KESTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday the 17th of September 2026 at 7:15pm at The Greyhound, Commonside

Committee Present: Shelley Sturdy (Chair)
Sara Lawrence (Treasurer)
Larry Herbert (FoKC)
David Lawrence (Vice Chair)
Roger Price-Haworth Co-opted
Alison Price-Haworth Co-opted

1. **Apologies**: John Algar, Jim Woolcott, John Wiltshire, Hilary Ryder, Cllr Alexa Michael, Gail Spencer, Paul Spencer, Kimball Ormond (Sec)

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd of April 2026** (Last Official Meeting) – The minutes were agreed.
   Minutes of the extraordinary meeting 22nd of July 2026. Larry noted his name was missing from section 5. They were then agreed.

3. **Financial Report:** The accounts that were sent out have been amended and now balance. Larry asked whether more detail could be included in the accounts. Sara agreed that going forward this would happen. There is an amount outstanding from Leafy Grove House. David explained the financial position; invoices are available and that "Greys' would be donating to the costs. Shelley stated that the £266 was raised by residents was explicitly raised for the costs to fight the planning permission. These can't go into the KVRA funds and would have to be offset against the donation from 'Greys'AP Invoices to be provided.

4. **Biggin Hill –** Shelley has received an email from David Winstanley agreeing to give out the notes and presentation from the last meeting. These will go to the committee first for comment. But in essence, the new "03" trial approach is still in a trial stage and 100% reduction in overflights over Keston was never actually promised, as not all aircraft are equipped to fly the new route. Mr Winstanley has stated that the airports' objective remains to achieve 30%-40% reduction. Regarding the *Not To Turn Point*, Mr Winstanley also noted that BHAL initially believed that the change could potentially be introduced without Air Space Proposal, however, following discussions with the CAA, it has been confirmed that an ACP is required. There then followed a general discussion about the new RNP 03 approach versus the Circling approach.
   Shelley provided the following flight data:
   June - new RNP - 14 circling 32. total 46
   July – new RNP - 133 circling 260. total 393

It was noted that the difference in numbers for July was probably due to the F1 and Wimbledon Championships.
Shelley is going to put together the information that she has been provided with re Biggin Hill and send this onto residents.

5. **Newsletters –** David raised ideas about the newsletter and how it could be used to send out information regarding the village on a more regular basis. Shelley advised that Hilary sends out the newsletters and these contain what is relevant at the time, but these aren't sent on a regular basis. There was also a discussion regarding the use of social media.

6. **Heathfield Road Traffic Calming –** The false speed hump is to be reinstated on the 28th of September 2026 (weather permitting). David stated that he is creating a Neighbourhood Watch for the road and he has been to the Bromley Neighbourhood watch meeting and has engaged with other neighbourhood watches within the Borough.
Shelley advised that there was previously a Road Safety for Keston Group but was unsure whether this remains active. David agreed to consult with Peter Zieminski and contact them if possible.

7. **Planning –** Shelley read out a summary from Cllr Michael, namely that all planning applications are related to trees. It was agreed that there were no issues. Larry asked if there was any further update on the mobile mast on Commonside (as a large mast has appeared on Oakley Road) Shelley advised that there were no updates.

8. **Change of Banking update –** Sara advised that whilst it was thought that it was in motion, it appears to have stalled. Shelley suggested that herself, Sara and Hilary all attend the Metro Bank to sort out any outstanding issues.

9. **Any other Business –** Shelley invited Roger and Alison to be co-opted in. Approved.
David was voted in as Vice Chairman – Approved

Race Night (Friday the 18th of September 2026) was discussed. At the time of the meeting there was a confirmed number of 30 people attending. Larry raised the issue of profit to KVRA. Last year was 40%. Sara confirmed this year would be 50%.

FOKC Larry provided an update regarding the ponds. Following the review of improvement to the ponds, funding of £320, 000 has been given from the GLA. This is for phase 1 which will focus on and around pond 4. The works have been sent out for tender and Larry believes that a company has been awarded the

works but hasn't yet been identified. Work should start late Autumn but will be restricted by wildlife etc. It should take up to a year to complete.
Larry was also hopeful that funds could be provided by Historic England to restore and improve drainage around Ceasar's Well.
FOKC are also keen to adopt a new approach to the 2nd pond so that there would be fishing stations and it would become a managed site.
Larry added that there was only one fire during the summer by the middle pond, although the heather on the common might be badly affected by the very hot dry summer.
There was a discussion around the recent fly tipping on Fishponds and whether signage could be provided and whether it would make a difference.
Larry is reaching out to idVerde to check the fencing around the playground as much of it is rotten and a child could easily leave the playground.

Remembrance Sunday – Heathfield Road is going to be closed later this year and there will not be the walk up the road from the Common as in previous years. Larry offered the FOKC's cones to help with the road closure. Shelley suggested that road ahead closed signs would be useful. Sara suggested that the cadets could be used to help as well. These ideas will need to be followed up on.
Shelley and Peter will also be putting up the poppies. David offered his assistance.

Date of Next Meeting: TBC