

TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

Twineham Parish Council

Mrs. Annie Hirst (Chair)

Mrs. Fanny Jones

Mrs. Caroline Murphy

Mrs. Jane Veaney

Mr. Charles Worsley

Mrs. Dawn Langston (Clerk)

This has been another extremely busy year for Twineham Parish Council.

Meetings and Visitors

Parish Council meetings were held in May, July September, November and December 2024, and January and March 2025. 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 Geoff Zeidler, 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 £11,000 for the financial year 2025/2026.

Mid Sussex District Plan Consultation Draft 2021-2039

Twineham Parish Council is very concerned about the effect that increased traffic from proposed housing in Sayers Common and Bolney will have on the road junctions on the A23. Representatives of the Parish Council attended meetings with MSDC regarding the District Plan. Meetings have also been held with Hurstpierpoint and Albourne Parish Councils.

Rampion 2

Permission has now been granted for the Rampion 2 off-shore wind farm off the coast of West Sussex. The cable bringing power to a substation at Oakendene in Cowfold will make landfall at Climping beach. A cable from Oakendene will then connect to the National Grid sub-station in Wineham.

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. A representative of the Parish Council meeting spoke at the District Planning Committee in June and October 2024 and January 2025 regarding the 3 planning applications for a total of over 400 battery storage units. MSDC approved these applications. We have endeavoured to acquire some community benefit. A representative of the Parish Council also met with Alison Bennett, M.P., as there is considerable concern over these batteries.

Highways Matters

The Parish Council is constantly trying to get potholes repaired and overgrown hedges cut. The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Hickstead Lane is awaited.

Devolution

Members of the Parish Council have attended briefing meetings on the matter of Devolution. Further information is awaited from the Government.

Thanks

We are eternally grateful to the work of our Clerk, Mrs. Dawn Langston, who has worked diligently for us. We are very fortunate to have her.

I should like to thank everyone who helps with the life of the Parish, including those who give us advice and to those who help to clear up litter.

Secondly, 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, ensuring the bus shelters are cleaned and checking the bins at the bus stops, writing Newsletters, arranging socials, running the Oil Syndicate and assisting with writing submissions to MSDC on planning matters.

May 2025