



Minutes of the meeting of Kippax Parish Council's Village Services Committee held Monday 12th May at 6.30pm at Valley Ridge Community Centre.

Approved at the Village Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 10th June 2025

Present: Councillor D. Martin, Councillor M. Eyre, Councillor G. Peason, Councillor A. Parker, Councillor S. Shannon, one member of the public and D. Meir (Clerk)

Absent: None

114/VS/2425. Apologies:

- a. To note apologies received
None
- b. To approve any reasons for absence
None

115/VS/2425. To Note any Declarations of Interest:

- a. To note declarations interests not already declared under members code of conduct or members register of disclosable pecuniary interests.
None
- b. To approve dispensation requests
None

116/VS/2425. Public Participation

Members of the public who wish to speak regarding an item within the remit of the Village Services Committee may do so.

PLEASE NOTE: Total time limit for this item is 10 minutes.

A local Beekeeper gave the Committee information about keeping bees and the price of hives and suggested possible locations, which were considered under item 120/VS/2425a.

117/VS/2425. Meeting Minutes

- a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of Village Services Committee held 14th April 2025 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Village Services Committee held 14th April 2025 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

118/VS/2425. Issues raised

- a. To receive information and updates and consider further actions on outstanding issues as listed on the spreadsheet
The spreadsheet was reviewed, and it was noted that the grass under the benches on the Meadows needed strimming again. The Caretaker did this two weeks ago week and will do it again as per his schedule.
- b. To consider additional items raised by residents since the last meeting and the way forward
A request was received to trim the footpath at the top of Butt Hill, and this has been done today.
An issue was raised about dogs being allowed to play in the War Memorial and dog waste not being cleared up. Councillor A. Parker to ask Leeds City Council if signs can be put up.

119/VS/2425. Caretaker

- a. To receive an update on the work of the caretaker and consider any proposals for jobs to be allocated to the caretaker

The Caretaker agreed to work Tuesday instead of Thursday last week to get the War Memorial Garden ready for the VE Day 80th Anniversary events.

- b. To note that the leaf blower broke, and a replacement has been purchased under delegated powers

It was noted that a replacement leaf blower has been purchased at a cost of £243 + VAT

120/VS/2425. Special projects.

- a. To receive an update on the enquiry about having bee hives in the village and agree any actions

The information from the Beekeeper was considered and it was agreed to look into possible locations.

- b. To receive an update on the proposals to tidy up the area at the bottom of Apple Tree Lane and agree any actions

It was reported that the land belongs to the King, and Councillor Parker will ask if anything can be altered. The Caretaker will continue to cut the grass and the brambles as per his work schedule.

121/VS/2425. 2026 Calendar Competition

- a. To receive confirmation that the schools will take part in the competition

It was confirmed that all three schools will take part in the competition.

- b. To consider and approve who will collect the entries from the schools on 12th June

It was resolved that Councillor M. Eyre will collect the entries on 13th June. Clerk to inform the schools about the change of date.

122/VS/2425. High Street Flags

- a. To consider and approve the purchase of a storage box for the St George's Day flags.

It was resolved to approve the purchase of a storage box up to the cost of £20.

123/VS/2425. Communications

- a. To consider and approve a schedule of information on recent activities to be shared across Facebook, Instagram and the KPC website.

It was resolved to approve Councillor D. Martin to do a post about the plans for a beehive in the village and to ask for suggestions for locations and to do a post about the Calendar competition.

124/VS/2425. Next meeting

- a. To notify the Clerk/Proper Officer of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

None

- b. To confirm the date for the next meeting of Village Services Committee as Monday 9th June 2025 at 6:30pm.

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Signed: *M Eyre*

Date: 10th June 2025