

FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 10th February 2026, 7.00pm** Firle Village Hall. ~~Lorna Thwaites~~, Firle Parish Clerk, Wednesday 4th February 2026.

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

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 ordinary meeting of Firle Parish Council held on 13th January 2026 are a correct record and signed by the Chair.
4. **FINANCE/ADMIN:**
 - 4.1 To AUTHORISE payments to be made in February and to RECEIVE and SIGN the bank reconciliation.
 - 4.2 To AGREE Tuesday 5th May 2026 as an alternative date for the Annual Parish Meeting.
5. **TO RESOLVE TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR BY CO-OPTION.**
6. **REPORT(S):**
 - 6.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
 - 6.2 To RECEIVE the draft minutes and presentation of the LDALC meeting of 15 January 26.
 - 6.3 To RECEIVE a verbal report on the transfer of planning services from LDC to SDNP – Cllr Hill.
7. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - 7.1 To RECEIVE an update on the fixing of the dog fouling warning sign to the gate – Cllr Symes.
 - 7.2 To RECEIVE a response to the email sent to Firle Bonfire Society.
 - 7.3 To RECEIVE an update on fly tipping in the village – Cllr Hill.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
 - 8.1 Lewes Local Plan Consultation, Reg 18 Questionnaire – LDALC Secretary.
 - 8.2 Neighbourhood Planning Note – ESALC.
 - 8.3 PMP is now live – SDNP.
 - 8.4 Memorial wooden bench in Firle Cricket Club – parishioner.
9. **HIGHWAYS:**
 - 9.1 To RECEIVE an update on the blocked drains by Redwood Cottage in Wick Street – Cllr Barr.
 - 9.2 To RECEIVE an update on the blocked drain 42B, the Bostal – Cllr Lance.
 - 9.3 To RECEIVE an update on the repairs to The Street sign.
10. **PLANNING: Applications Received:**
 - 10.1 **SDNP/26/00008/TCA Proposal:** T1- Sycamore- Pollard at 5-6m- to alleviate further branch failure over the office and parking area; permitting the tree to be retained and form a new canopy **Location:** The Old Smithy, The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6NS (comments by 5th February).
 - 10.2 **SDNP/26/00107/TCA Proposal:** T16.1- Ash with a Hollow Stem & an Extensive Cavity- Dismantle to Base T16.2- Ash with a Dead Top & an Extensive Stem Cavity w/ Fruiting Body- Dismantle to Base T16.4- Ash x2no. with Minor Deadwood throughout canopy, with a pronounced Lean over Stables & Parking Area- Dismantle to Base **Location:** Firle Place, The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6LP (comments by 6th February).
11. **PROJECTS:**
 - 11.1 **Footpath**
 - 11.1.1 To RECEIVE information further to the investigations of Cllr Barr on the footpath on the western side of The Street – Cllr Barr.
 - 11.2 **Assets of Community Value**
 - 11.2.1 To RECEIVE an update on the nomination of the Millennium Woods and the Allotments as an ACV.
12. **TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE.**
13. **TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.**
14. **TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**