

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR SOUTH KILWORTH

Held on Tuesday, 6th Oct '26, 7.15p.m.

Minutes Ref: 868/1026

Members Present

Cllr P Alcock (PA) - Chair

Cllr K Coyne (KC) – Vice Chair

Cllr T Wood (TW)

Cllr T J Wood (TJW)

Cllr G Byrne (GB)

Parish Clerk – Mrs K Brown (KB)

1.0 To Receive Any Apologies

None

2.0 Disclosure of any Members' Interests

None

3.0 To Confirm Number of Other Attendees

None

4.0 To Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting of Council, held on 8th Sept '26

These minutes were confirmed to be a true record of matters discussed, and decisions reached by the Parish Council, and duly signed.

5.0 Public Participation

None

6.0 Planning Matters

6.1 New Application/s: None

6.2 Planning Decisions / Updates Reported: None

6.3 Enforcement Cases Raised: None

7.0 Village Hall Agreement

7.1 PA confirmed that he had received the signed copy of the agreement between the PC and the SK Village Hall, covering the playing field, electricity supply, solar panels, and CCTV. Action: PA to pass the completed agreement to KB to be held on file. Resolved.

8.0 LRALC Correspondence / Updates received, of particular note.

8.1 None

9.0 Accounts / Finance Matters

9.1 The PC approved the following payment/s:

Nett	Vat	Total	Details / Comments
337.82	0.00	337.82	To tfr Solar Panel refund rec'd to VH
311.20	0.00	311.20	Printing costs re Sept'26 edition
30.00	6.00	36.00	Payroll Svcs re July-Sept'26
27.50	0.00	27.50	Reimb of Remembrance Wreath Costs
706.52	6.00	712.52	Total

9.2 PC approved the cash balances held by the Parish Council at 30/09/26, along with corresponding bank reconciliation and bank statements. Documents duly signed. Resolved.

9.3 PC reviewed and approved the quarterly expenditure report as at 30/09/26. Resolved.

10.0 War Memorial Clock / Remembrance

10.1 Repairs and Maintenance: The PC reported that the clock was currently keeping good time.

10.2 TJW confirmed that he had prepared 3 stands to be placed at the door of St Nicholas Church, to support remembrance wreath/s being laid on Remembrance Day. GB confirmed that a wreath had been ordered on behalf of the PC. Action - TJW to deliver the stands to the Church. Resolved.

11.0 Highways and Footpaths

11.1 LC10 Service disruption during LCC road closure on Walcote Road from 6th to 16th Oct'26: The PC confirmed that LCC will provide a temporary replacement taxi service during the closure. All taxi journeys will require to be booked in advance. LCC will attach details to the bus stops, please also see the PC website, southkilworth.co.uk. Resolved.

11.2 Road Safety in SK, Draft Petition: PA shared the email received from Harrison Fowler, LCC Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Investment, expressing strongly his support of the petition, previously submitted to LCC. TW reported that he had recently received a further complaint from a member of the public, regarding severe safety concerns around the school area, Walcote Road. Pending.

12.0 Grass Cutting and General Outdoor Matters and Maintenance

12.1 Untidy verges on North Road, near The Belt, as reported the previous month: KB confirmed that she had forwarded photos of the area to HDC for their attention. Pending.

13.0 Children's Play Area

13.1 Regular Play Area Safety Inspections: No new issues reported.

13.2 Fence sections needing tightening: The PC agreed that these repairs would be carried out in due course, along with recommendations included in the Aug'26 ROSPA inspection. Resolved.

- 13.3 Risk Assessment for the play area:** No update.
- 13.4 National Lottery Grants for renovation, replacement, or new play equipment:** The PC agreed to consider this potential funding option once the Community Grant (see item 13.5) has been fully utilised. Pending.
- 13.5 HDC Community Grant Underspend Round '26, £10k application to fund installation of a dug-in trampoline within the children's play area:** KB reported that this funding application had been successful, and that she had confirmed with HDC, the PC's acceptance of the offer. KC reported that he, TW, and GB, had met with a representative from Wicksteed on site and discussed available options regarding the installation works. Pending.
- 14.0 Playing Field**
- 14.1 Playing Field Risk Assessment:** No update,
- 15.0 Proposed MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)**
- 15.1 CCTV:** KC proposed that the CCTV management policy includes 4 authorised persons to be nominated for access to the camera records, one being the President of the Bowls Club. This in advance of the planned installation of an additional camera to cover the bowls green area. The PC agreed. KC will add further operational procedures once details have been confirmed. Action – Councillors will review the latest draft policy received. Pending.
- 16.0 S106 and CIC Funding**
- 16.1 PC's CIC application for reimbursement of £2435, to cover the Summer School'26 costs:** The PC approved. Action – PA will forward to the CIC Clerk for processing. Pending.
- 16.2 Remaining funds held in the S106 Greenways and Allotments allocation, £8467 and £1494 respectively, each expiring on 10th Mar'27:** KB informed the PC of HDC's confirmation that unfortunately, the proposed upgrade to the bridle pathway at the end of the Belt, would not be considered as eligible for the use of the Greenways funding allocation. The PC are hoping to be able to identify an alternative project that may better fit the criteria required. TW agreed to contact the Allotments Group to encourage the uptake of the Allotments allocation, £1494. Pending.
- 17.0 Neighbourhood Plan, Monitoring and Review**
- 17.1 Current review:** No update. Action – PA will contact the editor. Pending.
- 17.2 HDC Neighbourhood Planning Grant Offer of up to £10k, to go towards new and reviewed neighbourhood plan:** PA agreed to discuss with the editor. Pending.
- 18.0 Village Youth Club**
- 18.1** PA shared details of a draft proposal from Young Leicestershire to provide a weekly youth club for children aged 8 and over, hopefully to start during the month of October. Various funding raising options are being considered. Action - PA to continue liaising with the potential club organisers. Pending.

19.0 SKPC Policy Review / Update

19.1 CCTV and Surveillance (draft only): See item 15.1. Resolved.

20.0 OPCC Neighbourhood Crime funding round opened 28th Sept'26, grants up to £10k:

20.1 KB reported OPCC's confirmation that the youth club project would be eligible criteria for application to the fund. This option to be considered along with other potential funding opportunities to support the continuation of the village youth club. See item 18.1. Resolved.

21.0 Risk Ready Communities

21.1 PC discussed the email received from HDC offering free resources and support to ensure that SK can be 'Risk Ready'. The PC noted. Resolved.

22.0 HDC Community Coffee Van visit – Community Resilience and Preparedness Engagement

22.1 The PC agreed to arrange a visit to the village, early in 2027. Action – KB to contact the village hall to confirm potential dates to coincide with the Community Café dates and to liaise with HDC for availability. Pending.

23.0 Osmo Flood Barriers – Free supply for Parish Councils

23.1 KC reported that he had collected a free supply of Osmo Flood Barriers from LCC, for storing and distributing locally. These are water-activated barriers which expand on contact with water and create a temporary flood defence. Action – KC to prepare an article to be included in the next SKN edition, outlining details of how these will be made available to residents, if requested. Resolved.

24.0 Items to be Noted / Considered for the next Agenda. GB reported that he had received a complaint regarding overhanging hedges overlapping the pavement in the area of the Leys Crescent bus stop. Action – KB to contact the landowner to request that the hedges are trimmed asap. Resolved.

25.0 To Confirm Date of Next Meeting: 10th Nov'26

Meeting ended at 8.50 pm

A copy of these minutes will be published on the South Kilworth Website, no later than thirty days from the date of the meeting.

Signed:

Date: