

FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 13th Oct 2026, 7pm** Firle Village Hall. ~~Lorna Thwaites~~, Firle Parish Clerk, Wednesday 7th October 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 Chairman'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 8th Sept 2026 are a correct record and signed by the Chair.
4. **FINANCE & ADMIN:**
 - 4.1 To RECEIVE and SIGN the October finance report and bank reconciliation and AUTHORISE payments to be made.
 - 4.2 To DISCUSS the direction of the 2027/8 budget and initial precept thoughts.
 - 4.3 To AGREE Clerk's leave request.
5. **GRANT AWARDS:**
6. **REPORT(S):**
 - 6.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
 - 6.2 To RECEIVE the presentations from the SDNPA Parishes Meeting of 30 September 2026.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** To RECEIVE the following correspondence and AGREE any actions:
 - 7.1 From low(er) Traffic Lewes to a Movement Strategy to a Master Plan for Lewes (28 Oct).
 - 7.2 6 May 2027 Local Elections Estimated Costs – LDC.
 - 7.3 Government Policy Change Forces pause and review of Lewes Local Plan – LDC.
8. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - 8.1 To AGREE any action to take to update the Firle Emergency Plan.
 - 8.2 To RECEIVE an update on the litter bin order for the Cricket Ground and to AGREE whether to allocate the cost to CIL Funding.
 - 8.3 To RECEIVE an update on the letters sent to residents regarding overgrown foliage.
 - 8.4 To RECEIVE an update on proposed speed reduction measures around Firle Primary School – Cllr Hill.
 - 8.5 To RECEIVE information regarding a sewage leak at Cornes Cottage, the Dock – Cllr Hill.
 - 8.6 To RECEIVE an update on the playing fields proposal – Cllr Hill.
9. **HIGHWAYS:**
 - 9.1 To RECEIVE an update on the reporting of the faded road markings by Firle Primary School.
10. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** To AGREE comments for any applications received:
 - 10.1 **SDNP/26/03416/FUL: Proposal:** Change of use of an agricultural barn to a bakery (Class B2) and brewery storage (Class B8) with building alterations including internal subdivision, the creation of a new vehicular access, car parking and associated landscaping; **Location:** Place Farm, The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6LP (comments by 16th Oct)
11. **TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE.**
12. **TO PROPOSE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.**
13. **TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.**
14. **TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**