metal Filing Cabinet	229.99	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
036	Grundon Playfield Rd wheelie bins – April £85.00 Forest Side wheelie bins – April £99.36	184.36	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
037	Kennington Village Hall Room hire for April	104.00	Section 111 LGA 1972
038	Proludic Swing posts	972.26	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
039	Rosey Hollinrake 54 x geranium plants for War Memorial	145.31	War Memorials Act 1923
040	Mr H Services Play equipment service inspections	387.90	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976
041	Churches Fire and Security Fit Anti-Tamper Tag to Fire Extinguisher at Playfield Rd	27.60	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976

Total to be transferred in May: £8,903.59

Castle Water – water supply for The War Memorial – previous balance was £358.32 in credit

Invoice 10006345608 dated 7th May 2025 (covering period 01-30 April 2025) of £15.98 brought credit balance down to £342.34.

Castle Water – water supply to Playfield Road pavilion - £34.21 in credit as of 31 March 2025 (bill dated 17 April 2025)

29.25 Reconciliation reports together with the trial balance, cash books and summary income and expenditure (against budget) and copy of annual budget reports were circulated to all Councillors for April 2025.

30.25 The financial report was proposed by Cllr. Johnston seconded by Cllr. Powles and agreed by all.

31.25 MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee meeting draft minutes held on 29 April 2025 were noted.

32.25 MINUTES OF PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

The Playing Fields Committee draft meeting minutes held on 16 April 2025 were noted.

33.25 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Following issue was raised:

Resident was concerned about the future of the Youth Club and the building it uses, together with the Tennis Table Group which uses this same space each week. These concerns were noted.

34.25 ANNUAL REVIEW SCHEDULE

35.25 It was resolved that the council's Annual Review Schedule of its documents had been reviewed and agreed. This was proposed by Cllr. Johnston seconded by Cllr. Powles and agreed unanimously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Post current review schedule on the website

36.25 STANDING ORDERS AND NEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- 37.25 It was agreed resolved that** the Standing Orders for Kennington Parish Council had been reviewed and agreed. This was proposed by Cllr. Johnston seconded by Cllr. Powles and agreed unanimously. It was agreed that the new Financial Regulations for Kennington Parish Council would be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Update the Standing Orders document on the Website and update the existing financial regulations with the latest NALC paragraphs on procurement.

38.25 DIRECT DEBITS 2025/26

- 39.25 It was resolved that** the 2025/26 Direct Debits for Kennington Parish Council had been reviewed and agreed. This was proposed by Cllr. Powles seconded by Cllr. Brown and agreed unanimously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Update these documents on the Website

40.25 S137 EXPENDITURE

- 41.25 It was resolved that** the expenditure incurred under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 by Kennington Parish Council has been reviewed and agreed. This was proposed by Cllr. Powles and seconded by Cllr. Douglas and agreed unanimously.

42.25 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE

2025-26 annual insurance premium from Zurich Insurance policy is £1359.62 (2024-25's premium was £1224.89). Or 3yr deal £1,262.55

- 43.25 It was agreed that** the council would renew this insurance on a three-year deal at a cost of £1,262.55 per year. This was proposed by Cllr. Powles seconded by Cllr. Brown and agreed unanimously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Confirm renewal with Zurich and once documents have been received post on the Village Hall notices boards and at both pavilions and on the website.

44.25 MEETING DATES FOR 2025-26

The amended meeting dates up to and including the next annual meeting of the council were proposed by Cllr Powles, seconded by Cllr Johnston and agreed.

45.25 USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

- 46.25 It was agreed that** the Use of Social Media Policy had been reviewed and agreed. This was proposed by Cllr. Powles, seconded by Cllr. Brown and agreed unanimously.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Upload the Use of Social Media Policy on the Website and update the Document Schedule.

47.25 WATERING OF SUMMER PLANTERS AND TROUGHS

- 48.25** Cllr Feather will bring proposed costs to the next council meeting on 12th June.

