

Yatton Keynell Parish Council

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF YATTON KEYNELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE BARN – THE BELL INN YATTON KEYNELL MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2026

Present: Cllr A Parker (Chair), Cllr C Grainger, Cllr M Green, Cllr F. Plowman, Cllr M Pope,
Cllr J Stokes, Cllr D Towl, Cllr M Woodcock & I Plowman (Clerk)

Public Gallery: None

1. PUBLIC GALLERY

No issues raised

2. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Cllr F Plowman – Clerk's pay award

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None required

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting – 3rd August 2026 – approved & signed by - Cllr A. Parker.

5. REGISTER OF ACTIONS

Clarkes Leaze Tree planting project, on hold at present, with the delay bare rooted trees will be used.

B4039 – Tiddleywink – Flexible walkway. Cllr Parker reported on meeting held with one of Wiltshire Council's Highways Engineer, Cllr Plowman the Clerk & U Cllr J Atkey also attended. At the meeting it was agreed that the WC proposal to construct a footway was not deliverable within the Highway estate and would also involve loss of mature hedgerows and at least one mature tree. It was reiterated that the Parish Council's objective was to achieve a reduction in the speed limit to 30 mph. An alternative proposal to improve the existing verge by ducting drainage grips, levelling the surface and relocating a BT pole was supported by Councillors. WC are also to undertake a speed assessment in the next two months to progress the speed limit reduction request.

Grittleton Road – Speed Indicator Device – socket & post installation anticipated late October, subject to underground utility survey.

Planning – Drovers Green Variation (PL/2022/05696) – application remains undetermined, four years since being validated (25th July 2022). Cllr A Parker has been provided with two contacts at Persimmon Homes but no report received.

Grittleton Road – Bench – Councillors agreed to purchase a bench made from recycled materials, cost £396.00 plus fixtures and fittings.

6. PLANNING

Planning Applications considered:

None

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Planning Applications recently determined by Wiltshire Council:

PL2025/03672 – Land East of Biddestone Lane – Refused

PL/2026/02077 – Folly Farm – Agricultural Buildings

7. CLERK – FINANCE

Limited assurance review by external auditor (PKF Littlejohn LLP) has been completed, no issues raised. Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been published on the PC website (11th September 2026).

Payments approved:

I J Plowman - £278.69 – Clerk Salary August plus expenses (Siteground Domain renewal - £21.59 (Inc VAT £3.60))	JCB-S Garden Maintain Ltd - £658.08 – village maintenance.
PKF Littlejohn LLP - £378.00 External Audit y/e March 2026 (Inc VAT £63.00)	Noticeboard Warehouse - £1,939.85 – Noticeboard (Inc. VAT £323.31)
Duncan Joyce & Associates Client Call - £192.80 – Due to HMRC Qtr 2 payroll deductions	A S Parker - £19.85 – Meeting expenses
Duncan Joyce & Associates - £318.00 – Payroll processing year 2025/26 (Inc VAT £53.00)	

Accounts circulated, bank reconciliation signed.

Clerks pay award, Councillors agreed to implement national pay settlement of 3.3% effective 1st April 2026. Noted Cllr F Plowman took no part in decision.

8. HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATH & AMENITY AREA

Wiltshire Council Freight Action Plan Consultation, clerk to prepare and circulate a submission to support a weigh restriction on Biddestone Lane.

A420 – Biddestone Lane crossroads - Consultation on reducing the speed limit to 50 mph.

Councillors agreed to object, as the proposal will only change the speed limit on the approach to Redhouse cottages, Councillors wished to see the 50 mph be implemented from Bumpers Farm.

A420 – Biddestone Lane crossroads – Councillors supported the proposed improvements to the junction by replacing the vehicle activated signs on A420 and to have the signs activated by vehicle detectors when vehicles are waiting at the feeder roads or in the central refuges.

Speed Limit – 20 mph, request received to reduce the speed limit on Biddestone Lane (C86) from 30 mph to 20 mph, from village boundary to junction with B4039. Councillors agreed to the proposal and also to include Grittleton Road (C86) from its junction with B4039 northwards to village boundary as this will also include the various residential roads. Clerk to submit application to Wiltshire Council.

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West Yatton Lane (C179) from its junction with C86/B4039 to West Yatton triangle (C164) clerk to investigate a “Quiet Lane” designation and circulate details.

Overhanging vegetation, reminder to be included in the Honeycomb report of residents responsibility to ensure that vegetation growing on their property doesn't block the adjoining footway.

PROW – YKEY11, Clerk to write to property owner at the Old Rectory to request permission to place sign on the stone stile, to indicate that the driveway is the access point.

9. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No issues raised.

Meeting Closed 19.55

Next meeting: Monday 5th October 2026 – The Barn at The Bell Inn