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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT THE ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL, KING SUITE

Present: Councillors Nikki Hamilton-Street (Chair), Sylvia Verrinder, Alan Evans (Vice Chair), and Paul Bicknell

In Attendance: Katie Herr (Clerk), Tracy Lees (Committee Clerk), 2 members of the public and Joe Russell-Wells who was speaking at tonight's meeting.

Acronym: Angmering Parish Council – APC; West Sussex County Council – WSCC; Arun District Council – ADC; Angmering Community Land Trust – ACLT; Planning & infrastructure Committee – PI; Community, Leisure, Environment & Wellbeing Committee – CLEW; Neighbourhood Plan – NHP; Traffic Regulation Order – TRO. Angmering Flood Alleviation Scheme – AFAS; Tree Protection Order - TPO

AGENDA ITEM	MINUTE NO.	AGENDA POINT	ACTION FOR
1	F25/089	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received and approved for Cllrs David Marsh, Carey Benett, John Oldfield, Alison Reigate, ADC Cllr. Andy Copper and WSCC Cllr. Deborah Urquhart. Apologies were not received and therefore not agreed for Cllr. Norma Harris and ADC Cllr. Amelia Worne.	
2	F25/090	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. None.	
3	F25/091	APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Council on Monday 11 August 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair. Approval of the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council on Monday 18 August 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair.	
4	F25/092	PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY – CO-OPTION James Thompson was introduced by the Chair and thanked for his interest in the parish council. Councillors were reminded that they had been sent his paperwork and asked if they had any questions. A brief discussion took place. The Chair asked who was in favour of James Thompson being co-opted onto the council, all were in favour and therefore James Thompson was co-opted.	

He was then invited by the Chair to sign his Acceptance of Office and join the rest of the councillors.

The Clerk advised that she see him at the end of the meeting to hand over his induction pack and that his iPad would be available in a few days.

5 F25/093 SPEAKER – JOE RUSSELL-WELLS GROUP HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE (ADC) WITH AN UPDATE ON THE ANGMERING SPORTS HUB

The Chair welcomed and thanked Joe for taking the time to attend tonight's meeting. Copies of the original plans were laid out for viewing and copies of his presentation had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting in the supporting papers. The presentation was talked through, and councillors were brought up to speed with the current situation. This included benefits and hoped for results for the project.

Joe confirmed that the surveys that led to the original planning application being withdrawn had now been completed and he explained what needed to now be done to move the project forward. ADC are hoping for the planning application to be submitted this autumn.

The Chair then asked councillors if they had any questions. Cllr. Evans asked about sustainability and what was planned e.g. solar panels, shower to toilet systems. Joe advised that this will be looked at in detail when this stage of the planning was reached. Cllr. Evans expressed an interest in being involved with this if possible.

Comments were also made about the games areas not being too proscriptive i.e. just laid out for one sport, they should be able to host multiple sporting activities in the same area.

Accessibility was also discussed and Joe commented that the Football Foundation was very keen to make sure this happened, and it was their wish to make sure everything was as accessible as possible.

Cllr. Verrinder then asked about the funding and what would happen if full funding could not be achieved. Joe said that ADC were confident that this would not happen but if it did something would still be delivered.

Cllr. Bicknell asked about the possibility of an entrance from the Industrial Estate. Joe said this was not going to be part of the planning application, but this was still being looked into as this would be the preferred option. Cllr. Bicknell also asked about storage for ground maintenance equipment, it was confirmed this would be a separate area away from the main building.

Cllr. Thompson asked about a bar area for the club house. Joe explained that Freedom Leisure do not offer this so therefore this was not an option. Cllr. Thompson also said that you should bid for what you want with regards to the Football Foundation, he was making reference to the amount of funding needed and also said that he felt it was a very good scheme.

The Chair ended the presentation by thanking Joe for coming to tonight's meeting and he left the meeting at 8pm.

6 F25/094 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

No questions were asked or sent in.

