



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7pm at  
Monkston Community Centre, St Bartholomew's, Monkston MK10 9FJ**

**Members present:** Cllr S Fisk (Chair), Cllr B Pearson (Vice-Chair), Cllr V Chandra, Cllr M Hippey, Cllr M Miller, Cllr L Reade (until 8pm), Cllr A Wong, Cllr D Rainbow) Cllr S Deshmukh

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor J Ferrans and two members of the public

**Locum Clerk:** P Truppin

Minute ref	Item
<b>FC 210/25</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
	Apologies were received from received from Cllrs Boungou-Pouaty, and Patel.  It was RESOLVED to accept apologies.
<b>FC 211/25</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
	There were no declarations of interest.
<b>FC 212/25</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>
	<p>There was one question from members of the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing issues with traffic and litter on Kingston. There does not appear to be any progress with the issues which have been ongoing for over 1 year. The Locum Clerk reiterated that it is the responsibility of Highways and MKCC and not the Parish Council. The Parish Council will write again to MKCC to push for action and he added that the more people who log a complaint with MKCC the more likely they will do something. Cllr Hippey explained that the council has tried to put waste bins on Kingston but Highways have said no. Cllr Hippey is going to approach them again.</li> </ul> <p>It was RESOLVED to suspend 3f and 3g to extend the time for public participation beyond the allocated 15 minutes.</p> <p>City Councillor J Ferrans reported on these matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MKCC budget: There is more money in the budget for Highways. She suggested the Parish Council look at the Local Highways Plan.</li> <li>• Kingston traffic/waste issues: Cllr Ferrans will work with the public to push the City Council and Highways to move forward.</li> </ul> <p>These updates were noted by the Council.</p>

<b>FC 213/25</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 as a true and accurate record, and that they be signed by the Chair.
<b>FC 214/25</b>	<b>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MATTERS</b>
	a) It was RESOLVED to receive the draft minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026. b) It was RESOLVED that Cllr B Pearson be appointed to the Personnel Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2025/2026
<b>FC 215/25</b>	<b>MARCUS YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b>
	It was RESOLVED to extend the current contract with Marcus Young Environmental Services for a further 12-month period under financial regulation 5.12.iii. Once a new permanent Clerk is in post they will be able to review this for the following year.
<b>FC 216/25</b>	<b>RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF OFFICER/CLERK/RFO</b>
	It was noted that the Personnel Committee held on 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 had resolved to recommend to Full Council that CHRGS be engaged to carry out this work  It was RESOLVED that the contract with CHRGS would be extended and they would be tasked to source a full-time, permanent Clerk. under financial regulation 5.12.iii. CHRGS will continue to provide HR support and advice.

<b>FC 217/25</b>	<b>FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS</b>				
	It was RESOLVED to note the payments made by the Clerk/RFO between meetings using delegated powers under financial regulation 6.9.iii:				
	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Invoice No</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Power to pay</b>
	CHRGS	INV-0088	£1,182.00	Recruitment Costs	Paid 03/03/26
	Christ the King Church	FC203/25	£1,000.00	Renew Café Grant	Paid 03/03/26
	Marcus Young Environmental Services	4777	£6,662.58	Supply & Installation of bins	Paid 03/03/26
	Marcus Young Environmental Services	4796	£5,299.20	Supply & Installation of bins	Paid 03/03/26
	Marcus Young Environmental Services	4783	£1,360.80	Bin Emptying – February 2026	Paid 03/03/26
	Monkston Community Centre	INV-1791	£31.88	Meeting Room Hire on 24/01/2026	Paid 03/03/26

	Parish Council Websites	INV-4276	£396.00	Web Hosting & Domain Renewal	Paid 03/03/26
	LGPS	Pension-Dec'25	£1,051.24	Pensions – December '25	Paid 03/03/26
	LGPS	Pension-Feb'26	£324.19	Pensions – February'26	Paid 03/03/26
<b>FC 218/25</b>	<b>COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNTS</b>				
	<p>After discussion, it was RESOLVED that Amanda Harmsworth have 'read only' access to bank accounts and access to post documents as required.</p> <p><i>Cllr Reade left the meeting at 8pm.</i></p>				

<b>FC 219/25</b>	<b>GRANT APPLICATION</b>				
	It was RESOLVED to reject the grant application from Heronsgate School as there were very few children in the Parish who would benefit from the Forrest School.				
<b>FC 220/25</b>	<b>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b>				
	It was RESOLVED that in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted.				
<b>FC 221/25</b>	<b>INTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS</b>				
	<p>The Locum Clerk reported that two quotes had been received both under the level required under financial regulation 5.9. More quotes had been sourced but no responses were received.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that Andy Beams from Mulberry LAS Ltd be appointed as internal auditor. The Locum Clerk will make arrangements for him to get started as soon as possible.</p>				
<b>FC 222/25</b>	<b>READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b>				
	It was RESOLVED that the confidential business having been concluded, the press and public be readmitted to the meeting.				

<b>FC 223/25</b>	<b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b>				
	It was noted that the date of the next Ordinary Council meeting is Tuesday 14 <sup>TH</sup> April 2026.				

The meeting closed at 20:32

Signed by: .....  
Chair

Date: .....