

FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 14th January 2025, 7.00pm** Firle Village Hall. ~~Lorna Thwaites~~, Firle Parish Clerk, Tuesday 7th January 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 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 10th December 2024 are a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **FINANCE & ADMIN:**
 - 4.1 To AUTHORISE payments to be made in January and to RECEIVE and sign the bank reconciliation.
 - 4.2 To RECEIVE details of bank accounts used by other parish councils.
 - 4.3 To RECEIVE an update on the switch of domain to a .gov domain.
 - 4.4 To RECEIVE and AGREE dates for the ordinary meetings of 2025-26.
 - 4.5 To AGREE a date for the Annual Parish Meeting 2025.
5. **2025-2026 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**
 - 5.1 To SIGN the 2025-2026 budget.
6. **REPORT(S):** Any written reports to be taken as read.
 - 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 Town and Parish Councils VE Day 80 – 8th May 2025.
 - 7.2 Lewes District Local Plan consultation events – B. Mabey.
 - 7.3 Southern Water and Ofwat's Final Determination.
 - 7.4 South Downs Open Space Study.
 - 7.5 Transport Forum – Cllr Denis.
8. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - 8.1 To RECEIVE an update on the transferral of the current website domain to a .gov domain.
 - 8.2 To RESOLVE to not respond to the Local Transport Plan Forum – Cllr Hill.
 - 8.3 To AGREE councillor attendance at the Lewes District Local Plan consultation events – Cllr Hill.
9. **HIGHWAYS:**
 - 9.1 To RECEIVE an update on the following matters: potholes and drains; leaf sweeping; dog fouling; fly tipping – Cllr Lance.
 - 9.2 To DISCUSS water run off on Wick Street – Cllr Hill.
 - 9.3 To RESOLVE to request ESCC to repair the telescopic security bollards at the bottom of Lane Wall to prevent use of the Old Coach Road during its closed season – Cllr Barr.
 - 9.4 To RESOLVE to advise ESCC of the misuse of the Old Coach Road by motor vehicles during the closed season – Cllr Hill.
10. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS/TREE WORKS:** To RATIFY or AGREE comments for any applications received:
 - 10.1 SDNP 24/05220/TCA Location: Firle Place, The Street, Firle. Tree Works – various.
11. **PROJECTS:**
 - 11.1 **School Footpath**
 - 11.1.1 To RESOLVE whether to proceed with the footpath project.
 - 11.2 **Assets of Community Value**
 - 11.2.1 To RECEIVE an update on the nomination of Firle Playing Fields Area as an ACV – Cllr Lance.
12. **TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE.**
13. **TO PROPOSE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.**
14. **TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL.**
15. **TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**