



Kingston Seymour Annual Meetings Evening

Wednesday
20th May 2026

130th Annual Parish Meeting
Friends of All Saints Church AGM
Village Hall Charity and Trust AGM

7.15pm for 7.30pm

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Welcome & Introduction

7.30 pm 130th Annual Parish Meeting

8.10 pm Friends of All Saints Church AGM

8.30 pm Village Hall Charity and Trust AGM

9.00 pm *Bar open*

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Agenda

1. Minutes 129th Annual Parish Meeting
2. Parish Council Reports - 2025/26
3. Investing in the Parish
4. Financial Report - 2025/26
5. Open Forum

Minutes 129th Annual Parish Meeting

- ▶ Meeting took place on 21st May 2025
- ▶ Minutes to be formally signed by the Chairman and will be posted on the website



Parish Council Report 2025/26 (1 of 5)

EDF & Saltmarsh

- ▶ The saltmarsh issue has been on a **Soft Stop** whilst EDF have been testing acoustic fish deterrents (AFD's). They are however, yet to declare a "*hard stop*" on all saltmarsh investigation.
- ▶ We are informed by EDF that the AFD testing is providing excellent results independently reviewed by Swansea University. Current EDF plan to get agreement that all planning requirements are met by September 2026 so a **Hard Stop** can be confirmed.
- ▶ We were recently informed by EDF that Natural England are pushing for EDF to fund other projects as part of compensation for the Hinkley Point Scheme. EDF are adamant that no further measures are necessary. We are working with our MP Tessa Munt and other agencies to ensure this does not affect the expected **Hard Stop** to the saltmarsh scheme.

Sea Defences and the Shoreline Management Plan

- ▶ The EDF experience underlines the need to be proactive In protecting our parish from the sea, we will be engaging with the Environment Agency and other agencies including the drainage board and coastal alignment groups to ensure we have a long term, practical and sustainable plan for our coastline.

Parish Council Report 2025/26 (2 of 5)

River Maintenance

- ▶ We have made representations to the EA regarding the continuation of proper maintenance for our two main rivers - the Kenn and the Yeo

Wessex Water & Sewage Treatment Odours

- ▶ We experienced odours in parts of the village in the heat of last summer and we contacted Wessex Water and visited the treatment plant to find solutions.
- ▶ A report line was set up and advised to parishioners. Cooler weather looks to have taken the issue away but as summer approaches this year, we need to monitor.

Bristol Airport Expansion

- ▶ Granted permission in 2021, the airport can grow to 12m passengers per annum (ppa) (currently at 10.7m). An application has been submitted to grow further to 15m ppa.
- ▶ Significant changes will be made “on the ground” and an extra 3,000 daytime flights a year will be added. In addition, an extra 1,000 night flights (23.30 - 06.00) are sought. This is an increase of 1,000 flights - 3 a day on average.
- ▶ We can comment on behalf of the parish. *What are your thoughts on this expansion?*

Parish Council Report 2025/26 (3 of 5)

Coastal Footpath

- ▶ Although this has been authorised by the Secretary of State, progress to initiate the project at Natural England has been slow and NSC await an allocation of funding to enable them to establish the route. *Even though HM The King has announced it is open!*

Pier to Pier

- ▶ We continue to monitor its use and operation, particularly looking for opportunities for additional passing places to be added in our narrow lanes.

NSC - Public Rights of Way

- ▶ We work with NSC to maintain our network of public rights of way, but we face challenges over the lack of resources and funding at NSC. We made sure that the Duck Lane/Lampley Road junction was appropriately signed and lined as it was opened.

NSC - Local Plan

- ▶ We have kept a close watch on the NSC local plan where, following increases in Government targets, more sites were being sought to fulfil the shortfall. To date, there are no plans for further development in the Kingston Seymour parish.

