



TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Twineham School, Twineham on Monday 12th January 2026 commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors Mrs A. Hirst (Chairman), Mrs F. Jones, Mrs C. Murphy, Mrs J. Veaney and Mr C. Worsley.

Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler.

West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis.

Clerk Mrs D. Langston.

One member of the public who after the public forum.

1.26 No apologies for absence were received.

2.26 No interests were declared.

3.26 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th November 2025. Minutes were agreed by Council and were signed by the Chair.

4.26 West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis updated on the following items.

- Local government re-organisation decision should be received from government by March. Mayoral elections have been deferred until May 2028 with unitary elections to be held during 2027. Ensuring the unitary authority within Sussex is set up by May 2026 would bring financial incentives.
- WSCC budget has balanced for current financial year.
- CAGNE have instigated a judicial review against the proposed second runway at Gatwick.
- C and B road conditions have recently been published with WSCC being within targets set by Department for Transport.

5.26 Parents have been notified that WSCC has approved the publication of a statutory notice for the closure of Twineham School. Council is aware the school buildings are owned by the Diocese of Chichester whilst the playing field is owned by WSCC. Council are keen to ensure site continues to be maintained by County. Clerk will write to WSCC highlighting the need for the continued maintenance of both the building and field. Council are concerned about the future plans for the community outdoor hut.

6.26 To receive an update on Highways Matters:

- PROW 14T. Clerk is waiting for PROW report.
- Update on Gratten Lane. Clerk is waiting for PROW report.
- Fingerposts. Clerk has confirmed acceptance of quote. Contractor will confirm when repairs are completed.
- Noticeboard. Clerk has asked contractor to quote for repairs.

7.26 Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler updated on the following items.

- Refocus and Reorganization of LGR consultation
- Parking charges consultation due in March.
- Council have considered comments on the suggested master plan for Sayers Common. A further meeting with developers is being held on Wednesday 14th January 2026. Community engagement events will be held for residents to review the suggestions to ensure the plan has an input from local residents.

- Position Statement re district plan. Louise Nurser previous Inspector of MSDC district plan has now been replaced by new inspector Jonathan Boar who inspected the previous plan. The new NPPF framework has now abolished the duty to cooperate. Housing numbers have been left as previously submitted at 1093 per year however, the Inspector has confirmed these will need to be reviewed. There may be opportunities to reduce some of the proposed dwellings in the Sayers Common master plan.
- 123 Waste collections had initial teething problems due to change of vehicles and lack of adequate staff. It is recommended residents download the MSDC app which highlights changes to collection dates.
- MSDC plan speculative development. As soon as plan is signed off there will be no more speculative development.

Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler and West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis left the meeting at this point.

8.26 To consider possible community asset transfers to the Parish Council. No decisions regarding transference of community assets has yet been taken or will be taken until unitary authority is in place.

9.26 Following meetings held on 24th November and 8th December 2025 Cllr Hirst gave an update on housing development at Sayers Common Report. The next meeting is being held on Wednesday 15th January at MSDC offices with a further meeting on Monday 19th January 2026 at Hurstpierpoint office.

10.26 Councillor Hirst gave an update on planning applications and enforcement issues.

11.26 Council agreed the acceptance of the new website design. It was agreed this would go live effective 1st February 2026.

12.26 Finance & Administration Update.

- Council reviewed balance sheet against budget and confirmed a spend of £10,245.57 Balance sheet was checked against the bank statements and signed by the Chair.
- Council confirmed the 2026-2027 budget and set the 2026/2027 Precept at £11,500. Eleven thousand five hundred pounds.
- Council will add £1,000 to allocated reserves for any potential transference of community assets.
- Clerk will remain on a six-hour contract at salary scale 28 effective 1st April 2026.
- Council resolved to accept a three-year internal audit quote from Mulberry Local Services Ltd.
- Bus shelter panel on Southbound slip road is missing. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Veaney on this item.

Payments raised since the last full meeting:

£ 100.00 TWCC Donation.

£ 750.00 ASCAT Donation.

£ 100.00 Twineham COE School donation.

£ 212.22 Mulberry Local Authority Services Ltd Invoice 1734 Internal audit.

£ 591.98 WSCC Invoice 8001879292 Salary & Pension.

£ 79.20 SLCC Invoice MEM253652-3 Annual Membership.

£1377.00 Vision ICT Invoice 103 Development of new website.

£ 591.98 WSCC Invoice 8001887054 Salary & Pension.

14.26 To confirm date of next meeting as Monday 9th March 2026.

15.26 *Any other business (Please note that no decisions may lawfully be made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information).*

- Flooding issues on Twineham Lane and Reeds Lane.
- Residents' newsletter to include summer social event on 21st June 2026.