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Minutes of the  
Committee Meeting held on  
Wednesday the 11th of February 2026 at 7:15pm at The Fox Public House

Committee Present: Shelley Sturdy (Chair)  
Peter Zieminski (Vice Chair)  
John Algar  
Jim Woolcott  
John Wiltshire  
Hilary Ryder (Treasurer)  
Sara Lawrence  
Larry Herbert (FoKC)

In Attendance Cllr Alexa Michael

1. **Apologies** – Kimball Ormond (Sec), David Lawrence, Gail Spencer, Paul Spencer.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd of November 2025** – Larry noted that under AOB (Item 10d) it should read the refurbishing of the Keston Common sign not the Keston Tommy figure.
3. **Matters Arising** – There was further discussion regarding the refurbishment of the signs for the common, after which the minutes were agreed
4. **Financial Report** – Attached
5. **Biggin Hill** – Shelley Sturdy and Peter Zieminski (the KVRA's nominated representatives) attended the Airport Residents' Noise Action Forum's (ARNAF's) Complaints Working Group on the 20th of November 2025 and the Key Performance Indicator Working Group on the 4th of December 2025. The actions from each meeting were discussed and a timetable agreed with David Winstanley, the Airport's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for their implementation. The agreed timetable is that as many actions as possible will be completed by the March 2026 ARNAF meeting. Any action that is still outstanding at this date will have definite completion dates shown against it, so that a final report on the outcomes from both the Working Groups then can be presented to the Biggin Hill Airport Consultative Committee (BHACC) in April. Subject to satisfactory completion of these actions the Airport has indicated that a new Working Group will be established to assist in the 2026 NAP Review. It remains to be seen whether the resources that have been allocated by the Airport to delivering these actions will be sufficient to ensure that the promised delivery dates are met.

On the 13th of January Peter was invited to attend the Airport's Safety and Noise Abatement Review Board (SANARB) as an observer. Peter noted that the discussions were robust and challenging during the review of non-justifiable incursions by pilots into Noise Sensitive Areas (NSAs); the majority of reviews resulted in written warnings being issued to pilots reminding them that any pilot receiving more than three warnings in a six-month period could be banned from using the Airport.

The same evening Shelley and Peter attended the ARNAF meeting, at this meeting David Winstanley updated members that with regard to the Runway 03 Trial Approach, due to weather conditions since its commencement favouring Runway 21, and limited aircraft availability, only one aircraft has flown the new approach; however, it surpassed all the trial objectives. As a consequence, the Airport met with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) on the 6th of January in a bid to increase the number of aircraft approved to conduct the trial.

On the 12th of January the CAA confirmed that NetJets (US) and Vistajet can join the trial once the required crew briefings have taken place and confirmation that NetJets update their flight management systems and charts for nonstandard procedures. The addition of NetJets will significantly increase the number of aircraft permitted to fly the procedure and allow the CAA to consider unlimited use within the next few months subject to all the trial objectives being met.

The '*Not to Turn Before Point*' which is designed to reduce incursions into NSAs by aircraft approaching the Airport down the Instrument Landing System (ILS) corridor is anticipated to be in place by the end of March.

David Winstanley announced that the ARNAF now has its own page on the Airport's website. This contains details from past meetings and can be viewed at: <https://bigginhillairport.com/community/noise/noise-action-forum/>

On the 27th of January Peter met with David Winstanley and Chris Ford (the Chair of the ARNAF Complaint's Working Group) to discuss the timetable for completing the outstanding actions from the Complaint's Working Group and the Key Performance Indicator Working Group. David confirmed that expected that the actions will be completed as required by the agreed timetable.

On the 29th of January Peter attended the quarterly meeting of the BHACC. Amongst matters of interest recorded in the CEO's report was '*Ride Share*' – Substantial global investment is taking place in the development of aircraft to be used as *Air Taxis* and regional connectivity services. Biggin Hill expects its facilities to be needed for these services. While this provides an opportunity for the Airport to maximise, in the CEO's words "... *the benefits of air urban mobility and the development of electrically powered aircraft*" it is suspected that in reality this will inevitably lead to an increase in the number of jet aircraft of varying size associated with such use.

