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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANGMERING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2025 AT THE ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL, KING SUITE

Present: Councillors Sylvia Verrinder, Alan Evans (Vice Chair), Norma Harris, David Marsh, Carey Bennett and James Thompson

In Attendance: Katie Herr (Clerk), Cllr. Deborah Urquhart (WSCC), Cllr. Andy Cooper (ADC) and 6 members of the public.

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	F25/108	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received and approved for Nikki Hamilton-Street, Alison Reigate, John Oldfield. Apologies were not received and therefore not approved for Paul Bicknell nor Cllr. Amelia Worne (ADC).	
2	F25/109	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. Cllr. Thompson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 – Bewley Road Appeal Update. He is the vice chair of the Protect Farmland West of Bewley Road group.	
3	F25/110	APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Council on Monday 8 September 2025 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chair.	
4	F25/111	PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY – CO-OPTION Jacob (Jack) Gocher attended the meeting. He answered a couple of questions from councillors regarding his youth skills and his experience with community transport. No further questions were asked. Cllr. Evans then asked for a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Jack Gocher onto Angmering Parish Council. Jack signed his acceptance of office and joined the rest of the councillors at the tables. Jack was given a pack of information and asked to return the signed forms to office.	

5 F25/112 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

One member of the public wanted to state that she was new to the village and wanted to investigate green initiatives which had worked in the village where she lived previously. Councillors welcomed her to the village and went on to explain what our current initiatives were and how to proceed with her ideas. Angmering in Bloom were mentioned and Cllr. Evans suggested she email him with her ideas and then a meeting could be set up. Both Cllr. Gocher and Thompson were also keen to join the meeting.

Another member of the public wanted to talk about Dappers Lane, the new speed signage and issues experienced by residents. She advised councillors that there was a 20mph sign to the north of the underpass (where it is a no entry) Councillors agreed that this seemed to be counter intuitive, and the Clerk agreed to contact WSCC Highways about having this sign relocated within the lane. The resident then went on to advise that she had spoken with Speedwatch and they were looking to visit the lane to record speeds, once a safe place had been found for them. She also went on to read out statements from residents regarding their recent experiences on Dappers Lane.

Resident of Brambletyne Close 6 Sep

Just happened this afternoon, just after the bridge having come up through the no entry. (a photo was provided). They were going the 20mph though (think there is a sign at the no entry saying 20mph limit pointing to the same way you're not supposed to enter... might be confusing?!?)

Resident of Dappers Lane

1. 18 Sep

We have certainly noticed a marked increase in speeding cars and many instances of cars exceeding the new speed limit.

2. 8 Oct

I do find some differences in the implementation of the 20 mph speed limit if I look at comparable schemes particularly in London. I.e. communication such as "new 20mph speed limit in force" and the 20mph painted on the road as you enter the area. Our signage is also very small.

I am not necessarily a fan of speed bumps but these could be effective as you enter from Water Lane. It's all a bit low key after all the great effort to achieve it in the first place.

The Clerk advised that she had enquired about moving the Speed Indicator Device to Dappers Lane as part of the current rotations, but was advised to wait for at least 12 months, when GPS data can be used to determine if a SID would be useful (decision to be made by WSCC). We will revisit in August 2026.

The other 2 members of the public wanted to wait until the end of the meeting to speak with the committee. This was agreed by the Chair of the meeting, Cllr. Evans.

6 F25/113 THE CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS, BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC UPDATES ON:

The Clerk confirmed there was no report for this month, due to holidays.

She thanked her staff and the councillors for their hard work hosting Angmering Revealed. All present said it was a great day.

7 F25/114 CHAIR'S REPORT

Cllr. Hamilton-Streets report was noted, no questions were asked.

8 F25/115 REPORT FROM THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

See Appendix 1. For Cllr. Urquhart's report, which she read out.

Cllr. Verrinder asked what both Cllr. Urquhart and Cllr. Cooper's thoughts were on a suggestion of developers being charged council tax on empty/unsold properties. Cllr. Urquhart – stated she was always in favour of taxation on empty properties after year 2, but it is a district decision. Cllr. Cooper said it would be a good thing to be able to do, but this is government legislation – local authorities don't have the power to levy council tax against empty new builds. He suggested we put this question to our MP – the Clerk will send an email to Becky Cooper MP's office.

Cllr. Cooper stated that new builds are rarely left empty for 2 years – but empty private properties now pay full council tax.

Cllr. Evans asked for advice/help on viewing the maps associated with the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Cllr. Urquhart will investigate and get back to Cllr. Evans.

9 F25/116 REPORT FROM THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Cooper explained the current situation with the state of the ADC housing department; they are looking at ways of bringing the council housing up to standard.

Parking charges at ADC were raised for both Bognor and Littlehampton.

ADC have also submitted their choice with regards to how the Local Government Reorganisation should shape up. Cllr Cooper stated he shared Cllr. Urquhart's concerns over Adult and Child Services. Essentially it is a government choice at the end of the day, and they will decide regardless of ADC/WSCC.

He reiterated that if anyone has any further questions, please email him at any time.

10 F25/117 DEVOLUTION UPDATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION UPDATE

The Clerk stated that she had no further updates but advised there was a WSALC meeting in November with further updates regarding how devolution will affect parish councils.

