

SOUTH TRUMPINGTON PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in Trumpington Meadows Primary School on Thursday 30 April 2026 at 7pm

Present: D Thomas (Chair) plus 4 electors.

In attendance: K and P Colbert (TMVG), County Cllr Laurence Damary-Homan & County Cllr Peter Fane, 2 non-electors and B Stoehr (Clerk)

1. Election of Chair

RESOLVED that D Thomas be elected Chair. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
(Unanimous)

2. Election of Deputy Chair

None.

3. Appointment of working groups and areas of responsibility

None.

4. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the previous meeting on 22 January 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true record. (unanimous)

5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

5.1 Facebook posts

D Thomas reported that the Facebook post about the after-school sessions and Romsey Mill sessions had not yet been made.

The clubs were all full now following advertising by K Ostler.

5.2 COVID memorial tree

The COVID memorial tree had been planted and P Seviour was watering it bi-weekly.

5.3 Leaning tree

An attempt will be made tomorrow to straighten the tree.

6. To consider any grant applications received

Grant applications were considered.

The items relating to dog signs and grounds maintenance were taken together.

6.1 Application for dog signs & designation of Piper Green as "No Dogs"

The issue of dog mess and people using Piper Green for play and picnics was discussed. No enforcement was expected.

RESOLVED to fund two signs stating "No dog fouling on the Green" or similar for Railway Green and Piper Green, at a cost of up to £200.00.

Grounds maintenance

A discussion took place about grounds maintenance support and whether all or some areas should be treated. Shepherds Green was in the worst condition but may need other works before proceeding. Piper Green is the priority as it is used for community events.

RESOLVED to fund the maintenance of the areas as follows, to be paid by STPC direct:

Piper Green £760.00 (unanimous)

Railway Green £880.00 (unanimous)

RESOLVED to hold the maintenance of Shepherds Green at a cost of £460.00 in abeyance for the time being as this was not considered appropriate because other works were required first.

6.2 Application for an MVAS and 20mph repeaters

Consideration was given to applying for a grant for 20 mph speed signs. Cllr Damary-Homan explained the PFHI scheme which could be used to apply for MVAS units. He undertook to investigate this and report back.

The meeting was agreeable in principle to applying for the PFHI funding for a MVAS unit, along with brackets and ties, with any additional funding to come from TMCV.

RESOLVED to apply for a MVAS unit at a cost of up to £1,221.00.

7. Service Reviews/ updates

On a proposition by the Chair, the order of business was varied to take item 7.2 next.

7.2 Romsey Mill Youth Provision

The Annual Report was read by D Thomas and was noted.

7.1 After School Activities

The Chair read out the update on the After School Clubs. Three clubs were running and all were fully booked.

7.3 CNY Event and Summer Events

The Chinese New Year Event had been very successful, and a significant improvement over the previous year. A discussion took place about organisational support for the event and the possibility of changing the celebration on a cyclical basis such as for Diwali, Eid, etc, to celebrate different cultures.

The Summer Event is to take place on 21 June, to join in with celebrating ten years of the Wildlife Trust Meadow. Advertising will be taking place shortly.

An update was provided on a band/DJ, stalls, and some events to be held on the Meadow.

There will be a Community Clean-up Day the week before the event.

The bins at the Local Centre are to be removed and capped on 11 May. Thanks were expressed to Karen for persevering with this issue.

7.4 Covid-19 Day of Reflection and tree planting

It was noted that the tree had been received and planted, and was being watered by P Seviour.

The order of business was varied to take item 9 next.

9. Information items

9.1 District and County Councillors' Reports

The County Councillors' update was noted.

The M11 roundabout is being resurfaced in June along with some other local roads.

The report was noted.

District Council elections were taking place next week.

9.2 Updates from Community Groups

None

8. Finance and Policy

8.1 Receipt of the Finance Report and payment of bills

RESOLVED that the Finance Report be noted and agreed and to approve the payment of bills.

8.2 Review of banking signatories and banking arrangements

RESOLVED that J Randall and P Allen be removed as signatories.

8.3 To review the effectiveness of the internal controls and risk management

RESOLVED, having reviewed the effectiveness of the internal controls and risk management, that these were sufficient.

8.4 Review of Policies

The policies were reviewed.

RESOLVED to make the following changes:

- Child Protection Policy - change "Council" to "Meeting"
- Equal Opportunities Policy - add "Gender" to the list of discrimination types, and review the length of the policy.

8.5 To approve the Accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

8.5.1 To approve the Accounts for FY26

RESOLVED to approve the Accounts for FY26.

8.5.2 To prepare, consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1)

RESOLVED that the questions in the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) be all answered "Yes".

8.5.3 To consider, prepare and approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2)
RESOLVED that the Accounting Statements (Section 2) be approved.

8.5.4 To agree to declare the Parish Meeting exempt from External Audit for FY26
Not applicable.

8. Information items

Taken earlier.

There were no planning applications received for consideration.

10. Planning Applications & Consultations

10.1 East West Rail Consultation 2026
RESOLVED to make no response.

11. Date of and Items for Next Meeting & Closure of Meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting will be on Thursday 16 July 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.31 pm.

Signed (Chair): _____

Date: _____