



TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Twineham School, Twineham on Tuesday 29th July 2025 commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors Mrs A. Hirst (Chairman), Mrs F. Jones, Mrs J. Veaney, and Mr C. Worsley.
Clerk Mrs D. Langston.

One member of the public who left after item 39.25.

36.25 Apologies for absence were received from Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler, West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis and Twineham Parish Councillor Mrs C. Murphy.

37.25 No items of interest were declared.

38.25 To approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Statutory Meeting held on 12th May 2025. Minutes were agreed by Council and were signed by the Chair.

Chair suspended the meeting to allow for the public forum.

39.25 Council discussed the Twineham School consultation and resolved to contact J. Dennis WSCC to request a five and ten-year prediction for school numbers in the area. Council will highlight the impact the closure would have on the community who use both the school and the field frequently for social and sporting events.

40.25 To receive an update on Highways matters.

- TRO Hickstead Lane. WSCC have confirmed the TRO has been approved and works to implement this will be added to the contractual list.
- Litter Bin Emptying. Clerk confirmed the bin adjacent to the bus shelter is being emptied weekly.
- Dog bin located at the recreational ground has not been emptied for several weeks. Clerk will highlight this to MSDC.
- PROW 14T and Gratten Lane are both due an inspection by the PROW Ranger. Clerk will contact the PROW team and ask for the Rangers inspection
- Finger posts at the bottom of Church Lane and Bob Lane have both split. The noticeboard at the junction of Church Lane needs replacement legs. Council will ask Mr R. Worsley to review both items with a view to carrying out repairs.
- Overgrown vegetation. Council have had the corner of Bolney Chapel Road adjacent to the war memorial cut back.
- Update on Highways Network Management Plan meeting. Cllr A. Hirst attended a meeting on 23rd June 2025 where the Highways Team updated on works being undertaken.
- Church Lane speeding. Item remains ongoing.
- Wineham Lane road surface. Patching works are due to commence on 18th August 2025.

41.25 To consider a Quiet Lanes project in the area in conjunction other local councils. Cllr Jones highlighted the project which should include a proposed recreational route with speed restrictions in place. Council will liaise with other local councillors on this item. Item remains ongoing.

42.25 Councillor Hirst gave an update on planning applications and enforcement issues.

43.25 Council will contact MSDC to request an update on S106 monies in relation to application DM/17/1374.

44.25 Mid Sussex District Plan report on meeting held on 20th May and 28th July 2025.

- 20th May meeting with Albourne, Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common and Twineham Parish Councils and interested developers.
- MSDC are going to judicial review over the local plan decision.
- Devolution consultation currently live with four proposed options as follows:
 - Option A - Single County Unitary
 - Option B - Two unitaries West/East
 - Option C - Two unitaries North/South
 - Option D - Two unitaries Reduced WS & Urban Coastal

Council resolved to support Option B – Crawley, Horsham, Mid Sussex and possibly Adur. Clerk will highlight although not adjacent to the coast the River Adur runs through the parish.

45.25 Update on meeting held with Alison Bennett MP on 29th July 2025.

- Closure of Twineham School, particularly concerning the new housing at Sayers Common and the lack of school places nearby before a new school is built.
- Effect on rural lanes of huge housing developments at Sayers Common and Albourne.
- Possibility of a Quiet Lanes scheme in the area, which is also connected to large housing development and the traffic that will be generated by the scheme.
- Questions surrounding the large amount of electrical infrastructure in the Parish covering former wheat fields.
- Housing numbers, her position on the District Plan failure and where it leaves us regarding development.
- Support for rural communities and farming.
- Effect that large housing developments will have on parking at the Princess Royal Hospital.

46.25 To discuss holding a meeting with Adur catchment. Clerk will invite to the address council prior to the November council meeting.

47.25 Council reviewed the 2025/2026 salt audit and confirmed percentages held.

48.25 Finance & Administration Update.

48.1.25 Council reviewed balance sheet against budget and confirmed a spend of £3,970.36 Balance sheet was Checked against the bank statements and signed by the Chair.

48.2.25 Council resolved to accept the Clerks NALC award. Clerk will remain on a six-hour contract on scale 24.

48.3.25 Payments raised since the last full meeting:

£564.56 Business Services Annual Insurance Renewal

£555.09 WSCC Invoice 8001841746 Salary & Pension

£555.09 WSCC Invoice 8001847765 Salary & Pension

49.25 Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 9th September 2025.