Parish Council Report 2025/26 (4 of 5)

NSC - Roads & Potholes

- ▶ Recent events (*B3130 closure and local utility driven closures*) have caused upset to some residents and, whilst we maintain a good relationship with our allocated area officer, we are concerned that the control of roadworks is not fit for purpose. Furthermore, NSC departments do not seem to liaise - recently causing waste to not be collected when it could easily have been collected from most households.
- ▶ We will be taking this matter up with our District Councillors and NSC and *would welcome your views.*
- ▶ We know that we are a low priority relative to busier roads so we do urge parishioners to report potholes through the NSC website - as and when they emerge - and so that we earn some visibility.

Parish Council Report 2025/26 (5 of 5)

Village Environment

- ▶ We continue to fund the maintenance of roadside verges and hedges in order to help maintain safety on our lanes. We provided grants to the Magazine, for the Christmas Tree and for maintenance of the churchyard.
- ▶ We have insurance on the War Memorial, and funds are held to support any work that may be required on this important village asset.

NSC - Electoral Boundaries

- ▶ Recent boundary proposals by Government will see us remaining within the Yatton district for NSC Council representation with two councillors.
- ▶ Elections for District & parish councillors will take place in May 2027
- ▶ *If you are interested in standing for election to the parish council in May 2027, please have an informal chat with our parish clerk or one of the current councillors.*

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Investing in the Parish

Bus Shelter

- Following consultation with residents, we are investing in building a new shelter on the existing site using - as far as possible - natural and local products



Illustration Only

Village Fingerpost

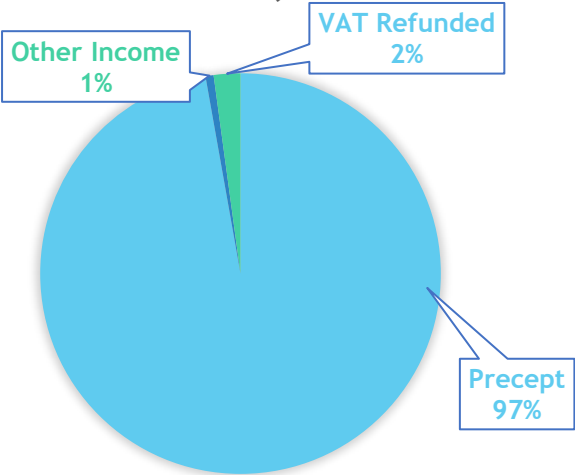
- It should have four “fingers” but last year one of the fingers was broken off by a passing vehicle and the weather is also now taking its toll.
- This is a key part of the village vernacular, and these signs are symbolic of Somerset’s rich heritage.
- We have identified a specialist contractor to undertake the work and are progressing this investment



