

RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 30th September 2025, 7.00pm** Rodmell Village Hall. *Lorna Thwaites*, Rodmell Parish Clerk, Wednesday 24th September 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. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR:**
 - 1.1 To elect the Chair for Rodmell Parish Council for the forthcoming year.
 - 1.2 The Chair to sign the Declaration of Office form.
2. **ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR.**
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** To receive and accept apologies for absence.
4. **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.
5. **FUTURE ENERGY LANDSCAPE EVENT IN RODMELL** – To RECEIVE details from the co-ordinator.
6. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** To RESOLVE that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rodmell Parish Council held on 29th July 2025 are a correct record and are signed by the Chair.
7. **TO RESOLVE TO FILL THE VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR BY CO-OPTION.**
8. **MEMBERSHIP TO COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES:**
 - 8.1 To appoint members to the vacancies.
9. **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:**
 - 9.1 To RESOLVE which councillors to add as bank signatories.
 - 9.2 To RATIFY any payments made since the last meeting, AUTHORISE October payments and to RECEIVE the bank reconciliation.
 - 9.3 To RECEIVE a report on spend vs budget.
 - 9.4 To RESOLVE to move an additional sum of money from the current bank account to the savings account.
 - 9.5 To AGREE the Clerk's leave.
10. **BUDGET 2026-2027:**
 - 10.1 To AGREE the key priorities for the 2026-27 budget.
11. **REPORT(S):** Any written reports to be taken as read.
 - 11.1 To RECEIVE reports from Parish Cllrs, Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
 - 11.2 To RECEIVE a brief verbal update on the visit to Rodmell by James MacCleary MP.
 - 11.3 To RECEIVE an update from the Rodmell Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rathbone.
12. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** To RECEIVE correspondence and AGREE any actions:
 - 12.1 Rodmell Road Safety Measures – J.Stevenson.
 - 12.2 Save the Lewes Bus Station – R Jeffery.
 - 12.3 Lewes and Eastbourne Playing Pitch and Sports Facilities Strategy Survey – C.McRoyall.
 - 12.4 LGA Update – B.Mabey
 - 12.5 Wealden District Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Town and Parish feedback – M.Dadd.
 - 12.6 Invitation to SDNPA Parish Meeting (virtual) 01 Oct 2025 – V. Rowlands.
 - 12.7 River Ouse Charter Symposium 22nd Oct – E.Montlake.
 - 12.8 Remembrance Service – H.Spearman.
13. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - 13.1 To RATIFY the decision to write a formal letter to Jim McMahon MP regarding the proposed Unitary Authority Expansion.
 - 13.2 To RECEIVE an update on repairs to the bench at the Newhaven Bus Stop.
 - 13.3 To DISCUSS the Northease bus stop location and a potential shelter – Cllr Hickey
 - 13.4 To RECEIVE an update on the replacement of the bench by the noticeboard.
 - 13.5 To RECEIVE an update on the work to the Emergency Plan – Cllr Toye.
 - 13.6 To RECEIVE details of the First Aid Kit and other items bought for the Pavilion – Cllr Toye.
 - 13.7 To RECEIVE an update on the Northease Noticeboard and AGREE any actions.

14. GRASS CUTTING:

14.1 To RECEIVE the response of ESCC concerning their contracted urban and rural cuts.

14.2 To RECEIVE any feedback on the grass cutting of ACE Landscapes (replacement to Countrymans).

14.3 To RECEIVE quotes for hedge cutting at the Dicklands and to AGREE to appoint a contractor – Cllr Toye.

15. HIGHWAYS:

15.1 To RECEIVE an update on the repairs requested (since October 2024) to the Vehicle Activated Speed Signs.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: To AGREE or RATIFY comments for any applications received:**17. PROJECTS:****17.1 Village Map:**

17.1.1 To RECEIVE an update on the application SDNP/25/02073/LIS Listed Building Consent for the map.

17.2 Pavilion and Playing Fields:

17.2.1 To RECEIVE confirmation of the fire safety check undertaken by Pyrotec.

17.2.2 To AGREE who will take the meter readings at the Pavilion.

17.2.3 To RECEIVE an update regarding the removal of the goal posts left by Rodmell Football Club and the filling of the holes left by the posts.

17.2.4 To DISCUSS the emptying of the waste bins at the Pavilion.

17.3 Playground:

17.3.1 To RECEIVE an update on the agreed removal of the multi-play unit and AGREE further actions.

17.3.2 To AGREE the playground design and installation brief prepared by the playground working group.

17.3.3 To RECEIVE the response to the application for CIL funding.

17.3.4 To RECEIVE any updates on any other funding – grants and donations.

17.4 Benches:

17.4.1 To RECEIVE details of the 2 further benches installed in the village.

17.4.2 To RECEIVE details of replacing the bench by the noticeboard.

17.4.3 To RECEIVE details of the procedure for accepting any donations/gifts towards cost of the benches.

17.5 Dog Fouling

17.5.1 To RECEIVE an update on dog fouling in the parish and the placement of notices.

17.5.2 To RECEIVE the costs of a third dog waste bin by the Monks House car park/pavilion and to AGREE whether to proceed.

17.6 Mirror

17.6.1 To RECEIVE an update from the discussions with the landowner where the current mirror is sited.

18. TO PROPOSE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL.**19. TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL.****20. TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**