

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Infrastructure, Communications and Environment Committee Meeting

Chanctonbury Room, Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington
Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr Moremon, Cllr Hurley, Cllr Loney, Cllr Grace, Cllr Hicks and Cllr Meadows.

Members of the public: One

Also present: Rebecca Luckin - Clerk

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

a) Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Castle.

2. Declarations of interest

None for this meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings

a) Cllr Meadows **proposed** that the minutes of the meeting of 21st May 2025 be approved.

Seconded by Cllr Loney. **Agreed.** (Minutes to be signed).

4. Matters arising – For information only

12 a) A meeting with the managing agent of Old Mill Square had taken place, following concerns regarding poor maintenance of the floral displays. A representative of Storrington in Bloom will send the managing agent's proposal back to them. The Clerk will draft a letter to the managing agent reporting that no improvements had occurred and that the square looks neglected.

5. Public Participation

a) A member of the public reported very positive feedback following the Stork and Nature Recovery Festival.

6. Environment and Climate Change

a) Councillors had received a request from HDC to join the Parish Council Climate Action Network. The Committee will subscribe to the newsletter.

7. Past and upcoming events / projects updates

a) Stork Fest 2025 feedback – the event was considered a huge success due to the monumental amount of hard work of the organisers and the support of some excellent volunteers. A further invite to visit the storks at

Knepp will be issued to volunteers who helped on the day.

b) Stork Fest 2026 – a more structured organisation going forward. Next steps will be to agree the date of the 2026 event, subject to Knepp stork timings, speaker availability and Leisure Centre availability.

Item for the next agenda - ICE Committee members to consider and agree Stork Fest Working Group members to include Viv Doussey, Tony Whitbread and Rob Blay.

c) Christmas evening event – Thursday 4th December 2025. Meetings with representatives from the Business Network had taken place. Sponsorship will be sought from the larger local businesses. Communications will be run past ICE. Cllr Hicks will attend the next Business / Christmas meeting – 4.15pm Thursday 17th July.

d) Wardens' Fun Day – Monday 18th August

8. Communication

a) Neighbourhood Plan progress - Cllr Hurley will attend the next NDP Steering Group meeting, which will follow on from HDC advice regarding their own plan. S&SPC policies are currently under revision, to include the Cemex Sandgate Park and Sandgate Country Park. The NDP Steering Group will provide a presentation in due course.

b) Website replacement – Committee members agreed to delegate to a Working Group to undertake research and report back to the next meeting, with a view to seeking quotes and urgently progressing. A new website will include a survey tool and a newsletter sign-up database.

9. Street Lighting, Street Furniture and Floral Displays

Nothing to report for this meeting.

10. Litter, waste and recycling

Nothing to report for this meeting.

11. Ponds

a) Memorial Pond - Pumps have been repaired, chippings placed, and chalking arranged. Volunteers are needed for regular, general tidy-up sessions. The cost of electricity usage will be identified, with the options of a floating solar panel (anchored to the island) to be investigated.

b) Committee members noted a letter from a young Storrington resident. The Clerk had sent a response advising that works to the Memorial Pond were ongoing and that debris would be cleared at regular intervals.

c) Mill Pond – The Asst Clerk, Clerk, and Cllr Aitkenhead had met with Pete Crawford (HDC) and Amy Furness (HDC) who are working with the Environment Agency to undertake dredging works, which are likely to take place at the beginning of 2026. The HDC allocated funds are protected and will roll forward if necessary. The Clerk will contact Andrew Griffith MP to request support for the project.

12. Public Rights of Way

Nothing to report for this meeting.

13. Committee budget review

a) Committee members noted the Flexed Budget Report for May 2025

14. Consideration of items of expenditure:

a) Wardens' Fun Day – contribution towards cost of Circus Workshop & Giant Bubbles.

Cllr Meadows **proposed** that the Parish Council contribute towards two consecutive hours - £265 (no vat).

Seconded by Cllr Moremon. **Agreed.**

b) Regarding a projector wall screen and ceiling bracket, Cllr Loney will investigate how the projector will be

powered, etc.

c) Urgent pond pump repair - £295 (no vat) – Cllr Loney **proposed** that the quote be approved.
Seconded by Cllr Meadows. **Agreed.**

15. ICE Strategic Plan objectives – Committee members to review and agree

Item for the next agenda.

16. Chairman's Announcements and items for the next agenda

a) Clerk and Cllr Hicks to draft a Communication policy for consideration by Full Council.

17. Date of next meeting – 16th July 2025 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:
Chair

Date: 16th July 2025

ACTION LIST – ICE – 17.06.25

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| 4 | Check planters and then send letter to managing agent – Steven Alexander. | Clerk | |
| 7 b) | Item for the next agenda - ICE Committee members to consider and agree Stork Fest Working Group members (to include Viv Doussey, Tony Whitbread and Rob Blay. | Clerk | |
| 8 b) | Agenda item. Councillors to look at other PC websites. Clerk to obtain estimates of costs – see Cuttlefish | Cllrs Clerk | |
| 11 a) | Item for the next agenda - The cost of electricity usage will be identified, with the options of a floating solar panel (anchored to the island) to be investigated. | Clerk Clerk | |
| 11 c) | The Clerk will contact Andrew Griffith MP to request support for the Mill Pond dredging project. | Clerk | |
| 15. | Item for the next agenda – review and agree strategic objectives. | Clerk | |
| 16 | Item for Full Council – Draft a Communication Policy / Strategy | Clerk Cllr Hicks | |