KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
Notice of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 14th October 2025 at 19.00

ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS
(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

You are summoned to the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, Tuesday, 14th October 2025 at 7.00pm in the Playing Field Pavilion, Kingston St Mary.

PUBLIC FORUM

(a) Matters for report only

(b) Questions and Representations from Residents

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting, other than on Planning Applications, or by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the meeting by asking questions, raising concerns or making representations, regarding Kingston St Mary Parish. No decision can be taken on issues raised unless the matter is already an item on the agenda. As this is not part of the formal meeting minutes will not be produced. This meeting may be recorded. If you do not wish to be recorded, please say so before making any statements or asking questions.

(c) Somerset Councillor's Report

Somerset Councillors may give short verbal reports on matters affecting the Parish as this is also not part of the meeting, minutes will not be produced.

AGENDA

Members are reminded that the Parish Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions; Equal Opportunities, Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety, Bullying & Harassment and Human Rights

1. **Attendance and Apologies**
2. **Councillors' Declaration of Interests**
3. **Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2025**
4. **Planning**

Applications:

Case Ref: 20/25/0033/T - Notification to carry out management works (reduction by 50%) to one Japanese Pagoda Tree within Kingston St. Mary Conservation Area at The Shop, Kingston Road, Kingston St. Mary

Case Ref: 20/25/0030/T - Notification to fell one ash tree and one linear group of self-set willow, sycamore, oak, hazel and ash (under mature beech) and to carry out management works to one oak tree within Kingston St. Mary Conservation Area at Garden Flat, Kingston Manor, Lodes Lane, Kingston St. Mary

Case Ref: 20/25/0031 - Replacement of garage with detached garage and storage building at Bobbetts Cottage, Kingston Road, Kingston St Mary

Case Ref: 38/25/0319 - Approval of reserved matters following Outline Application 38/23/0347 for the appearance, landscaping, scale and layout for the erection of 239 No. dwellings with associated drainage and infrastructure at Phase 1B, Staplegrove (West), Taunton

Conditional Approvals:

Case Ref: 38/25/0024 - Erection of car port at Westland House, Kingston Road, Kingston St Mary

Case Ref: 20/25/0028/T - Notification to fell one holly tree and one apple tree and to carry out management works to one cypress and one birch within Kingston St. Mary Conservation Area at Winstone, Winpenny Lane, Kingston St. Mary

Decision of No Objection - Trees was made on 04/09/2025.

Case Ref: 20/25/0029/T - Notification to fell two birch trees within Kingston St. Mary Conservation Area at Church Farmhouse, Church Lane, Kingston St. Mary

Decision of No Objection - Trees was made on 03/10/2025.

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Appeals:
Planning Application Ref: 22/25/0004/CQ
Appeal by: MR R GOTHARD Site: LOWER MARSH FARM, KINGSTON ROAD, KINGSTON ST MARY, TAUNTON, TA2 8AB Proposal: Application for Prior Approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to 1 No. dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations at Lower Marsh Farm, Kingston Road, Kingston St Mary

5. **Matters Outstanding from Previous Minutes**
   i. Internet Banking
   ii. Finger Posts
   iii. Kingston Road – temporary closure
   iv. Noticeboard – update
   v. Playing Field Shelter – update
   vi. Somerset Council Chair's Community Awards 2025 – nomination
   vii. Speed Indicator Device – Buncombe Hill
   viii. Parish Council Highway Works
   ix. Somerset Council Planning's Firebreak
   x. Kingston St Mary Rapid Response Catchment Area
   xi. Parish Council Preparedness Survey
6. **The Grange, Taunton School –** update
7. **Road markings at Mill Cross**
8. **AGAR 2024/25 –** Consider final external auditor report and decide action required
9. **AGAR 2025/26** – Assertion 10 - Digital & Data Compliance
10. **Somerset Community Working Group Review**
11. **The Swan** – update
12. **Community Health and Wellbeing Grant**
13. **Climate Emergency** – update and Climate and Emergency Action Plans
14. **Playing Field Committee** - update
15. **Local Community Network** - update
16. **Kingston St Mary Community Land Trust** - update
17. **Kingston Community Partnership –** update
18. **Financial Matters**
    To note the monthly bank reconciliation and authorise the following payments:
    £500.00 – Somerset Council Legal Services, fee for erection of noticeboard on the side of the highway in Edgeborough
    £3,609.00 – Heaver Bros Ltd – One trip (new) green container together with delivery, grafotherm treatment and padlock & key
    £252.00 – PKF Littlejohn LLP, Professional services rendered in connection with the Limited Assurance review of the AGAR return for year ended 31 March 2025
    £202.80 – Somerset Council, emptying of dog waste bins for Qtr 2, 1 July – 30 September 2025
    £500.00 – Link-up, Parish Council donation for 2025/26 financial year
19. **Items for Next Agenda**
20. **Items for Link Up and KSM Website**

Date of Next Meeting: 11th November 2025

Mrs Katie Gibbins, Parish Clerk
9th October 2025

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