11 F25/118 BEWLEY ROAD APPEAL UPDATE

The Clerk confirmed the latest update from ADC – they have removed the lack of a sequential test from their reasons for refusal. The Angmering Community Alliance sought advice from the solicitors/Barrister on this and they have confirmed how we will be moving forward.

Cllr. Evans advised that he had heard that several groups in Angmering were concerned about the amount of money being spent on the appeal for Bewley Road. He stated that he still believes this is the right decision, and all there present agreed. Cllr. Verrinder and Cllr. Thompson added their support regarding the decision made – Cllr. Thompson stated that the level of support could be seen by the amount of objection letters which were written, along with the amount of money raised so far by the PFWBR Group.

12 F25/119 DISCOVERY PLAY AREA

The Clerk advised councillors about the area, its current state and what could potentially be done there. All agreed that it was the right thing to remove the equipment and make the area safe and useable.

The Clerk went on to explain about the different options and how removing the wet pour sections now, may help to reduce further costs later on down the line and also ensure that the area didn't have any gaps/places where grass could grow through and affect the integrity of the surface.

After a lengthy discussion including information being given around MUGA's close to private properties etc it was decided to go with quote 3, option 2.

Cllr. Marsh **PROPOSED** that Quote 3, option 2 for £8130.14 to Remove all play equipment, cutting off below ground level and dispose of all arisings
Remove all wet pour surfacing and dispose of it. Supply and lay tarmac to all Wet pour areas. Cllr. Thompson **SECONDED** and **ALL AGREED**

13 F25/120 VIREMENTS REQUIRED FOR 2025/26 BUDGET

The Clerk talked through the paper and the required virements regarding insurance and bank charges.

After a brief discussion the virements were agreed.

Cllr. Marsh **PROPOSED** that the virements proposed be actioned. Cllr. Verrinder **SECONDED** and **ALL AGREED**

14 F25/121 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

Two grant requests have been submitted for consideration this month.

- Worthing Table Tennis Club - £500
A discussion took place regarding their presence at Angmering Revealed, the location for the sessions, what the money would go towards and funding going forward.
- 4Sight Vision - £250
A discussion took place about their services and support within Angmering.

The following decisions were made:

Cllr. Verrinder **PROPOSED** that the sum of £500 was granted to Worthing Table Tennis Club. Cllr. Harris **SECONDED** and **ALL AGREED**

Cllr. Thompson **PROPOSED** that the sum of £250 was granted to 4Sight Vision. Cllr. Marsh **SECONDED** and **ALL AGREED**

Thirteen grants, including tonight's, have been awarded so far this year, leaving an available budget of £685.

Cllr. Thompson made a suggestion around a booklet being created to showcase what our local charities do and how residents could support them. It was agreed that Cllr. Thompson would write his proposal down and submit it when the request for annual plan/budget information came through.

15 F25/122 2025/26 FINANCIAL REPORT

The reports were presented, no questions were asked.

Cllr. Bennett signed the reconciliations for September 2025.

16 **F25/123 QUESTIONS ON THE ALREADY CIRCULATED NOTES OF MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS OR NOTES ON OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED**

SDNP T&PC Meeting 1st October attended by Cllr. Bennett and Cllr. Verrinder – report sent to everyone, any comments, or questions.

Arun Community Transport AGM was attended by Cllr. Verrinder on 10th October – State of play and a presentation by Age UK West Sussex Brighton & Hove - report to follow. Slides from the presentation were shared by the Clerk. Cllr. Verrinder suggested that ACT go to local care homes to see if they have any available funding available.

NALC Climate Emergency Network on 10th October – subjects Carbon Literacy and Parish Flooding – Cllr. Verrinder could not attend so we will wait for the report to come out and then share.

Town & Country Planning Association meeting on 21st Oct – subject Flood Risk. Cllr. Verrinder shall attend this then forward any reports/information afterwards.

Arun Flood Forum meeting on 22nd Oct –APC were not invited (parishes invited in turn) – will await minutes and forward anything relating to Angmering

17 **F25/124 QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEES HELD SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

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

18 **F25/125 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 10 November 2025** at 7:30pm in the King Suite, Angmering Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 20:59

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Chairman

Date.....

OCT 25 REPORT TO ANGMERING PC BY WSCC CLLR DEBORAH URQUHART

- WSCC has published its Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. The strategy sets out a catchment-based approach to managing flood risk and building resilience across the county through collaboration, sustainable drainage and nature based solution.

A webinar for parish engagement is currently being planned.
- The public consultation on the West Sussex Local Nature Recovery Strategy will begin shortly including a series of webinars for stakeholders and parishes.
- Last Friday I attended the inaugural meeting of the Sussex Mayoral Combined Authority to start shaping the strategy for West Sussex. Work has also started on Local Government Reform – the disaggregation costs and service risks to Adult and Children’s Social Care, cannot be overstated. We await Governments decision as to the number of unitary councils for Sussex.
- 4 WSCC children’s homes have been commended by Ofsted, with 2 graded as excellent and 2 as good. All our homes are now either excellent or good.
- Adult Social Care has been judged as ‘good’ by the Care Quality Commission which is a testament to the investment of tax payers money and hard work of staff.
- The summer reading challenge for children run by our libraries, saw over 10000 children take part.
- **West Sussex is named UK's fifth most connected county** having considered a range of factors such as public transport links, broadband speed, access to airports, population size and public WiFi access, West Sussex was given fifth place (following West Midlands, Essex, Hampshire and Greater Manchester) by researchers working for broadband provider, Trooli