The minutes of the BHACC meetings can be found at:

<https://bigginhillairport.com/community/airport-consultative-committee/>

It was noted that considerable progress had been made by Peter and Shelley from actively engaging with the Airport. Peter reported that, this summer, there should be a noticeable reduction in the number of aircraft flying over the Village with the use of new trial approach for Runway 03. In addition, the '*Not to Turn Before Point*' which will mean that pilots using the ILS will turn later and therefore will not cut across Keston. Fox Hill and Heritage Hill will be included in the revised Keston NSA trial.

6. **Planning** – Leafy Grove House change of use Application. Cllr Michael reported that she had met with the Applicants at the house and they had outlined their plans to her. Discussion took place about the way forward if the application is on the Plans 1 Meeting on the 19th of February (*Note: The Agenda for the 19th was subsequently published, and Leafy Grove House is not being discussed at the meeting*). The Sub-Group will meet to discuss it further.
7. **Heathfield Road** – Cllr Michael reported that Cllr Turrell was presenting a petition to London Councils regarding speed cameras in our wards. Cllr Coldspring- White has suggested moving the Village speed limit signs to the Westerham Road roundabout, however the Committee Members made it clear that from experience this would not work and indeed would take us back to the position that existed ten years ago.

Cllr Michael did not have any news on reinstating the faux road hump at the junction of Keston Avenue and Heathfield Road but said she would follow up with Angus Culverwell again.

John Algar asked whether something could be done with the kerb at the junction of Heathfield Road and Keston Avenue to help the drainage in Keston Avenue as currently when it rains heavily the water drains down to the school, washing away the gravel and leaving potholes.

8. **Any other Business** –

Larry showed the committee drawings relating to the Keston Ponds Project which is designed to alter the ponds by planting that will improve the water quality. At the moment the work will be concentrated on pond 4. The project will cost a great deal and they are looking at grants to fund it. There will be a local consultation event at the Church Hall on Wednesday 25 February 5pm – 7pm.

On Friday FOK are planting 10 disease-resistant Elms at the edges of meadows.

The new and refurbished Interpretation boards are ready to be put in place when the time is appropriate.



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Shelley reported that the Fund raising Sub-Committee had started to have meetings and that the date for KestFest 2026 will be on Saturday the 6th of June from 1pm – 6pm and the Xmas Fair will be Saturday the 14th of November.

The Annual General Meeting will be either on the 21st or 28th of April and be held in the Church Hall. Shelley will confirm after contacting the Church Hall Booking Secretary and she will then confirm the date with the main speaker, David Winstanley Biggin Hill Airport's CEO.

**Date of Next Committee Meeting:** Wednesday the 25th of March 2026 at 7:15pm.

### Distribution

Shelley Sturdy  
John Algar  
Hilary Ryder  
Peter Zieminski  
Jim Woolcott  
Sara Lawrence

Paul Spencer  
Gail Spencer  
John Wiltshire  
Kimball Ormond  
Larry Herbert, Chairman FoKC  
David Lawrence

### Councillors

Alexa Michael  
Thomas Turrell  
Josh Coldspring-White



## KESTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Treasurers Report: 11/2/26

Bank balance at 3/11/25:	£3839.88
Credits:	£1832.00
Debits:	<u>£-1784.06</u>
<b>Bank balance at 11/3/26</b>	<b>£3887.82</b>

	<b>12.2.25</b>	<b>9.4.25</b>	<b>16.09.25</b>	<b>3.11.25</b>	<b>11.2.26</b>
War Memorial fund	1285.25	1285.25	1035.25	798.32	773.32
General fund	3090.42	3305.42	2579.71	3041.56	3114.50

During this period, we held the Xmas Fair and made £1,197 from the entrance fees, the raffle, the auction of the signed Crystal Palace shirt, Father Xmas tickets, refreshments and the Tombola. The Xmas lights cost £1344 this year, and Biggin Hill Airport donated £500 towards the lights again.