

## ***FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL***

### **To RECEIVE questions from the Public:**

The first ten minutes are available for public participation before the start of the meeting. During this time, members of the public may ask questions or make representations, in respect of business on the agenda. Members of the public may only speak at other points during the meeting if they have knowledge or information that will aid the discussion and will only speak at the Chair's discretion.

### **AGENDA INFORMATION**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** To receive and accept apologies for absence.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR A DISPENSATION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA,** as required by the Members Code of Conduct.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** To RESOLVE that the minutes of the annual meeting of Firle Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 are a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4. FINANCE/ADMIN:**
  - 4.1 To AUTHORISE payments to be made in July and to RECEIVE and SIGN the bank reconciliation.
  - 4.2 To RECEIVE further details of the timescales for spending CIL monies.

Thank you for your email.

I am afraid that the 5 year deadline is per payment. You can of course wait and group the payments together, but the oldest payment of £830.40 will need to be spent by the end of September 2029 and so on.
  - 4.3 To RESOLVE to pay for the summer mow of the Millennium Woods.
- 5. TO SIGN THE LEGAL AGREEMENT WITH FIRLE VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS.**
- 6. GRANT AWARDS/\$137.**
- 7. REPORT(S):**
  - 7.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
  - 8.1 Southdowns National Park – Vanessa Rowlands.

I am one of the two East Sussex Parish members on the South Downs National Park board and I am also Chair of the board. This is a big year for the Authority as it produces its two most important documents that will determine how the National Parks is managed for the future. They are the Partnership Management Plan and the Local Plan. Thank you so much for all your input into the consultations we have conducted this year. I wanted to see if you would like me to come and speak at one of your meetings. I can discuss these two plans and where they are in their production cycle and also share thoughts on devolution. I would very much like to hear what is of importance in your parish.
  - 8.2 Thank you – ActionAgainstAbuse.
- 9. HIGHWAYS:**
  - 9.1 To RECEIVE an update on repairs to the pothole outside the village hall.
  - 9.2 To RESOLVE to clear/clean and report any 30mph signs in the village that need attention.
- 10. PLANNING: Applications Received:**
  - 10.1 **SDNP/25/01672/FUL Proposal:** Installation of PV panels to pitched roofs and replacement of existing roof covering with new concrete tiles to 5no bungalows **Location:** 1,3,4,5 And 7 School Bungalows, Bostal Road, Firle, East Sussex. (comments by 15 July 2025).
  - 10.2 **SDNP/25/02540/TCA Proposal:** T1- Cherry- Reduce height and width of crown by 2m keeping wound size to a minimum, cutting to suitable growth points, keeping wound size to a minimum, leaving a well balanced crown- the tree is excessively shading the garden and the work will reduce sail effect reducing the risk of limb failure **Location:** 18 The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6NR. (comments by 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025).
- 11. MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 11.1 To RECEIVE any further plans proposed for the car park and to AGREE any actions.
  - 11.2 To RECEIVE an update and AGREE any works to repair the wall in front of the memorial.
  - 11.3 To RESOLVE to support VJ Day activities on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
  - 11.4 To RECEIVE information on electric car charging points.

Some parish council have started to install charging points.

These seem to be in areas where the county council has a funding initiative to support them being installed by parish councils.

Lewes District Council don't seem to have such a scheme as yet – it might be worth asking Johnny Denis to look into this.

I couldn't find details of any parish councils that have done this in Sussex.

The only grant I could see was LEVI but this is for the local authority and not parish councils.

From info that I found:

If funding is awarded to a parish, it seems to come with guidance around how far the charging point should be from residents (a certain walking distance from houses with only on street parking).

2 bays seem to always be required.

24 hour access seems to be required with no gates.

A plan for the ongoing management, financing and maintenance of the charging point needs to be developed.

A parish council needs to use the General Power of Competence to allow it to charge for charging.

I could see any kind of costs for having a charging point but I get the feeling that it would be significant and that the parish council would need to provide some funding contribution if it manages to secure government funding. I have asked SDNPA if the CIL funding can be used for such a thing.

**12. PROJECTS:**

**12.1 Assets of Community Value**

12.1.1 To RECEIVE an update on the nomination of the Millennium Woods and the Allotments as an Asset of Community Value.

**13. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE.**

**14. TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.**

**15. TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**