

KINGS SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF KEY OBJECTIVES: 2026/27

The Statement's aim is to identify the key initiatives that the Parish Council will focus on to ensure King's Sutton continues to be a vibrant village, providing outstanding quality of life for current and future generations.

1 Development Areas:

1.1 Communications:

- Promoting village activities through the various communication channels

1.2 Community Safety:

- Maintaining links with local police officers
- Project to address speeding issues

1.3 Governance and Management:

- Establishing links with the political structure of West Northants
- Legacy System Upgrade to Cloud

1.4 Local Facilities:

- Continued monitoring of all safety surfacing for suitability
- Progressing the Cemetery Extension
- Upgrading Footpath Lighting
- Preservation of Heritage Sites

1.5 Recreation and Leisure:

- Upgrading of footpaths: installation of kissing gates to replace stiles (currently on hold)
- Footpath AS10 diversion
- Escalation of Definitive Map Modification Orders
- Village Activities
- Projective to redevelop toddler area for inclusive play

1.6 Sustainability and Green Issues:

- Proactively aiming to reduce village's carbon footprint
- Increasing biodiversity in the village
- Project to alleviate flooding in village areas

1.7 Transport and Traffic:

- Lobbying to improve road surfaces
- Lobbying to re-introduce bus services

2 Action Plan/Monitoring and Review

Development Ideas	Objective	Lead	Notes/Progress/Outcomes
1. Communications and Engagement	- Promoting village activities through various communication channels - Promoting biodiversity themes through various communication channels	DB DB/DW	Ongoing
2. Community Safety	- Maintaining links with local police officers - Lobbying to implement design improvements to chicane - Application for 20mph limit	AB RB SWo	Ongoing Speed monitoring report and updates on costings awaited from Kier Case rejected by the Speed Panel – June 2026
3. Governance and Management	- Establishing links with political structure of West Northamptonshire - Legacy system upgrade to Cloud	RB Clerk Clerk	Good links established with principal Planning Officers and Unitary Councillors Engage with WNC Parish events Ongoing – engagements with WNC and NCALC events Brightpay upgraded April 2025 Accounting transferred to Scribe from April 2025 Asset register to be transferred summer 2026 Cemetery data to transfer to Access August 2026 (Hard drive for additional backup)
4. Local Facilities	- Continued monitoring of all play area safety surfacing for suitability - Progressing Cemetery Extension	SWi/ Clerk DW/JC Clerk	Ongoing Budget to be reviewed and planned timescales for construction phase agreed. Concept of a natural burial site being explored

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	- Lobbying to re-introduce bus services - Lobbying to re-introduce an "Ability" service replacement - WNC Rail Policy – KS to be a trial hub	RB RB	Raising the profile of King's Sutton's needs when new services are being allocated Lobbying MP, WNC and supporting solutions for a new service.
2021-26 Completed Objectives		Outcome	
Cemetery extension: preparatory work		Planning approval granted Land purchase completed 1 st March 2023 after archaeological works completed Fencing has been erected and gate installed. Access road requirements have been agreed and preliminary quotes obtained. Planning conditions have been discharged	
Project to address speeding issues		Chicane installed June 2024 Four new Vehicle Activated Signs have been installed; one in Mill Lane and three on Astrop Road.	
Installation of electric vehicle charge points		Installation completed June 2023, no cost to PC and the KSMMH receives a share of the profit	
Updating Photography on Village Website		Photography competition held with a first prize of £150, second prize £50. 31 individual village photographers entered the competition with a total of 124 unique images submitted	
Producing an Emergency Plan		Plan Approved and will be reviewed every three years	
Installing safety surfacing on Rec		Phase 1 (toddler area) -Completed July 2021 Cost £8797.50 Phase 2 (zip wire, double swing and play mound) – January 2022 Cost £12,915 Phase 3: rubber mulch installed under the slide of the multiplay unit April 2023 Cost £2350	
Installing CCTV at Millennium Hall		Installation complete. Cost £3088 Memorandum of Understanding and Policy adopted	
Supporting village clubs and activities post Pandemic		Grant applications awarded: KS Playing Fields (CCTV installation): £1848 KS Preschool (equipment): £2697 KS Tennis Club development £4000 It's for the Kids (playground and outdoor learning) £4000 KS Football Club (new mower purchased) PCC – Church grant of £4000 awarded	

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	KS Preschool - £1250 sustainability grant (washing machine) Baptist Church £1750 (water trough) KS Preschool (laptop) £600 KS Beekeepers £300
Annual Christmas Fayre	Now established as annual event (paused 2025)
Involvement in Plant a Tree for the Jubilee Scheme	Tree locations and types, number selected. Eight trees planted February 2023
Reviewing frequency of trains stopping at King's Sutton	Additional service added
LED lighting conversion	Phase 1 – all standard lights – completed November 2023 £14,740 Phase 2 – 15 Heritage lights £11,816 – Spring 2024 Phase 3 – 5 Heritage lights £3940 - Spring 2025 Phase 4 - 6 Heritage lights £4608 – November 2025 Phase 4 – 6 Heritage lights £4608 – January 2026
Inclusive Play Toddler Equipment	Installed May 2026 – cost £36,759
Community Gym	Installed on the Rec – cost £27,200
Projects aimed at reducing village's carbon footprint/improving biodiversity/ responding to climate change	A Call to Action Paper approved by the Parish Council together with Annual Plan ran to Sept 2024 Bird and Bat Boxes on the Rec and in the Cemetery Orchard on Windsor Close Lavender Plants planted Community Resilience and Response Group Established Flood Warden Training undertaken
Community Beekeeping Project	Seed funding for start-up of group provided (hives, bees, equipment and training). Warden remit agreed. First honey produced May 2025.
Bus Shelter Library	Shelving installed - £680 - June 2022 Low wall built - £1480 - April 2024 Noticeboard purchased - £35 - February 2025 Redecorated - £890 - June 2025
Dog Bin Provision	Two new bins installed 2025-26: The Willows and Hampton Drive