



KEEVIL PARISH COUNCIL

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SUMMARY OF ORDINARY MEETING 07 September 2026

Public Consultation: Some residents expressed concerns about demolition works on the airfield last week. Cllr Gough confirmed the Parish Council had not been made aware of the works, and agreed the lack of communication was disappointing. He explained all buildings had been declared unsafe and condemned by the RAF prior to the Army's ownership, however the long term plan to retain the airfield as an outstation training facility to Middle Wallop remained assured, although, as now, this excludes fixed wing craft. Cllr Meatyard agreed, confirming that farming contracts remained in place. The demolition works are due to complete by the end of the year. Members of the Neighbourhood Police Team were in attendance, and some residents commented on issues with speeding and parking outside the school, especially around drop-off and pick-up times. The Chair and Cllr Gough confirmed these matters were discussed with the new Head Teacher that morning.

NPT: PC Fran Thornell and PCSO Izabela Dybowska passed on their contact details. Cllr Gough noted a growing trend of dumped caravans in the area. PC Thornell confirmed they would keep an eye on things around the school.

Keevil School: Having met with new Head Teacher Helen Rutt, the Chair and Cllr Gough confirmed the school's continued commitment to community engagement, especially parking and the Scarecrow Trail. Caroline Noonan has retired as Chair of FOKS and a replacement has not yet been appointed.

Planning:

Applications:

[PL/2026/04860](#) **Acacia House, 72 Martins Road** - Proposed Two Storey Rear Extension & Enlargement of Existing Garage.

Referring to the approved 2024 extension plans, Members noted the overall footprint was reduced and the proposals were considered proportionate for the site and in keeping with the surroundings. The uplift in garage space (with office-over) was considered favourable from a parking perspective. It was **resolved to respond to the applications with NO OBJECTION** on these grounds.

Wiltshire Council Planning Decisions:

NO OBJECTION [PL/2026/002182](#) for works to trees at **62 Martins Road**

NO OBJECTION [PL/2026/04592](#) **Field Head, 20 Main Street** - Proposed works to trees in a conservation area

APPROVE w/conditions [PL/2025/05845](#) **Land at Manor Farm, Main Street** - Erection of one self-build dwelling and associated works

Other general planning matters:

ENF/2025/00598 at Big Dog Farm: the Enforcement Notice is now legally active with 6 months to comply, and which applies regardless of any change of ownership.

NEW LOCAL PLAN: First round of public consultation now open until **30 September**, with public engagement events including at The Shires Trowbridge on **Tuesday 15 September 10am-3pm**, and a webinar on **Thursday 17 September 6-7pm**.

HILPERTON AREA ACTION GROUP: Further to correspondence relating to speculative development proposals between Semington and Hag Hill, it was confirmed information be circulated, and we would join any joint PCs meeting.

Access & Public Rights of Way (PROW): Cllr Gough noted still no progress on KEEV7, and work to the decaying trees on Towmead Lane had been completed.

Airfield: Correspondence from a local reporter relating to demolition works on the airfield were noted, and had been referred to the Airfield Manager. See Public Forum notes for report. The military exercise remains ongoing.

Banfield Recreation Ground:

Correspondence relating to unauthorised presence of dogs on the Recreation Ground (involving non-residents) was noted. An update on WC PSPO matters noted other local councils are affected, and WC ASB/Dog Control Officers are in contact. Members of the Community Shed have been consulted on proposals for a shelter on the recreation ground, and have no objections from a maintenance perspective in the preferred alternative location nearer the field gate and childrens play area. Next steps are for a broad outline specification that takes into account suggestions made at the Community Meeting, on which a tender process can be begun in due course. It is accepted the Council will conduct a wider village survey once a final specification and all long-term costs are clear.

It was noted the annual RoSPA inspection is due this month. The Chair expressed gratitude on behalf of all present for wooden slats on the WI bench have been repaired by members of the Community Shed, and the refurbishment of the noticeboard by Mr Tucker and Mr Walsh

Community Resilience:

2nd Defibrillator: Cllr Gough reported the school remains in full support, with formal approval from Acorn Trust underway. Permission under permitted development rights has been confirmed, however, clarity to be sought from Conservation.

Closure of the Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS) was noted, and that members of WC would **attend the November meeting** to discuss winter resilience and future costs.

The next community emergency training session with WBAA is **1st October 2026**.

Highways and Parish Steward:

Reporting on the Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Seminar, the Chair and Cllr Banfield reported that SIDS do have an impact on speed reduction: it was agreed we should contact the SIDS team to join the scheme.

The Chair noted Parish Steward activities trimming grass and brambles around Main Street, Towmead Lane and the path to the Recreation Ground. Pothole patching is planned for next month. Cllr Meatyard requested Wessex Water be contacted to reduce hedge overgrowth outside the sewage farm

Personnel Committee: In accordance with the Clerks contract and the 2026/27 local government services pay agreement (+3.3%), the hourly rate changed from £14.35 to £14.83, with £61.20 due backdated to 1st April 2026.

Governance: An Extraordinary meeting will be called for **5th October** to consider co-option and any planning matters. It was agreed Members would review items in the Asset Register falling within their portfolio.

Financial Matters

Payments of £1,339.96 were approved and the overall financial position of **£13,796.53** noted, along with the current budget performance/forecast.

Discussing exceptions for the next and future budgets aligned with the Council's Strategic Plan, members noted upcoming capital expenditures as follows: 2nd Defibrillator ≈£1k after 50% grant, Rec shelter ≈£4k after 50% grant, the increase in MAB Highways/PROW contributions to minimum 33% and the need for verge repairs on upper Main Street plus allowance for an additional kissing gate, replacement fence posts on the Recreation Ground, future PEAS equipment, and the potential need to revise Earmarked Reserves.

COMMUNITY GRANTS & DONATIONS

One of the ways the Parish Council supports and invests in our community is through grants and donations. The amounts are not fixed but they must be for initiatives **directly relevant to the interests and benefit of the Keevil area and some or all of its inhabitants**.

We'll discuss this year's donations and the 2027-28 budget at the Ordinary Meeting in **NOVEMBER**, so whether as part of an established village group or you have a new village project in mind, review the **Grant Policy** here keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance/ and send requests to **Sarah Dow:** clerk@keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk