

## **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025, 7.00pm** Firle Village Hall. *Corina Thwaites*, Firle Parish Clerk, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 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 annual meeting of Firle Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 are a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4. FINANCE/ADMIN:**
  - 4.1 To AUTHORISE payments to be made in September and to RECEIVE and SIGN the bank reconciliation.
  - 4.2 To RECEIVE the notification of Exempt Status from the external auditor.
  - 4.3 To RECEIVE details of the NALC 2025/26 Pay Award and to RESOLVE to implement.
  - 4.4 To RESOLVE to adopt the revised Standing Orders based on the NALC model orders 2025.
  - 4.5 To RESOLVE to adopt the revised Financial Regulations based on the NALC model regulations 2025.
- 5. TO SIGN THE LEGAL AGREEMENT WITH FIRLE VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS.**
- 6. GRANT AWARDS/S137.**
- 7. REPORT(S):**
  - 7.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
  - 7.2 To RECEIVE a brief verbal report of the Q&A session with James MacCleary M.P.
- 8. MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 8.1 To RECEIVE any further plans proposed for the car park and to AGREE any actions.
  - 8.2 To RECEIVE an update and AGREE any works to repair the wall in front of the memorial.
  - 8.3 To RECEIVE details of the LDC aim to improve recycling and their proposed move to fortnightly refuse (black sack waste) collections from November 2025.
  - 8.4 To RECEIVE information on electric car charging points – Cllr Bolger.
  - 8.5 To RESOLVE to support a bus service from Ringmer and Newhaven to Firle Village School – Cllr Hill.
  - 8.6 To RECEIVE an update on the application of sludge to the nearby fields and to AGREE any actions – Cllr Hill.
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
  - 9.1 A new working practice for temporary road safety posters – Traffic Safety ESCC.
  - 9.2 Village Car Park – B.Baines.
  - 9.3 Restoration – M.Axwell.
  - 9.4 Safe Space Sussex Growth Campaign – Sussex PCC.
  - 9.5 Community Pitch Funding – Cllr Denis.
  - 9.6 Invitation to Climate and Nature Partnership Event – B.Mabey.
  - 9.7 Road Closure Application – J.Richards.
  - 9.8 Southdowns National Park – V.Rowlands.
  - 9.9 Continuum Visit – FVHPFC Secretary.
- 10. HIGHWAYS:**
  - 10.1 To RECEIVE an update on repairs to the pothole outside the village hall.
  - 10.2 To RESOLVE to clear/clean and report any 30mph signs in the village that need attention.
  - 10.3 To RESOLVE to trim back foliage covering up the village sign at the entrance to the village at Crossways – Cllr Barr.
- 11. PLANNING: Applications Received:**
  - 11.1 SDNP/25/03339/LDE Proposal:** Use of land as campsite intermittently since 2015 **Location:** Land adjacent to Heighton Street, Firle, East Sussex (**comments by 15<sup>th</sup> September**).
  - 11.2 SDNP/25/03333/FUL Proposal:** Replacement of existing wall and roof cladding, installation of 2no WC's and soil treatment plant **Location:** Firle Estate Off Heighton Street, Firle, East Sussex (**comments by 16<sup>th</sup> September**).

11.3 **SDNP/25/03417/TCA Proposal:** G1- Beech Hedge- Remove 6m section to widen existing field access and install new gates **Location:** 53 Crossways, Wick Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6LG (comments by 3<sup>rd</sup> September).

**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.**