



TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Twineham School, Twineham on Monday 13th July 2026 commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors Mrs A. Hirst (Chairman), Mrs F. Jones, Mrs J. Veaney and Mr C. Worsley.
West Sussex County Councillor R. Jackson.
Clerk Mrs D. Langston.
Two members of the public who left after item 47.26.

43.26 Apologies for absence were received from Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler and Twineham Councillor Mrs C. Murphy.

44.26 Cllr C. Worsley declared an interest in item 50.26.

45.26 To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meetings held on 11th May 2026. Minutes were agreed by Council and were signed by the Chair.

46.26 Closure of Twineham School. Cllr Hirst read Council's proposed letter to WSCC highlighting the concerns Council has and requesting additional information on policy conformation. Clerk has written to WSCC highlighting the need for the continued maintenance of both the building and field. Council have also raised concerns about the future use and plans for the community outdoor hut. Council requested support from Councillor Jackson.

47.26 West Sussex County Councillor R. Jackson updated on the following items.

- Outcome of May 2026 WSCC elections:
 - 23 LD
 - 23 Reform UK
 - 11 Conservative
 - 7 Green
 - 5 Labour
 - 1 Independent
- Key Roles: Leader of the Council - Jay Mercer (Lib Dem - Horsham East)
- Deputy Leader – Sam Raby (Lib-Dem – Horsham - St Leonards Forest)
- Chair - Donna Johnson (Independent - Selsey, Chichester)
- Vice Chair - Nigel Dennis (Lib Dem - Horsham Hurst)
- The chamber agreed on Donna Johnson unanimously, meaning she holds a casting vote.
- Highways and Transport new cabinet member Erika Woodhurst-Trueman (LD – Mid Sussex).
- TRO requests within the district are financially restricted.
- Following a recent Horsham Association of Local Councils Cllr R. Noel has highlighted the potential issues new developments will have on the Horsham parishes who have been encouraged to contact MSDC. Cllr Worsley highlighted councils' concerns surrounding the impact proposed developments at Sayers Common, Bolney and Henfield will have on local highways.
- Awaiting updates from district colleagues on the MSDC Local Plan and Burgess Hill redevelopment.

48.26 Update on the MSDC District Plan to include traffic loops and traffic calming.

- Cllr Hirst has attended seven recent meetings with local parishes, developers and MSDC.
- Developers recently highlighted the route for additional highways traffic as the B2116. Local residents are concerned the main route will actually be Twineham Lane.
- Four of the five proposed sites have submitted planning applications.

West Sussex County Councillor R. Jackson left the meeting at this point.

49.26 To receive an update on Highways Matters:

- Update on Gratten Lane. Clerk will email PROW requesting an update. Item remains ongoing.
- Tansy Corner flooding. Cllr Worsley will contact landowner.
- Bus Shelter. Panel has been replaced by the contractor. Graffiti continues to be an issue.
- Noticeboard. Council resolved to repair the noticeboard and review the location.
- Traffic repeaters are not visible at the junction between Reeds Lane and Twineham Lane. Clerk will contact WSCC Highways regarding this item.

50.26 Rampion possible representative on their Local Liaison Committee.

- Council resolved to appoint Cllr Murphy as their representative.

51.26 Cllr Hirst gave an update on planning and enforcement matters.

52.26 Finance & Administration Update.

- Council reviewed balance sheet against budget and confirmed a spend of £7,045.79. Balance sheet was checked against the bank statements and signed by the Chair.
- Payments raised since the last full meeting:
 - £2,352.00 Jakk Country Furniture Designs Ltd fingerpost replacement and repairs.
 - £ 591.98 WSCC Invoice 8002073464 Salary and pension.
 - £ 9.98 Santander monthly charges.
 - £ 605.39 Business Services at CAS Ltd Invoice 1199 annual insurance renewal.
 - £ 100.00 P Banister LLP Invoice 1048852 Little Kickers session on 13th June 2026.
 - £ 692.98 WSCC Invoice 8002078560 salary and pension.
 - £ 168.00 Local Toilet Hire Ltd Invoice 74622 toilet hire for community event.
 - £ 80.96 SLCC Invoice MEM258480-4 annual membership.
 - £ 450.00 Jon Wigg Music Invoice M-021 music for community event.

53.26 To confirm date of next meeting as Monday 7th September 2026. Venue to be confirmed.

54.26 *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).*

- Council raised a vote of thanks to Cllr Jones for organising the Twineham School social event.
- Council noted this was the last meeting of the Parish Council to be held at the school.