

TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

Twineham Parish Council

Mrs. Annie Hirst (Chair)

Mrs. Frances Jones

Mrs. Caroline Murphy

Mrs. Jane Veaney

Mr. Charles Worsley

Mrs. Dawn Langston (Clerk)

Twineham Parish Council has had another very busy year.

Meetings and Visitors

Parish Council meetings were held in April (virtually due to Covid-19), July, August, November 2021, January and March 2022. Official visitors in the past year have included Councillor Joy Dennis, our Division Member for Hurstpierpoint and Bolney on West Sussex County Council (WSCC), and Councillor Judy Llewellyn-Burke, our representative on Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC). We are extremely grateful to them for all the help and support they give us. In addition, several residents have attended individual Parish Council meetings.

Annual Precept

The Parish Council resolved a precept of £9577 for the financial year 2022/2023.

Rampion

We have been able to access some Rampion Community Benefit Fund money to help with the building of the smart new cricket pavilion (opened in August by Matt Prior, former England International Cricketer). A number of other people helped make this possible, for which we are very grateful. We anticipate the imminent arrival of some benches for the Recreation Ground, and 3 new fingerposts. Funds have also been secured for a compost lavatory at the Church and an eco hut for the school. In addition, we have applied for monies to do one or two tidying up jobs in the Parish.

We have met with representatives of Rampion regarding their proposals for a second wind farm off the coast, which will require the construction of another cable route and sub station to connect into the National Grid sub station at the corner of Bob Lane and Wineham Lane. We have made it very clear that we do not wish this second sub station to be in Twineham, having endured 6 miserable years of construction of the Rampion 1 sub station. We await Rampion's decision, expected in the next few months.

Planning Matters

The Parish Council commented on all the planning applications which have been submitted, keeping the best interests of the local residents in mind. Site visits were made where appropriate. The Parish

Council does not take the final decision as this is in the hands of MSDC. Sadly, our views do not always agree with those of MSDC!

The decision on the application for battery storage in Wineham Lane from a company called EnviroTech is still awaited. There were a large number of objections.

Highway Matters

We are constantly endeavouring to get potholes repaired and the matter of overgrown hedges resolved.

Clerk to the Parish Council

The Parish Council would not be able to operate without the work of our Clerk, Dawn Langston. She has worked very hard and very efficiently for us, always with good humour. We are very grateful to her.

Thanks

I should like to thank everyone who helps with the life of the Parish. Thank you too to those who give us advice, and those who pick up litter (a battle!).

Finally, I should like to thank all the other members of the Parish Council who give up a huge amount of time. Thank you to Mrs. Jane Veaney for overseeing the maintenance of the War Memorial and for ensuring that it always looks so nice. Thank you, too, to Mrs. Fanny Jones for writing the Newsletters, and to Mrs. Caroline Murphy for running the Twineham Oil Syndicate. And thank you to Mr. Charles Worsley for his help on planning matters.

Annie Hirst

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