

FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 9th December 2025, 7.00pm** Firle Village Hall. **Lorna Thwaites**, Firle Parish Clerk, Wednesday 3rd December 2025.

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 11th November 2025 are a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4. FINANCE/ADMIN:**
 - 4.1 To AUTHORISE payments to be made in December and to RECEIVE and SIGN the bank reconciliation.
- 5. BUDGET 2026-27:**
 - 5.1 To AGREE the second draft of the budget and to RESOLVE to set the precept 2026-2027.
 - 5.2 To AGREE the allocation of reserves for 2026-2027.
- 6. TO SIGN THE LEGAL AGREEMENT WITH FIRLE VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS.**
- 7. TO AGREE ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE WHOLE ESTATE PLAN – FIRLE ESTATE.**
- 8. REPORT(S):**
 - 8.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
- 9. MATTERS ARISING:**
 - 9.1 To RECEIVE any responses to the letters and emails sent from Firle Parish Council with regards to Biosolids.
 - 9.2 To RECEIVE an update on the placement of dog fouling warning signs to use in parts of the village – Cllr Hill.
 - 9.3 To RECEIVE a response to the email sent to Firle Bonfire Society.
 - 9.4 To RESOLVE which option to select with ESCC for urban grass cutting 2026-27.
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
 - 10.1 Update on SDNP Planning in Lewes District – SDNPA.
 - 10.2 Consultation on Local Government re-organisation – LDC.
 - 10.3 Tree Warden Training – ESCC.
- 11. HIGHWAYS:**
 - 11.1 To RECEIVE an update on the blocked drains by Redwood Cottage in Wick Street – Cllr Barr.
 - 11.2 To RECEIVE an update on the repairs to The Street sign.
- 12. PLANNING:** Applications Received:
 - 12.1 To RATIFY the recommendation and comments agreed for **SDNP/25/04284/TCA** – Church House.
 - 12.2 **SDNP/25/04538/TCA Proposal:** T1. Willow- Remove Hazard Beams and Dead Branches and Reduce & Reshape Canopy by 4m. T2. Holly- Crown Lift to 2.5m AGL, Crown Reduce & Reshape by 1.5m. T3. Elder- Dead Stems: Fell & Remove. Replace with Malus or Prunus. T4. Ash- Crown Reduction by 3m & Remove Limb (0.5m-South). **Location:** 29A The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6NS (comments by 12 Dec 25).
- 13. PROJECTS:**
 - 13.1 Footpath**
 - 13.1.1 To DISCUSS the possibility of re-instating the footpath on the western side of The Street – Cllr Barr.
 - 13.2 Assets of Community Value**
 - 13.2.1 To RECEIVE an update on the nomination of the Millennium Woods and the Allotments as an ACV.
- 14. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE.**
- 15. TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.**
- 16. TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**