

Minutes

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

1. **Register:** Andy, Ollie F, Sophie, Caitlin, Rhys, Leighton, Tilly, Avril, Isabel, Amelie B, Jasmine, Lily, Nellie, Ollie, Rafi, Issy, George, Kaia, Alice, Nia, Ariana
2. **Apologies:** Dani, Daisy, Amelie G.
3. **Welcome, Resignations and Introductions**
4. **Elections for Chair** Congrats to Ollie who was elected as Chair
5. **Election of Vice Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Media and Comms and Ass Media and Comms.** Congrats to all! Sophie as vice chair, Molly as secretary, Rhys as Assistant secretary, Lily as Media and Comms, Jasmine as Assistant Media and Comms.
6. **Election of Town Council Liaison posts and School Ambassador Posts.** Congrats to Amelie B who was elected as Town Council Liaison Jasmine as Deputy Town Council Liaison, Nellie as Broadlands Ambassador, Sophie as Wellsway ambassador.
7. **Minutes and Matters arising from the July Meeting** not on agenda. There were none
8. **Review of dark streets in Keynsham, members were asked to research this in August.** Tilly suggested areas such as the path through the memorial park from the train station as well as Steel Mill should have lighting installed.
9. **New Issues from Young People.** Rhys brought up issues of potholes on Gypsy Lane. Amelie told of opportunities for skeleton for 16-25 yr olds. **ACTION: Amelie to post details to group chat.**
10. **Westminster Trip Report.** Amelie expressed difficulty arranging trip to Westminster. **ACTION: Caitlin to try and contact Andy Burnham.** Later a Tic Tok video was attempted.
11. **Links to Chippenham Youth Council (Caitlin)** Discussion on whether we should meet on October 13th 5-6pm and share what we do in Keynsham Now and hear what Chippenham Youth Council does. **ACTION: Please vote on the poll on the group chat if you can come.**
12. **New Objectives for this Year.** Ideas for goals were brought up such as collaborating with schools for the community, fundraising bike rides, entering the spring show.
13. **A debate on the Monarchy?** Vote on if we should have a debate on the monarchy – For: 16 Against: 2 Abstain: 1. **ACTION: Sophie and Issy to research against whilst Rhys and Lily to research for.** “If I was Prime Minister, what would I do.” Discussion for a future meeting
14. **Update from the Subcommittee on Teviot Park,** 2 Consultation sessions
Next meeting 9th September, Meeting with Harpsicord Way residents on August 27th. Andy and others met with the friends of Teviot Road.
15. **September litter pick?** We reminisced on Andy’s hair & decided to postpone litter pick.
16. **Recruitment of New Members:** voluntary organisations: Butterflies, Girl Guides, assemblies at Wellsway, Broadlands and IKB. Andy has already organised meeting with Wellsway sixth form and planning to have a meeting the lower school and with Broadlands. Sophie and Alice volunteered to speak up at the assembly.
17. **KeynshamNow Homework and Future Topics** - Preparations for Life, Applying for jobs (interview technique etc), Insurance and Banking. Alternative Voting Systems:
18. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 5.30pm, in The Space