



TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Twineham School, Twineham on Monday 10th November 2025 commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors Mrs A. Hirst (Chairman), Mrs F. Jones, Mrs C. Murphy, and Mr C. Worsley.
Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler.
Clerk Mrs D. Langston.

59.25 Apologies for absence were received from West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis and Twineham Parish Councillor Mrs J. Veaney.

60.25 No interests were declared.

61.25 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2025. Minutes were agreed by Council and were signed by the Chair.

62.25 Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler updated on the following items.

- Council decided to formally support the suggestion of the new unitary authority comprising Crawley, Horsham, and Mid Sussex. It is envisaged council tax may rise by around 10%.
- Planning and the District Plan. Inspector has recommended the plan be withdrawn. Council have written to the Inspector requesting a meeting to discuss this suggestion which has been agreed. MSDC has put together two position statements which offer a statement of expression. It is hoped once adopted by council these will give additional strength towards planning decisions.
- 1-2-3 waste service has now been implemented. Schedule is available on the council website.

63.25 Cllr Hirst updated on S106 monies in relation to application DM/17/1374. At the recent meeting held with the S106 department on 21st October 2025 Cllr Hirst was advised landowner has been contacted regarding the outstanding balance. Payment is due by December 2025.

64.25 To consider possible community asset transfers to the Parish Council. Cllr Zeidler confirmed no decisions regarding transference of community assets have yet been taken. Clerk will contact MSDC to highlight their interest regarding the transfer of the recreation ground which is fully owned by MSDC.

65.25 Council discussed the ongoing issues with regards to the possible closure of Twineham School. Pupil numbers have dropped to nineteen primarily due to concerned parents accepting places offered at other schools. Some pupils have been advised there are no available places at either Albourne, Bolney or Hurstpierpoint schools. Council highlighted how upset they are with the way the consultation on the closure has been handled by West Sussex County Council. Given the proposed housing development within the area and the current lack of school places elsewhere council believe the decision to hold the consultation at this period of time is very shortsighted. The Parish Council considers that the children have been let down by West Sussex County Council.

Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler left the meeting at this point.

66.25 Council received an update on the following Highways Matters:

- PROW 14T. Clerk is waiting for the latest PROW inspection report.
- Update on Gratten Lane. Clerk is waiting for the latest PROW inspection report.
- Fingerposts. Clerk is waiting for a quotation for repairs.
- Church Lane speeding. This item remains ongoing.
- Noticeboard. This item remains ongoing.

67.25 Cllr Hirst gave a report on housing development at Sayers Common. Cllr Murphy attended the meeting today Monday 10th November 2025 which was a very helpful workshop style meeting. Topics covered included environmental, green connections, biodiversity, healthy living and construction of dwellings. Cllr Hirst also met with Berkeley homes on 6th October and with both Welbeck Land and Wates on 30th October 2025 to discuss their proposals.

68.25 Councillor Hirst gave an update on planning applications and enforcement issues. Council will write to the NHS Estates Department, copying in Alison Bennett MP urging consideration be given to building a multistorey carpark at the Princess Royal Hospital.

69.25 Clerk will send over the new introduction to Vision ICT for inclusion.

70.25 Finance & Administration Update.

- Council reviewed balance sheet against budget and confirmed a spend of £6,325.21 Balance sheet was checked against the bank statements and signed by the Chair.
- 2026-2027 budget was reviewed by council. The precept will be set at the January meeting. Annual donations were agreed as follows.
- ASCAT PCC £750.00
- Twineham CE Primary School £100.00
- Twineham & Wineham Cricket Club £100.00

Payments raised since the last full meeting:

£653.92 WSCC Invoice 8001859737 Salary & Pension

£574.86 WSCC Invoice 8001865723 Salary & Pension

£ 40.00 J. Veaney Memorial wreath.

£591.98 WSCC Invoice 8001872930 Salary & Pension

71.25 Date of next meeting confirmed as Monday 12th January 2026.

72.25 *Any other business (Please note that no decisions may lawfully be made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information).*

Council will add notice of firework activities to the next newsletter.