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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	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 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	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. None.	
3	F25/168	APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Council on Monday 8 December 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair.	
4	F25/169	PUBLIC CONSULTATION No members of the public were present, and no questions had been sent in.	
5	F25/170	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. 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 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 due 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 6th 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.....09/02/2026.....