

KESTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the
Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday the 22nd of April 2026 at 7:15pm at The Greyhound Public House**

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

1. **Apologies** – Gail Spencer, Paul Spencer, Cllr Alexa Michael, John Wiltshire & Jim Woolcott

Heartfelt sympathy was extended to Paul & Gail Spencer after the fire at The Fox

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th of February 2026** – Approved
3. **Matters Arising** – There were no matters arising
4. **Financial Report** – As reported previously, Hilary Ryder was stepping down as Treasurer and Sara Lawrence was elected unanimously to take over.
5. **Biggin Hill** - Peter Zieminski referred to the latest Quarterly Update and shared details of the final outcomes from the Airport Residents' Noise Action Forum (ARNAF) Working Groups in relation to improvements to the complaint investigation process and key performance indicators. He highlighted the agreed 20% reduction targets in relation to non-justifiable incursions into the Keston NSA by General Aviation (Light Aircraft); Business Aviation (Jets); and Helicopters. Peter concluded that much has been achieved by direct engagement with the Airport and that the presentation by the Airport's Chief Executive Officer, David Winstanley, at next week's KVRA AGM would no doubt go into detail about the benefits that residents can expect.
6. **Planning** – Comments were made about the coppicing on the land at the end of Commonsides on Croydon Road. It's not clear who owns it but it is technically outside the KVRA jurisdiction.
7. **Heathfield Road** – Arguments around planning permission for Leafy Grove House were on-going. The date for Council decision has changed.

8 AOB –

(a) Festive lights will be going up again this year. Probably a different design.

(b) Shelly Sturdy paid tribute to Peter Zeminski who was stepping down as liaison with BHAL and as Vice- Chairman. Shelley will take over the BHAL liaison.

(c) Larry Herbert commented that the council had held an engagement meeting for the general public to discuss the proposed Keston Ponds project. This was well attended and the feedback is currently being appraised and used for further evaluation. Work is currently underway to seek funding for the implantation phases and strong interest has been received from Historic England. They have suggested they could help restore the area around Caesar's Well and also potentially dredge the top pond. They have also indicated that the iron age bank and ditch should be opened up to public view. It is expected this would be implemented over a number of years, opening it up in stages.

FoKC have recently installed two new interpretation boards, one in the first meadow from Fishponds Road and one on Heathland. They have also planted whips around Caesar's Well area and ten Elm trees at various points around Ravensbourne Open Space. FoKC held its AGM last month and were pleased to report a successful year overall with good support from its ever-increasing volunteer base.

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

Distribution

Councillors - Alexa Michael, Thomas Turrell, Josh Coldspring-White

Shelley Sturdy, Paul Spencer,

John Algar, Gail Spencer,

Hilary Ryder, John Wiltshire,

Peter Ziemiński, Kimball Ormond

Jim Woolcott, Sara Lawrence David Lawrence

Larry Herbert, Chairman FoKC