



BEKESBOURNE-WITH-PATRIXBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

August 2025 Agenda Pack

Agenda Item 1: Those Present

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for Absence

Agenda Item 3: Declarations of councillor interests relevant to this agenda


The meeting is suspended for up to 15 minutes to allow discussion with members of the electorate of the parish of Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne present at the meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Public representation *(notified to the clerk in advance of the meeting, agenda items only)*

At the time of issuing this agenda pack, there have been no requests to speak.

Agenda Item 5: External Reports

Agenda Item 5.1 County Councillor Reports



Councillor Mike Sole's

monthly report

Kent County Councillor : Canterbury South
Canterbury City Councillor : Nailbourne

*Working for you all
all year round*

This is my monthly update for **July 2025**.

I am delighted to see that work is underway to make the bus stops at Breach (**Barham**) accessible for all bus passengers. This follows on from improvements last year in Kingston, and these changes, that I successfully lobbied for, will mean that those with limited mobility, wheelchair users and those with pushchairs will find it easier to access the **Fifth Trust**, whether students, staff or visitors.

At KCC I attended meeting in July of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee, the Flood Risk Management Committee, and The Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation Committee. I also attended the AGM of the Kent & Medway Fire and Rescue Authority. I have also had Canterbury City Council meetings of Cabinet and Full Council.

At KCC I raised the question of delays over Blue Badge processing times and received assurance that this would be reviewed.

I am aware that plots of land are again on the market in **St Augustine's** without full details of the planning restrictions on those sites. I have made the City Council aware, and enforcement officers have also visited and are closely monitoring a site where clearance work is taking place.

I attended the parish council meeting in **Adisham** and have been able to assist with grant funding for speed reduction measures. I also attended **Bishopsbourne** Parish Council and met up in **Lower Hardres** to discuss their parish council Highway Improvement Plan that will be used to lobby KCC for lower speed limits.

I took part in a successful joint surgery in **Bridge** with the KCC Community Warden and Kent Police Rural Task Force. It was good to discuss several issues with local residents.

On the KMTV politics show I discussed issues including crime, the cost of living, local government reorganisation and flooding where I challenged KCC to review the cleansing schedule of drains and review their capacity to deal with heavy rainfall.

Other issues worked on included school transport appeals, planning permission, pollution, ragwort, dogs, council tax, potholes, drainage, signs and road closures.



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Agenda Item 5.2 City Councillor Reports

Cllr Castle has been on annual leave.

Parish Council meeting resumes

Agenda Item 6: To confirm minutes of the previous meetings

To confirm minutes of both June 2025 plus Extraordinary June 2025 meeting.

Agenda Item 7: To report any matters arising *(from the previous meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda)*

None to report from the Clerk.

Agenda Item 8: Any s101 Delegated Authority items to be noted by council.

None

Agenda Item 9: Any updates from representatives from external groups *(if any)*

9.1 Recreation Ground Management Committee

None Received

9.2 Village Hall Management Committee

None Received

9.3 The River Group

9.4 KALC

9.5 A257 Traffic Management Group

Agenda Item 10:Highways Matters

10.1 20mph limit at Patrixbourne

The 20mph scheme remains on track, with all necessary data now compiled and formally submitted to KCC for their review. We are currently awaiting the scheduled meeting with KCC to discuss the findings and agree the next steps, ensuring the scheme continues to progress.

10.2 Any new matters to raise

10.3 Speedwatch

No updates.

Agenda Item 11: Finance Matters

11.1 To note July/August payment schedule & approve any new payments.

July/August Payment Schedule

Payments Made Since the last meeting as per financial Regulation 6.8 iii.

Payment	Amount
Hugo Fox Ltd Website fee	£23.99
July Salary	As Per Salary Slip

Payments Due for Approval:

Recipient	Detail	Amount
N. Purcell	July/August phone bill	£10.00
Hugo Fox Ltd	Website fee	£23.99
N. Purcell	July HP Ink Subscription	£9.99
N. Purcell	August Salary	As Per Salary Slip

11.2 To Approve the Q1 Bank Accounts (April-June)

Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne Parish Council							
Quarter 1 Accounts 2025/26 (1st April-30th June)							
Receipts				Payments			
Date	Ref	RECEIPTS	£	Date cleared	Reference:	PAYMENTS	£
03.04.25	GBC	CFF	£ 4,288.00	15.04.25	DD	Hugofox Ltd	£ 23.99
01.05.25	BGC	Precept	£ 23,389.00	22.04.25	PAY	Bank Service Charge	£ 4.25
				30.04.25	SO	Staff Salary	£ 867.53
				19.05.25	PAY	Bank Service Charge	£ 4.25
				30.05.25	SO	Staff Salary	£ 867.53
				04.06.25	FPO	RGMC Grant	£ 1,172.77
				04.06.25	FPO	RGMC CFF Funds	£ 4,093.00
				04.06.25	FPO	Staff expenses Phone	£ 10.00
				04.06.25	FPO	Staff expenses Ink	£ 9.99
				04.06.25	FPO	AJG Insurance	£ 1400.02
				04.06.25	FPO	Safeplay Ltd	£ 236.28
				04.06.25	FPO	KALC Subscription	£ 435.07
				04.06.25	FPO	SLCC Membership	£ 202.00
				16.06.25	DD	Hugofox Ltd	£ 23.99
				16.06.25	FPO	Forviz Mazars LLP	£ 252.00
				17.06.25	PAY	Bank Service Charge	£ 4.25
				30.06.25	SO	Staff Salary	£ 867.53
				Total Payments			£ 9,124.68
Total Receipts			£ 27,677.00				

11.3 S106 Funding (Updates)

Creative Play remains booked for September. Awaiting confirmation from the s106 officer regarding the fencing quote and RGMC works; no response received to date. Will escalate the matter with Cllr Castle. Are council happy for me to lodge a complaint on behalf of the council, as we were not informed about the funding for years, then told we only had until winter 2025 to spend it, and are now not hearing back from the officer.

Agenda Item 12: Planning

12.1 To Receive Updates on previous consultee responses

No updates.

12.2 To Discuss any new applications

No new applications received.

Agenda Item 13: Allotments

13.1 Any Updates

Allotment contracts have been postponed following feedback from tenants that they would prefer the contract period to align with growing season.

13.2 Any new matters to report

None

Agenda Item 14: Correspondence

None received.

Agenda Item 15: Kent Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (*any updates*)

Stage	Status/Deadline
Devolution (fast-track bid)	Rejected in Feb 2025
Interim reorganisation proposals	Submitted 21 March 2025
Government feedback received	15 May 2025
Full reorganisation proposal	Due by 28 November 2025
Public consultation & planning work	Ongoing throughout 2025
Target for transition to unitary councils	By April–May 2028
Strategic authority devolution	After reorganisation

Agenda Item 16:Independent Internal audit report

This has been circulated to councillors ahead of the meeting.

Agenda Item 17: Staff Matters (*Confidential to be held under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960*)

Agenda Item 17: Next Meeting Date

8th September 2025