

KINGTON RURAL & LOWER HARPTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the MEETING HELD AT THE BURTON  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

PRESENT Cllrs P Evans, Hattie Davies, Brian Evans, N Evans, David Williams  
Also present County Councillor T James and 2 members of the Public

01/26 APOLOGIES Cllr J Jones and Giles Edwards

02/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

03/26 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - all in favour

04/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None

05/26 OUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICER

Felix Rawlinson reported that he had in fact got nothing to report in our area, and went on to say that the Police held a local surgery for residents to drop in, at Border Bean and the next one was in April. He went on to ask if anyone wanted to be included in the email Neighbourhood Matters and he left it to the clerk to ask all Councillors who wanted to be included in this mailing.

06/26 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr T James referred to the Kington By Pass and the request for 40mph – Mr James regretted that Private Companies were consulted on behalf of the Department of Transport and not being local had no real idea of the need. Mr James reported that Herefordshire Council had set the Council Tax at 4.9 which was good as Worcester and Shropshire had set their Council Tax in double figures. He also advised that he and others had spent 2 ½ days interviewing for the new Chief Executive but none proved satisfactory and therefore more adverts would be placed and further interviewing.

07/26 Members of the Public

Two Local residents told the members that they had moved to Kington 12 months ago and lived just on the By-Pass. They explained about the difficulties with the footpath and the footpath leading to The Dingle being closed due to a fallen wall. They were concerned about the safety of the walkers. Cllr B Evans suggested that the talk with the Footpath Officer and see what could be done.

08/26 Finance & Accounts

Payments

Burton Hotel

£40.00

Clerk's Expenses

£250.00

All members of the Council were in favour of the Finance and Accounts

09/26 RISK ASSESSEMENT – NO RISKS CONSIDERED

10/26 NEW WEBSITE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ALL COUNCILLORS

The new Website is now up and running and can be found at [www.kington-rural.co.uk](http://www.kington-rural.co.uk)

Each Councillor will in due course be given a co.uk email address but the question was raised as to who would not use one. After discussion it was suggested that Cllr J Jones and Cllr P Watkins would not want an email address.

Clerk advised that currently she paid Ionos for the webpage and email addresses and that she wanted to have a meeting with Barclays Bank to transfer the payments from her personal account and into the Parish Council bank account.

11/26 NOTICEBOARD REFURBISHMENT

Cllr N Evans agreed that he would deal with the Notice Board at Floodgates

12/26 PLANNING

None

13/26 CORRESPONDENCE

BB Roads etc

BB Replies re requests for road works etc to be carried out.

IONOS Website paperwork

HC Voters Register  
HC Planning Inspectorate

14/26 BACK BROOK nothing to report.

15/26 ROADS & LITTER

Cllr H Davies reported that the Barton Lane was just a shambles and the condition was so bad that a local resident tried to carry out some repairs – the gully is blocked at the top making a river which is causing the side of the road to break up

Cllr B Evans reported that the Brilley road at Gilbert Road and up towards Empton was still in need of repair.

Cllr J Jones (not present but reported to Clerk) that the lay by opposite the water works needed clearing

Cllr N Evans reported that the gulleys needed to be cleared at the bottom of Newton Lane – there was excess silt coming down the hill and ending up in the turning area

Cllr D Williams asked for all the drains to be emptied as most were blocked

Cllr N Evans reported that the gulleys near the surgery up the road are blocked.

16/26 NEXT MEETING TBA

Meeting closed at 8.24pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_