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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2026 AT THE ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL, KING SUITE

**Present:** Councillors Nikki Hamilton-Street (Chair), Alan Evans (Vice Chair), Sylvia Verrinder, Norma Harris, Carey Bennett, James Thompson, David Marsh, Jack Gocher, Sally Taylor and Henry King

**In Attendance:** Katie Herr (Clerk), Cllr. Deborah Urquhart (WSCC)

**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	F25/166	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies were received and approved for Cllr. John Oldfield. Apologies were not received and therefore not approved for Cllr. Paul Bicknell, ADC Cllr. Andy Cooper and ADC Cllr. Amelia Worne.	
2	F25/167	<b>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.</b> None.	
3	F25/168	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Council on <b>Monday 8 December 2025</b> were agreed and signed by the Chair.	
4	F25/169	<b>PUBLIC CONSULTATION</b> No members of the public were present, and no questions had been sent in.	
5	F25/170	<b>THE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS, BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC UPDATES ON:</b> The Clerk asked if there were any questions. Cllr. Thompson requested to join the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Briefing on 22 January 2026. The Clerk advised that she would confirm the link via email. The Clerk then asked if there were any comments or changes councillors	

would like to make to a letter of support being sent to Rustington Parish Council over the closure of The Zachary Merton. No changes were requested, so the letter will be sent via email to their Clerk.

**6 F25/171 CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair asked if there were any questions – none were asked.

The Chair advised that the Mayflower Park Task and Finish Group would be resurrected and advised interested councillors to email the Clerk, a meeting will be set for February 2026 on site.

Cllr. Evans then gave an update on the recycling initiatives of soft plastics and bras. 2 years since we stopped using Terracycle and started taking the recycling direct to the supermarkets. In 2024 we recycled 178.9kg, slightly down this year to 167.5Kg – this could be done to the closure of the office in early 2025. In 2024 we collected 3255 and in 2025 4867 – this was mainly down to Cllr. Evans are now collecting from The Lanes, various charity shops in Rustington and West Sussex Breast Cancer Centre in Worthing.

There will now be a box for new/unopened toiletries in the office, and these will be donated to My Sisters House who are a community-based organisation that provides support, resources, and services specifically tailored to the needs of women.

The member of the public who attended a meeting previously asking about creating a group of volunteers to make Angmering greener has got back in touch with Alan about a meeting she has set up at The Spotted Cow for like-minded people, before they put a plan together. This meeting will be on 27 January 2026. Cllr. Evans has offered her our full support and Cllr. Gocher will attend the meeting.

The Littlehampton Community Fridge has moved to the Baptist Church, and Alan has encouraged councillors to promote – the office will continue to do this.

Cllr. Marsh has agreed to be the new dementia contact for the groups in the village.

**7 F25/173 REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr. Urquhart read out her report (appendix 1) and asked for questions, none were asked.

The Chair said she had reported the large pothole down Station Road and was advised it would be done in 2-24 hours – this was days ago. She also questioned the quality of the repairs. Cllr. Urquhart asked for the report number to be sent to her and she would chase.

**8 F25/174 REPORT FROM THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

No report was received.

**9 F25/175 DEVOLUTION UPDATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION UPDATE**

The Chair confirmed that the consultation was now closed and we were waiting on several confirmations on how things will progress.

**10 F25/176 BEWLEY ROAD APPEAL UPDATE**

The Chair drew everyone's attention to the supporting paper and asked for any questions/comments.

After a discussion the below was agreed.

Cllr. Marsh **PROPOSED** to Note the outcome of the Bewley Road appeal and the limited scope for further action, agree not to allocate any further Parish Council funding toward pursuing additional stages of the appeal and to resolve to redirect focus to planning engagement, monitoring future applications, and delivery of existing parish priorities.  
Cllr. Thompson **SECONDED** and **7 AGREED** with **1 ABSTAINING**

**11 F25/177 2026/2027 BUDGET APPROVAL**

A short discussion was had on the budget.

Cllr. Harris **PROPOSED** to accept the budget for 2026/27. Cllr. Verrinder **SECONDED** and **All AGREED**

**12 F25/178 2026/2027 PRECEPT APPROVAL**

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the precept and if it should be raised for 2026/27. The Clerk put forward, as part of the supporting papers, that the precept should remain at its current level, with a 0% increase, for the 6<sup>th</sup> year running.

Cllr. Evans said he would support a 0% rise in precept and Cllr. Marsh agreed, stating that the precept should only be raised if APC needed money for specific projects, at this time it did not, so a rise in precept was not required. The investments were doing well and this provided extra funding for APC.

Cllr. Verrinder requested that clear communication is put out there about council tax bills and that other councils/police can put their demands up and that residents' bills may still rise – the Clerk advised that communication through our social media and All About Angmering Magazine would clearly state this information and the office are available to answer any questions.

Cllr. Thompson acknowledged that the precept had not risen for the last 5 years and questioned the need to increase it in-line with inflation. He talked through a potential rise of 3 or 5 %. He said he supported a raise and went through the figures and how that would affect residents. Cllr Harris said that she did not think there was a need to raise the precept, due to more houses now being occupied and the natural increase this brings about.