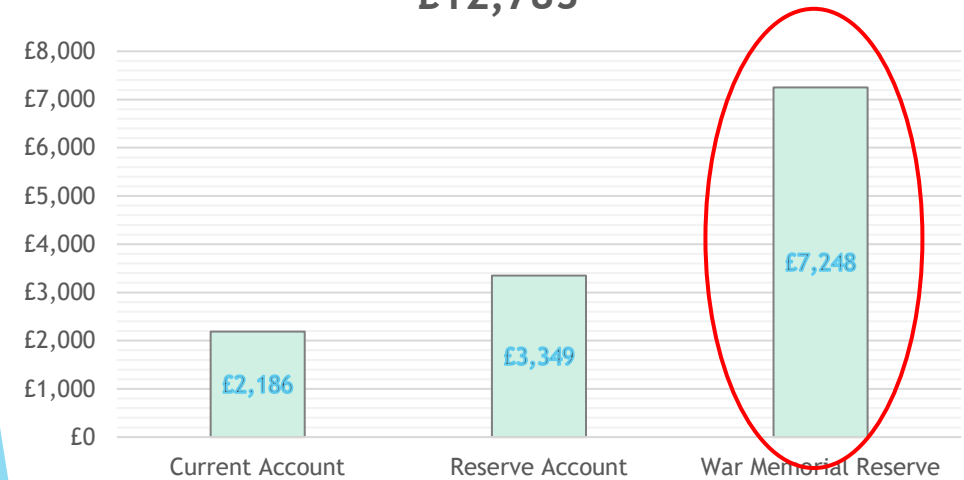
Parish Council Financial Report

01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026

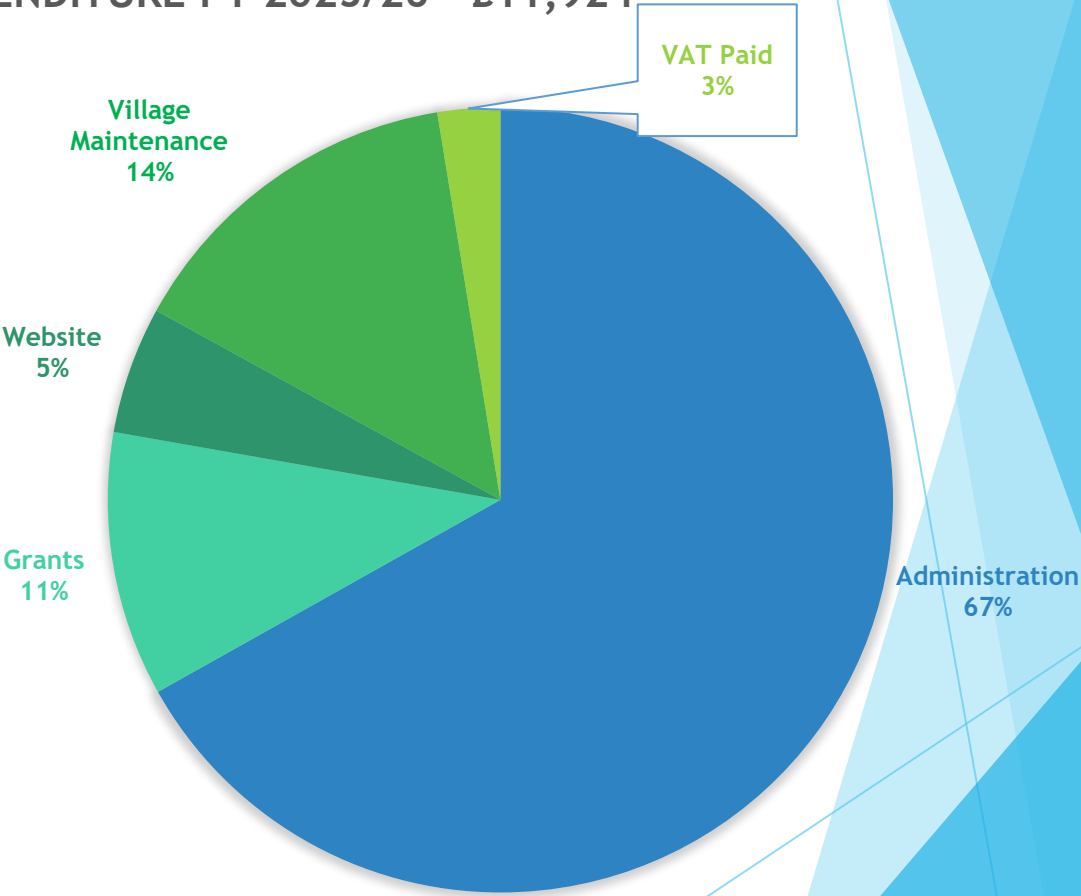
INCOME FY 2025/26 - £14,285



Balances as at 31st March 2026 - £12,783



EXPENDITURE FY 2025/26 - £11,924





Open Forum

A massive thank you to every group and individual - both represented in our proceedings this evening or not - who tirelessly give their time and effort to support our community

It is not always easy, but we are lucky that so many of our parish are willing to get stuck in.

***Please come again next year
Wednesday 26th May 2027***