



**Kennington Parish Council
Oxfordshire**

**Minutes of the Events Committee meeting
held 11 February 2026 at 7:00pm in Committee Room 1 in the Village Centre**

Present: Cllr. Brown; Cllr. Cobb; Cllr Locklin; Cllr Powles

In attendance: Lawrence Wootten (Clerk)
No members of the public

67.25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none

68.25 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – none declared

69.25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2025 2025 were agreed and signed.

70.25 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

71.25 It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2026

72.25 Format of the meeting will be the same as last year's meeting.

73.25 Food requirements will be the same as last year (using the Clerk's Parish Council debit card to pay for food rather than require a Councillor to pay using their own debit/credit card).

74.25 Clerk to send out invites to local organisations as last year.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Send our invites to the Annual Parish Meeting to local organisations as last year.

72.25 FOREST SIDE PLAY AREA OFFICIAL OPENING

73.25 It was agreed that the event would be held on Sunday 29th March from midday to 3pm.
Invites to be sent to Eibe Play Ltd, FCC, local press etc.

74.25 The Parish Council PA system could be used for the event.

75.25 The pavilion will be open for toilet facilities and maybe the football club tuck shop will be open.

76.25 It was agreed that a bouncy castle would be hired if possible to provide play facilities in addition to the play area.

77.25 It was agreed that if possible, Kennington Band would be invited to play – and a gazebo provided for them.

78.25 Cllr Brown agreed to create a "Save the Day" poster for the Clerk to circulate via Kennington Chronicle, website and social media.

ACTION FOR CLLR BROWN AND CLERK – Create a "Save the Day" poster and publicise via Kennington Connected, website and social media.

79.25 It was agreed that the village scout and guide groups would be invited to have stands at the event as well as a parish council stand.

80.25 VILLAGE LITTER PICK

81.25 It was agreed that this was a matter best raised and discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting, as support for this kind of event in the past has been very poor.

82.25 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

83.25 It was suggested that Carols Around the Tree would be held on 29th November 2026.

84.25 It was suggested that the Santa Sleigh would be held on 11th and 12th December 2026.

85.25 Walkie-talkies would be useful for the occupants of Santa's Sleigh to communicate with the driver and tell them when to stop and move on.

86.25 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS – no items raised

87.25 MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION – no items raised

88.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10TH March 2026

Meeting closed at 8.01pm

Signed **Dated**