FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 10th Nov 2026, 7pm** Firle Village Hall. Lorna Thwaites, Firle Parish Clerk, Wednesday 4th November 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 13th October 2026 are a correct record and signed by the Chair.
4. **FINANCE & ADMIN:**
   - 4.1 To RECEIVE and SIGN the November finance report and bank reconciliation and AUTHORISE payments to be made.
   - 4.2 To DISCUSS and AGREE any updates to the first draft of the 2027/8 budget.
5. **GRANT AWARDS:**
6. **REPORT(S):**
   - 6.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** To RECEIVE the following correspondence and AGREE any actions:
   - 7.1 Advance apologies for a number of meetings – Cllr Denis.
   - 7.2 East Sussex Highways uncovered. Getting the most from One.Network – ESH.
   - 7.3 A few questions about parish council correspondence and Firle Estate – local resident.
   - 7.4 National Emergencies Trust Toolkit and campaign: Ready Together – LDC.
   - 7.5 Funding for Community Resilience Projects – LDC.
   - 7.6 Draft DMMO Policy for comment – ESCC.
   - 7.7 Local Government Reorganisation – LDC.
   - 7.8 SDNPA Community Infrastructure Levy call for projects 2026/7 – SDNPA.
8. **MATTERS ARISING:**
   - 8.1 To AGREE any action to update the Firle Emergency Plan.
   - 8.2 To RESOLVE to purchase an additional litter bin and to AGREE its location – Cllr Hill.
   - 8.3 To RESOLVE to undertake repairs to the bus shelters – Cllr Barr.
   - 8.4 To RECEIVE an update on the letters sent to residents regarding overgrown foliage – Cllr Hill.
   - 8.5 To RECEIVE an update on leaf sweeping – Cllrs Barr and Lance.
9. **HIGHWAYS:**
   - 9.1 To RECEIVE an update on the reporting of the faded road markings by Firle Primary School and the damaged speed sign.
10. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** To AGREE comments for any applications received:
    - 10.1 **SDNP/25/05120/FUL / 05121/ LIS Proposal:** Erection of a light industrial building, with associated parking area and landscaping and conversion of redundant agricultural buildings into ancillary office and showroom area **Location:** Land and Buildings adjacent to, Dairy Farm, Wick Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6NB (comments by 11th November).
    - 10.2 **SDNP/26/04005/FUL Proposal:** Erection of a single-storey building providing two self-contained units of visitor accommodation (Pilgrim's Bothy). **Location:** St Peters Church, The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6LP (comments by 23 Nov).

10.3 **SDNP/26/04194/HOUS / 04195/LIS Proposal:** Replacement of window on West elevation with timber French doors, replacement of 1no door and 1no window on South Elevation **Location:** Church House, The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6LP (comments by 2 December).

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 RESOLVE TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

14.1 To discuss general council working practices, training and communication – Cllr Hill.

14.2 To DISCUSS and AGREE a protocol for external organisations.

15. TO CLOSE THE MEETING.