



KING'S POND COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER FOCUS GROUP

TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2026

6:30 PM

TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present:	Councillors	Councillor Don Hammond (DH) Councillor Chris Botten (CB)
	C&SFG members	Jenny Griffiths – AVLAN (JG) James Willis – Resident (JW) Terri Quincey – Resident (TQ) Will Seabury – KP Preservation Society (WS)
	T&FG members	Paul Ebbutt (TP) Eric Phillips (EP)
	Officers	Tom Horwood – Town Clerk (TH) Hayley Carter – Deputy Town Clerk (HC) Natalie Beckell – Events and Marketing Lead (NB)
	Others	EHD Councillor Ginny Boxall 2 members of the public

1. Welcome & Introductions

TH welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.
Each person around the table introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for Absence

Group members – Dr June Chatfield, Charles Kaye, Olivia Paynter, David Simpkins, Cathy Wilson, Ryan Doran
T&F Group members – Councillor John Quincey (JQ), Tim Pinchen (TP)

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2025 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Report from Alton Town Council

HC gave a brief update on the works to paths, tree works and treatment of invasive species.

5. Full Council Meeting 4 February 2026

TH gave a summary of what had happened in the meeting, which had been completely dedicated to King's Pond.

6. Report from the Task & Finish Group

DH went through the presentation, the slides of which can be found on the Alton Town Council website at <https://www.alton.gov.uk/kings-pond-project/>

He emphasised that the project is very much in Stage One – getting design and costing done to the point of public consultation with flood risk assessment for the pond and river option.

A list of engineering sub-projects have been identified, which include Ashdell Road drainage, Lasham drain and the dam. These are things that cannot happen without involvement from other agencies so are outside the immediate control of the Town Council.

There were questions and discussion throughout with members of the C&SFG and after the presentation members of the public were invited to ask any questions.

7. Next Steps

- Complete Stage One tender process
- Full Council to decide on appointment of design contractor
- Complete Stage One to public consultation
- In the meantime:
 - Continue investigation of engineering sub-projects
 - Complete all ecological surveys and investigations

8. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15 July, time and location TBC

The meeting closed at 19.37