

TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

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 very busy year for Twineham Parish Council.

Meetings and Visitors

Parish Council Meetings were held in May, July, August, September and November 2023 and January and March 2024. 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 £10,500 for the financial year 2024/2025.

Mid Sussex District Plan Consultation Draft 2021 – 2039

Representatives of the Parish Council attended meetings with MSDC regarding the District Plan in October and December 2023. The Parish Council has concerns regarding traffic and the road junctions on the A23, should proposed housing developments in Bolney, Sayers Common and Albourne be granted planning permission. The Parish Council has also made MSDC aware of the fact that there are major concerns regarding the adverse impacts, including cumulative landscape and visual impacts, in connection with planning applications for battery storage units.

Rampion 2

Rampion 2 is the proposed extension of the Rampion 1 off shore windfarm off the coast of West Sussex. It is proposed that a cable bringing power to a sub station at Oakendene, adjacent to the A272 near Cowfold, will make landfall at Climping beach. A cable from Oakendene will then connect to the National Grid sub station on Wineham Lane.

Rampion 2 held an open event at the Royal Oak, Wineham, in May 2023, which representatives of the Parish Council attended. The application for the Development Consent Order (DCO) has been

accepted by the Inspector, and a representative of the Parish Council attended the first Hearings on 6th February 2024 in Brighton. The Parish Council has concerns over hours of work, traffic and noise during the connection to the National Grid and has responded to a number of Questions from the Inspector. There will be further Hearings in the middle of May.

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 3 years. Decisions are also awaited on two further applications – from One Planet and Lightrock Power – to the north of Bob Lane.

Highways Matters

We are constantly trying to get potholes repaired and overgrown hedges cut. We are also hoping to arrange for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to be put in place for Hickstead Lane with a speed limit and a weight restriction – this takes time.

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

Firstly, 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, writing Newsletters and running the Oil Syndicate.

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