

## RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 7.00pm** Rodmell Village Hall. *Lorna Thwaites*, Rodmell Parish Clerk, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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 Rodmell Parish Council held on 21st January 2025 are a correct record and are signed by the Chair.
4. **FINANCE/ADMIN:**
  - 4.1 To RATIFY February payments, to APPROVE March payments, and to RECEIVE the bank reconciliation.
  - 4.2 To NOTE the EDF repayment of credit and the change to a variable billing schedule.
  - 4.3 To RECEIVE the date of the internal audit with S.Webb.
  - 4.4 To RECEIVE an update on .gov email addresses and the change of hosting for Rodmell.net.
  - 4.5 To RECEIVE confirmation of the dates booked for 2025-6 parish council meetings.
  - 4.6 To RECEIVE an update on allotment payments received – Cllr Smart.
5. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**
  - 5.1 To RECEIVE an update on the plans for the Annual Parish Meeting and to AGREE further actions.
  - 5.2 To AGREE the content and process for the preparation of the Parish Council newsletter.
6. **2025-2026 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**
  - 6.1 To SIGN the budget for 2025-2026.
7. **REPORT(S):** Any written reports to be taken as read.
  - 7.1 To RECEIVE reports from Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
  - 7.2 To RECEIVE the following short, verbal or written reports:
    - 7.2.1 C7 Project Update – Cllr Toye.
    - 7.2.2 SDNP Local Plan consultation meeting and to RATIFY the consultation response– Cllr Dishington.
    - 7.2.3 Devolution briefing meeting attended by Cllrs Dishington and Rathbone.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** To RECEIVE correspondence and AGREE any actions:
  - 8.1 East Sussex Parishes: South Downs National Park Authority – Cllr Paul Bevan.
  - 8.2 Two Issues – H.Whalley (Playground and dog fouling).
  - 8.3 James MacCleary M.P, Summer Visit.
  - 8.4 East Sussex Rights of Way Access Plan.
  - 8.5 Mirror at the top of The Street – C.Orchard.
  - 8.6 Enquiry for the hiring of the Cricket Field for a picnic style wedding – C.Orchard.
  - 8.7 Purchase of football goal posts - S.Baker.
9. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 9.1 To RECEIVE an update on the fingerpost restoration.
  - 9.2 To RECEIVE an update on the painting of the noticeboard lettering – Cllr Smart.
  - 9.3 To RECEIVE an update further to the registering of VE Day 80.
  - 9.4 To DISCUSS concerns regarding dog fouling in the village and AGREE any actions.
  - 9.5 To AGREE further wildflower planting and locations and to submit the expression of interest for CIL funding – Cllrs Smart and Toye.
  - 9.6 To RECEIVE details of the overgrown tree by the bus shelter and AGREE actions – Cllr Toye.
10. **GRASS CUTTING:**
  - 10.1 To RECEIVE the risk assessment documents from Countrymans.
  - 10.2 To AGREE any grass cutting/hedge cutting/groundworks required for March/April.
11. **HIGHWAYS:**
  - 11.1 To RECEIVE an update on the repairs requested to the Vehicle Activated Speed Signs.

11.2 To RECEIVE an update regarding the broken Mill Lane/The Street sign.

**12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** To AGREE or RATIFY comments for any applications received:

12.1 SDNP/25/00723/TCA Proposal: T1- Ash- Cutback to overhanging branches T2- Beech- Removal T3- Prunus- Removal/minimisation Location: Old Farm House , The Street, Rodmell, East Sussex, BN7 3HE

12.2 SDNP/25/00757/HOUS Proposal S73A retrospective application for a timber framed outbuilding with associated decking to the rear of the property Location: 10 The Paddocks, Rodmell, East Sussex, BN7 3HU

**13. PROJECTS:**

**13.1 Village Map:**

13.1.1 To RECEIVE an update on the application for planning permission for the map.

**13.2 Pavilion and Playing Fields:**

13.2.1 To RECEIVE the Legionella testing certificate.

13.2.2 To RECEIVE the electrical testing certificate.

13.2.3 To RECEIVE a quote for the plumbing works and to AGREE next steps.

13.2.4 To DISCUSS the overgrown tree and AGREE actions to be taken.

**13.3 Playground:**

13.3.1 To RECEIVE quotes to repair or replace the Junior Multi Play Unit (MPU) deemed 'High Risk' in the safety inspection report undertaken by RoSPA Play Safety via LDC.

13.3.2 To RESOLVE to hold a public consultation on the playground restoration options.

13.3.3 To RESOLVE to apply for CIL funding, a grant from VEOLIA and any other sources of funding.

**13.4 Benches:**

13.4.1 To RECEIVE an update on the outstanding written permission from 2 landowners- Cllr Wettern.

13.4.2 To AGREE to complete a CIL expression of interest for further benches.

**13.5 Website/Social Media:**

13.5.1 To REQUEST portrait photos from Cllrs for the RPC website.

**14. TO PROPOSE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL.**

**15. TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL.**

**16. TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**