7 F25/095 THE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS, BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC UPDATES ON:

The Clerk asked if there were any questions regarding her report, none were asked. She then went on to advise that the new speed indicator device had been delivered and would hopefully be installed next week. Locations were mentioned as well as confirming the speed you were travelling at would not be displayed. Data can be collected from the device, and a company has been engaged to move the device around the village and maintain it. It was also reported that a location for a new bus shelter had been identified in Arundel Road opposite the junction with Bewley Road. Hopefully this will be installed early next year but this cannot be guaranteed.

The Committee Clerk updated the committee on the following:

- Angmering Revealed will be taking place on Saturday 20 September at Angmering Community Centre between 11:30 – 15:00. Councillors were asked to let the Committee Clerk know if they could help on the day.
- The dates of the following events were advised:
 - Halloween Spectacular – Sunday 26 October
 - Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 9 November
 - Angmering @ Christmas – Friday 5 December
- The last CPR/De-Fib training course of the year will be taking place on Saturday 22 November. This is a free course and will be held at St Margaret's Church Hall between 10:00 – 11:30.

No questions were asked of the Committee Clerk.

8 F25/096 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair asked if there were any questions regarding her report, none were asked. She went on to say that the feedback and suggestions for Mayflower Park would be looked into at the November meeting.

She advised that two applications had been received for the Groundsman position and interviews would be held as soon as possible.

The Chair and The Clerk then gave an update on their meeting with East Preston and Rustington Parish Councils re the provision of youth services across the parishes and where this could be improved and funding not duplicated. A short discussion took place.

9 F25/097 REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Urquhart was not able to attend the meeting, no report was submitted.

10 F25/098 REPORT FROM THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Copper was not able to attend the meeting, no report was submitted.

11 F25/099 DEVOLUTION UPDATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION UPDATE

No other updates have been received from ADC/WSCC but will be shared once received.

12 F25/100 COMMUNITY HUB/NEW OFFICES

The Clerk reported that APC were still in the same position as last month. However, it has now been established that all utilities can be accessed without the need to connect via the community centre in anyway. Sadly, the issue with the car park is yet to be resolved.

Since the meeting re youth services mentioned in the Chairs Report questions now need to be raised if there is still a need for a youth club in the new hub. We also have to be mindful of a lot of unforeseen expenditure that is now on the horizon

such as the Bewley Road appeal, Mayflower improvements, unknown expenditure due to Devolution, work needed to the flat above the office all of which were unknown when this project started. Due to holidays the next update will be given at the November meeting. A short discussion took place with Cllr. Verrinder commenting that she felt APC should focus on the Bewley Road appeal at this time.

13 F25/101 BEWLEY ROAD APPEAL UPDATE

The Clerk gave an update and stated that the working group was doing really well with lots going on in the background.

There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 9 September at Angmering Community Centre between 7.30pm and 8.30pm - this will be covering items such as the appeals process and fund raising also a representative for Beccy Cooper MP would be in attendance to read a statement on her behalf.

Cllr. Verrinder commented that she was elated by the amount of effort that has been put into this appeal by everyone involved and that everyone is grateful to APC for being part of this and could not have got this far without them.

14 F25/102 CONFIRMATION OF EVENTS FOR 2026

The Chair drew the committee's attention to the proposed list of events and invited questions. After a short discussion all events were agreed.

Cllr. Evans PROPOSED that all events proposed for 2026 were approved. Cllr. Verrinder SECONDED and ALL AGREED
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A list of all the events proposed can be found in the supporting papers.

15 F25/103 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

The 2025/2026 budget for Community Grants is £5,000.

One grant request has been submitted for consideration this month.

- Arun Community Transport – £250

After discussion, the following decision was made:

Cllr. Verrinder PROPOSED that a sum of £300 was granted to Arun Community Transport. Cllr. Bicknell SECONDED and ALL AGREED
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Eleven grants, including tonight's, have been awarded so far this year, leaving an available budget of £1,435.00.

The Chair continues to encourage all councillors to make it known that APC grants are available.

16 F25/104 2025/26 FINANCIAL REPORT

The reports were presented, no questions were asked.

Cllr. Evans will sign the reconciliations for August 2025. This has been done.

17 F25/105 QUESTIONS ON THE ALREADY CIRCULATED NOTES OF MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS OR NOTES ON OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr. Harris had submitted a report on behalf of the Twinning Association regarding the visit to Angmering between Friday 29 August and Sunday 31 August. This report had been sent to all councillors prior to tonight's meeting and can also be found in **Appendix 1** at the end of these minutes.

Cllr. Evans commented that he thought it was a really good event, as did Cllr. Verrinder and all thanked Cllr. Harris for her report.

The Clerk finished by reading out the below email to Cllr. Evans:

Alan,

Thank you to you and the Parish Councillors who came to the welcome tea in the Church Hall. It was good for our visitors to see that the local government here is interested as they are in France.

We have been very grateful this year for the support of the Parish Council, both for the French visit and the VE Day celebration and booklet. Please could you convey our thanks at a Council meeting?

I hope you may be able to join us next year for our visit to Ouistreham.

With best wishes,

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President

Angmering Twinning Association

18 F25/106 QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Planning and Infrastructure Committee – None.

Governance & Oversight Committee – None.

19 F25/107 TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT MATTERS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, ARISING SINCE THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA

None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee's next meeting will be on **Monday 13 October 2025** at 7:30pm in the King Suite, Angmering Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 20.44.

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Chairman

Date.....

Appendix 1



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Bella



VISIT TO ENGLAND ON 29TH AUGUST TO 31ST AUGUST 2025

Report to Angmering Parish Council by Councillor Norma Harris (Parish Representative to the Twinning Association)

Our Twinning weekend was very enjoyable, successful and very busy.

Once the Party from Ouistreham arrived at about 3.30pm on the Friday, accompanied by our Councillor David Marsh who had rescued them from the nightmare that is Water Lane, we all went to St Margaret's Church Hall for a welcoming tea. On display was a beautiful cake commissioned by one of the members and a document which was presented to the Parish Council by the French on the centenary of the Parish Council, this was in French and Sylvia translated it into English, and both stood either side of the cake.



It was so good to have our Councillors Alan, David and Carrey supporting the Parish Council. Alan on behalf of the Council gave a very warm welcome although in English, it was translated for him by a member of the Association. After cream teas we dispersed to our own homes with guest in tow to prepare for the evening entertainment. My two guests were made very welcome at the Lamb at Angmering for the weekend to the extent that they were given a room for their electric bikes – don't ask, they cycled from Angmering to Portsmouth to return home on Sunday. The French really are as mad as the English.

Sylvia and I entertained our guests at the Spotted Cow to a fish and chips supper. We had a very enjoyable evening together.

At nine am on Saturday we departed the Angmering School in the guests coach for Tangmere and the museum. The weather could have been better, but the spirits were high. At the Museum we were separated into four groups two for the French with a French speaker and the other two for the English with a very knowledgeable guide, one of the many volunteers at Tangmere.



After the walk around we were taken to the Tangmere Village Hall for a very delicious picnic lunch provided by the hosts (us). After the lunch we were given a talk by Sheryl Green, in French and English, about the women who played a tremendous roll in the war effort for SOE, the special duties squadron and French resistance who passed through Tangmere.

Having arrived back in Angmering we then prepared for the evening meal at the Avisford Park Hotel. We had to provide the transport, but the weather was awful. Sylvia did the driving. We were welcomed inside to a glass of champagne and the evening entertainment was by the Sussex Shantymen – everyone enjoyed this which could be seen by the way they were joining in with the choruses and clapping in time to the music.



The meal itself was delicious and after a speech by both Twinning Presidents and presentation to our President we departed the hotel, but the weather had not stopped raining. As we would not see my guests, Michel and Joelle in the morning we said our farewells to them and wished them bon voyage on their bikes to Portsmouth without the English Breakfast they were hoping for.

Sunday morning was with our guests before their departure at 1200, with either a walk around Angmering, a visit to the beach at Rustington or a visit to the Littlehampton RNLI Station where they were introduced to some of the crew – one of the guests is a Lifeboat man in Ouistreham. Sylvia took her guest Laure and Pip along Dappers Lane.

We now look forward to next year when we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary in Ouistreham Riva Bella, we were assured by their President that they have something special planned for us.

The Angmering Twinning Association thanks the Parish Council for the grant which helped to make this weekend such a success.

Norma Harris
APC Representative
4th September 2025