

TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

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 May, July, September and November 2022 and January and March 2023. 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 Kristy Adams, 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 and members of the public have attended individual Parish Council meetings.

Annual Precept

The Parish Council resolved a precept of £10,250 for the financial year 2023/2024.

Mid Sussex District Plan Consultation Draft 2021 – 2039

The Parish Council responded to this Consultation in November 2022, expressing its concern about housing numbers and the lack of a policy covering electrical infrastructure.

Open Consultation on the Government's Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

The Parish Council responded to this Bill in February 2023.

Rampion

The Rampion Community Benefit Fund has now enabled us to have some new fingerposts in the Parish and some benches for the Recreation Ground. The compost lavatory at the Church and eco hut for the school have also been constructed with money from the Fund, for which we are very grateful.

A site has been selected adjacent to the Oakendene Industrial Estate for the sub station for the Rampion 2 Off Shore Wind Farm. This will require a cable from the Oakendene site to connect to the National Grid sub station off Wineham Lane.

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 (after almost 2 years). There were a large number of objections. The Parish Council has responded to a number of consultations. Another application for 189 battery storage units on land to the north of the Rampion 1 Off Shore Wind Farm sub station has been submitted by a company called One Planet.

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 so very grateful to her.

Thanks

Firstly, I should like to thank everyone who was involved in the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations last summer. This was a lovely day and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Secondly, I should also like to thank everyone who helps with the life of the Parish. Thank you too to those who give us advice. And a very special thanks to all those who have helped clear up a huge amount of litter in recent months.

Finally, I should like to thank all the other members of the Parish Council who give up a huge amount of time, which involves looking after the War Memorial, writing Newsletters and running the Oil Syndicate.

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