Cllr Gocher stated that it was great to be able to continue with the current high level of service and not need to increase the precept. Cllr. King also stated that the precept should not be put up if there was no need/reason to increase it.

Cllr. Thompson **PROPOSED** to raise the precept by 5% for 2026/27 to £113.26 per band D property. Nobody seconded.

Cllr. King **PROPOSED** to apply a 0% raise in precept for 2026/27, it would remain at £107.87 per band D property. Cllr. Verrinder **SECONDED** and **7 AGREED**, with **1 abstaining**.

**13 F25/179 APC CHARTY OF THE YEAR 2026/27**

A discussion was held around the nominated charities.

Arun Community Transport, RNLI, Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Littlehampton Community Fridge and Home Start Arun, Worthing and Adur. The Chair talked through and gave background on all the nominations.

A lengthy discussion took place, and questions were asked regarding the various charities, their work and how our fund raising may help.

A vote was taken and Littlehampton Community Fridge received the most votes. The Clerk will email them to advise and set up a meeting so our plans and events can be discussed with them. We will also work on an advertising plan in order to promote their charity.

**14 F25/180 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The 2025/2026 budget for Community Grants is £5,000.  
No grants have been requested this month.  
Thirteen grants have been awarded so far this year, leaving an available budget of £685.

The Chair continues to encourage councillors to spread the word that these grants are available.

**15 F25/181 2025/26 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The reports were presented, no questions were asked.  
Cllr. Harris signed the reconciliations for December 2025.

**16 F25/182 QUESTIONS ON THE ALREADY CIRCULATED NOTES OF MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS OR NOTES ON OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Cllr. Verrinder updated councillors on a recent meeting with West Sussex County Council regarding the Angmering Flood Alleviation Scheme and 2 other flooding issues. See Appendix 2.

**17 F25/183 QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

The Planning and Infrastructure Committee: None.  
Governance & Oversight Committee: None.

**18 F25/184 TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT MATTERS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, ARISING SINCE THE PREPARATION OF THIS AGENDA**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee's next meeting will be on **Monday 9 February 2026** at 7:30pm in the King Suite, Angmering Village Hall.

**The meeting concluded at 20:30**

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Chair

Date.....

## Appendix 1.

### JAN 26 REPORT TO ANGMERING PC BY CLLR DEBORAH URQUHART WSCC

1. Children and young people in West Sussex are receiving the support they need to thrive, stay safe, and reach their full potential, thanks to the county council's 'stronger' and 'more effective assessments', according to government inspectors, Ofsted.

Inspectors praised the council for:

- Improved quality and timeliness of child protection strategy discussions, ensuring quicker and more effective safeguarding decisions.
  - Stronger, more effective assessments for children, leading to better-targeted support.
  - Better support for 16 and 17-year-olds at risk of homelessness.
  - Early identification of need, including for unborn children, and building respectful, trusting relationships with families.
  - Innovative use of specialist practitioners alongside social workers.
  - High staff retention and positive cultural change, leaving the service well-placed to consolidate improvements.
2. A major clean-up of the West Sussex shoreline continued over Christmas and the New Year, with more waste being recovered and taken away for disposal.
    - Containers and their contents came ashore around Selsey, Pagham and Bognor Regis having fallen from the Baltic Klipper cargo ship just over a month ago.
    - The operation is led and co-ordinated by West Sussex County Council together with Arun District Council and Chichester District Council. It remains a complex and protracted operation covering 60km of coastline, and work is expected to continue for some time to come.
    - Environment specialists Ambipar are continuing the work to assess and retrieve waste from the shoreline. Teams are currently surveying the beach in sections, working through each square in a planned pattern to identify and then remove debris from each section as they go.
    - More than 95 tonnes of waste collected since the start of the operation has now been disposed of, including organic, plastic, wood, and metal materials.

- All containers that were mostly intact have been removed from the beaches and work is underway to plan the removal of the remaining pieces, considering the weather and tide conditions.

## Appendix 2

Meeting held online with Cllr. Sylvia Verrinder, Geoff Gibbs (Angmering Resident) and Dominic Henly - Flood Risk Management from WSCC.

**1 – Pipe under the A27 at Hammerpot** – It was agreed that the solution as described by Deborah that the EA have funded the local landowners south of the A27 to maintain their ditches then this could be the solution we need and the matter therefore closed. However, Dominic will investigate further regarding the pipe replacement and whether it really is needed.

**2 – Angmering Flood Alleviation Scheme** – It is hoped that progress on Phase 1 can be started very soon, so we should get a new planning application within a couple of months. They are working with the Ecclesden Park Management Team to resolve the access problem. Hopefully this can be completed before the end of the year. Phase 2 discussions etc are ongoing. It is quite possible as time progresses new ideas may surface.

**3 – Heron’s Park to Arundel Road pipe** – This was discussed at length and felt that the “landowners” i.e. the owners of the bungalows affected should be written to advising them of the existence of this pipe and that they are the riparian owners as stated in the document “Ditch the Problem” – I questioned who should do the writing and it was agreed that this was something that both the Clerk at APC and Dominic can discuss. The matter is not closed.

I asked Dominic to ensure that we are kept fully updated on all flooding/water matters that affect Angmering in both Arun & SDNP, he said he would do that.