

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY  
13TH JANUARY 2026 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.30PM**

Present at Meeting: Cllrs Malcolm Baker, Barbara Tautz, David Reid, Alex Dawes, Steve Thompson, Chris Carter, District Cllr Roger Dicker and three members of the public

1. Apologies

All present.

2. Declaration of Interests

None received.

3. Public Forum

The main concern raised was the flooding on Gazeley Road due to drains and ditches being blocked with leaves and debris.

4. To set the precept for the financial year 2026-2027

Projects identified to be considered:

Extending the work of the grass cutting contractor to include cleaning and cutting back foliage from signage unblocking of drains, footpath widening in particular at Boys Grave. A quotation to be requested.

Two further solar speed indicator devices with data retrieval. Possible sites to be assessed. Local traffic counter that will differentiate between the volume of lorries and cars when traffic is diverted through the village following the closure of the A14.

Noise and vibration survey and data analysed by a paid consultant.

Dropped kerb outside St Mary's Church.

Village newsletter. Options to be investigated, Moulton PC to be contacted, Cllr Dawes to action.

Pavement maintenance.

Traffic calming fences located at each end of the village are in a poor state of repair. Cllr Thompson offered to repaint and clear away all vegetation.

Road repairs to be part of the SV Fund application form currently being completed by Cllr Baker.

Following full and detailed discussion, it was proposed the precept for 2026-2027 be set as the previous year at £18,140. This equates to a percentage decrease of 1.78% - 3 in favour 3 against, with the chairman having a casting vote the motion was carried.

For information only: County Cllr Drummond has advised discussions are ongoing regarding having either a staggered junction, a Stop sign rather than a Give Way sign or an illuminated sign at Gypsy Boy's junction.

An invitation to be sent to the Police, Matthew Fox and the MP to attend the next parish council meeting to discuss issues directly affecting Kentford. Cllr Baker to action.

Date of next meeting : 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm.