



Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at
Broomfield and Kingswood Village Hall, Kingswood ME17 3PX on Monday 7 April 2025

Present at meeting: Cllr Gareth Davies (Chairman), Cllr Robert Mercer and Cllr Chris Pink.

Hayley Roberts - Parish Clerk/RFO

Cllr Shellina Prendergast

There was one member of the public present.

There were no declarations of intent to record the meeting by Councillors or members of the public.

Cllr Davies opened the meeting at 7:31pm

Min No	Item	Action
328.	To receive and approve apologies for absence	
328.1	Cllr Clark – prior commitment	
328.2	Cllr Clarke – prior commitment	
328.3	Cllr Moss – prior commitment	
328.4	Cllr Blainey – prior commitment	
329.	Councillors Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
329.1	Lobbying – Item 6.1 - None	
329.2	Personal Interest – None	
329.3	Prejudicial Interest (Councillor to leave meeting table whilst such item is under discussion) - None	
330.	To appoint a Chairman for the meeting in the absence of Chairman Cllr Clark Vice Chairman Cllr Davies was present and Cllrs resolved that he should be Chairman for the meeting.	
331.	Welcome by the Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Gareth Davies	
332.	Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies	
332.1	Maidstone Borough Council – Ward Councillor – Cllr Gill Fort – apologies received due to a town hall meeting.	
332.2	Kent County Council – County Councillor – Cllr Shellina Prendergast I have been providing regular reports which have been published within the minutes. I have been out and about campaigning around Broomfield and Kingswood and meeting residents. <u>Streetworks</u> – I look to arrange a meeting with KCC and Parish Councils after the 1 st of May elections, providing I am re-elected. The bulk of roadworks is down to utility providers and these tend to be mainly emergency works. A Government select committee has been set up to tackle emergency road works and they met in March at Parliament with a proposal. Primary legislation will need to be changed and I will update on this as I receive more information. <u>Devolution</u> – As per my previous update KCC was turned down in February however Local Government Reorganisation is still going ahead and a proposal went in on the 21 st of March 2025. There will be an announcement commencing 28 th April and government are expecting a full proposal from KCC in November. Again, I will update on this as and when I receive information.	
333.	Cllr Shellina Prendergast left the meeting at 19.51pm	
334.	To approve the minutes of the meeting of Broomfield & Kingswood Parish Council Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March 2025 The above minutes were approved as a true copy and duly signed by Cllr Davies.	
335.	Planning Applications Application No: 25/500263/FULL Proposal: The Chimneys Gravelly Bottom Road Kingswood Kent ME17 3NX Address: Midway 47 Charlesford Avenue Kingswood Kent ME17 3PH After due consideration Cllrs had no objections to this application. Signed _____	

340.	Policing Crime Figures Nothing new showing.	
341.	To review and adopt the Parish Council Action Plan for 2025 Cllrs reviewed and adopted the Parish Council Action Plan for 2025. Signed by Cllr Davies.	
342.	Residents' concerns Dog Fouling Cllr Davies discussed an incident at the Sports Field that he was made aware of whereby a dog owner refused to pick up their dogs mess even when approached by another user. Eventually after an argument the dog mess was picked up and disposed of correctly. Cllrs want to remind residents and users of the Sports Field that the CCTV has now been upgraded, Cllrs will review the CCTV and use it to prosecute anyone not picking up after their dog. A lot of people use the Sports Field and we want to ensure it is used correctly, we would hate to have to consider banning dogs from the Sports Field completely.	
343.	Any other information Benches - Cllr Mercer to look into the possibility and cost of placing benches around the village for residents to use.	Cllr Mercer
326.	Items for next agenda To consider the placement of benches around the Parish	
327.	Parish Council Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Monday 19th May 2025 and will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting (7pm) and Annual Parish Meeting (8pm). The meeting will take place at Broomfield and Kingswood Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood ME17 3PX from 7pm. Cllr Davies closed the meeting at 8.28pm. Signed _____	