

## **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 7.00pm** Firle Village Hall. *Lorna Thwaites*, Firle Parish Clerk, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

**To RECEIVE questions from the Public:** The first ten minutes are available for public participation before the start of the meeting.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 are a correct record and signed by the Chair.
4. **FINANCE/ADMIN:**
  - 4.1 To AUTHORISE payments to be made in April and to RECEIVE and SIGN the bank reconciliation.
  - 4.2 To RECEIVE the end of year report on actual spend vs budget.
  - 4.3 To DISCUSS the requirements of Assertion 10 regarding .gov email addresses and AGREE to set up at least one .gov email address.
  - 4.4 To RECEIVE the date of the 2025-2026 Internal Audit.
  - 4.5 To RESOLVE to that Firle Parish Council meets the criteria to declare itself exempt from the Annual Return 2023/24 (gross annual income or expenditure to not exceed £25,000).
  - 4.6 To AGREE the agenda for the Annual Meeting of Firle Parish Council, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.
5. **GRANTS APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.**
6. **REPORT(S):**
  - 6.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
7. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 7.1 To RECEIVE the decision of Firle Cricket Club regarding the request for a memorial bench.
  - 7.2 To RECEIVE an update on fly tipping in Firle – Cllr Hill.
  - 7.3 To RESOLVE to purchase birdboxes to be placed around the village – Cllr Hill.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
  - 8.1 Road Safety Councillor Toolkit – ESCC.
  - 8.2 Grant Award – FVHPFC.
  - 8.3 Visit from James MacCleary MP – H. Spearman.
  - 8.4 Upcoming Bus Service Changes – ESCC.
  - 8.5 Letter from the Secretary of State – Local Government Re-organisation – LDC.
  - 8.6 Lewes Joint Action Safety Group – LDC.
  - 8.7 Local Footpath Wardens – Ramblers Association.
  - 8.8 Grant Expenditure – Action Against Abuse.
  - 8.9 Parish Briefing Grass Cutting – ESH.
9. **HIGHWAYS:**
  - 9.1 To RECEIVE an update on the blocked drains by Redwood Cottage in Wick Street.
  - 9.2 To RECEIVE an update on the blocked drain 42B, the Bostal – Cllr Lance.
10. **PLANNING:** Applications Received:
  - 10.1 **SDNP/26/00759/HOUS Location:** 80 Heighton Street, Firle, BN8 6NZ  
**Proposal:** Demolition of side extension and rear shed, single storey rear extension, installation of a rear air source heat pump and formation of front parking space and fenestration alterations.
  - 10.2 **SDNP/26/01201/LIS Location:** Church House, The Street, Firle, East Sussex, BN8 6LP  
**Proposal:** Reconstruction of collapsed wall.
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.
12. **TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE.**
13. **TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.**
14. **TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.**
15. **TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**