49.25 SOLICITORS FOR COUNCIL - In particular for the purchase of The War Memorial

- 50.25** Cllr Feather agreed to contact three solicitors and prepare a report for the next council meeting. Unanimously agreed.

51.25 IT PROVIDER

Cllr Cuddy presented a quote from Adventis to provide the council's IT support at an annual cost of £347.40.

- 52.25 It was agreed that** the council would accept the quote from Adventis and discontinue its contract with FastHosts. This was proposed by Cllr. Cuddy, seconded Cllr. Powles and agreed by all.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Respond and accept quote and cancel existing contract with Fasthosts.

53.25 PURCHASE OF NEW SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)

Cllr Cuddy proposed the purchase of an ElanCity SID unit at a cost of £2589.99 to be located at one entrance to the village once permission has been granted from Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department. Seconded by Cllr Johnston and agreed by all.

54.25 PAVILION PROJECT

Cllr Feather reported on the VoWHDC Ecology report and BNG report and informed council that he was speaking to the VoWHDC Planning Officer ahead of the decision day on 12th June. There may be a further delay as a result of the VoWHDC Ecology Reports.

55.25 Cllr Powles proposed requesting both District Councillors to make representations to VoWHC Planning Department on the matter and Cllr Johnston offered to help with this.

56.25 REPORTS OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Andrews – Friends of Kennington Library

No decision as yet on the footpath. The gates at the entrance to the church will be changed to make access easier, however the wall cannot be altered.

Cllr. Brown – OALC

Cllr. Feather – Kennington Youth Club

Cllr. Cobb – Scouts

57.25 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS

Cllr Jempson reported concerns about the use of single-decker buses on Route 35, with buses becoming full from Oxford to Kennington. Cllr Cuddy will pass on these concerns.

Cllr Russell proposed a vote of thanks for the organisers of the VE Day Supper Dance, seconded by Cllr Johnston. Carried unanimously.

Cllr Andrews reported that the clearance of trees suffering from ash-dieback was about to begin and would be attending a walk with a representative of St John's College ahead of the clearance work.

Cllr Brown reported that the VE Day Supper Dance had raised approximately £150 for the Royal British Legion although the final figure was yet to be confirmed. An Events Committee would need to be arranged.

Cllr Powles informed council that 91 fish and chip suppers had been supplied by Ocean Blue Fish Bar delivered to the VE Day Supper Dance by volunteers.

Cllr Cobb proposed votes of thanks to Ocean Blue Fish Bar, Kay Card, KADS for supplying the lighting and Dan Ebberson for setting up the lights, Carole Newbigging for photos, seconded by Cllr Powles, carried unanimously.

58.25 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Cllrs. Diana Lugova and James Cox

There were changes in Vale's Cabinet for the next year. 2 Cabinet members stepped down and 2 new members were elected.

Vale AGM will be next week on Wed, 14th May 2025.

LGR plans continue to be the main topic, and talks continue between all Oxfordshire Council Leaders about future unitaries.

Joint Local Plan examination dates were fixed – details are here <https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/joint-local-plan-2041-examination/>.

The first week of hearing dates will cover the following topics:

- Tuesday 3 June 2025: Matter 1 – Procedural and Legal Requirements followed by Matter 2 – The Duty to Co-operate

- Wednesday 4 June 2025: Matter 3 – The Housing Target/Requirement
- Thursday 5 June 2025: Matter 4 – The Employment Land Requirement

All the hearing sessions will be held at Bee House on Milton Park, OX14 4SB.

The District Council's Climate Action Fund which opened for applications on Tuesday, 6th May.

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/community-support/grants/climate-action-fund/>

59.25 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr. Diana Lugova

The only news to report is that I've been elected to OCC in Cllr Johnston's seat and induction day is tomorrow, 9th May. OCC Leader and Cabinet members will be elected tomorrow, and OCC AGM will take place on 20th May 2025.

60.25 ANY MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Pavilion Project

Flowers/summer planters watering

Appointment of a solicitor

Financial Regulations

61.25 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS - None

Meeting closed at 21.10

Signed Date