

**STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON  
PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Full Parish Council Meeting**  
**of Storrington and Sullington Parish Council**  
**in the Chanctonbury Room, Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, RH20 3PP**  
**6:30 pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

**Present:** Cllr Mark Cramer (Chair), Cllr Andy Castle (Vice-Chair), Cllr Bill Aitkenhead, Cllr Richard Hurley, Cllr John Loney, Cllr Melissa Moremon, Cllr Charlotte Burnell, Cllr Liz Greengrass, Cllr Peter Meadows and Cllr Theresa Bennett.

**Members of the public:** Seven

**Clerk:** Rebecca Luckin

**MINUTES**

**155. Apologies for absence**

a) Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ian Ward, Cllr Leanne Grace, Cllr Emma Beard (HDC), Cllr Joan Grech (HDC), Cllr Claudia Fisher (HDC) and Cllr Paul Marshall (WSCC).

**156. Declarations of interest**

a) Cllr Peter Meadows declared a personal / prejudicial interest in item 165 on the agenda, as a member of the Cricket Club.

**157. Minutes of the previous meetings**

a) Subject to an amendment, Cllr Cramer **proposed** that the minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March be approved as a correct record of the meeting. **Seconded** by Cllr Loney. **Agreed.** The minutes will be signed following amendment.

**158. Matters arising**

147 d) HDC Mill Pond budget – Cllr Grech currently investigating the scope of planned works.

144. HDC to provide an asset list and liaise with Parish Councils in due course.

151 a) Devolution Preparation to be included as a regular Full Council agenda item going forward

**159. Public Participation**

a) Tony Whitbread (Sussex Wildlife Trust and Knepp Wildland Foundation Trustee) thanked Councillors for their role in supporting the European Stork Village status, formally invited them to a tour of Knepp and also gifted a signed copy of Isabella Tree's Wilding book to each Councillor. On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Cramer thanked all the organisers and reiterated that Councillors were excited by the project and looking forward to the Stork Festival on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

b) Viviane Doussy requested help with the Information Desk and with distributing leaflets, and reminded all that a music concert was planned for the evening.

c) Representatives of Storrington Museum outlined a book that was currently being produced and invited the Parish Council to become a sponsor – agenda item.

### 160. Storrington Primary School presentation

a) Laura Rawnsley, and Andy Parkin, representing the Storrington Primary School Governing Body, outlined the school's mission, vision, values and strategic plan. Key challenges include a reduction in pupil numbers (which creates a variable income, but a fixed cost base, currently not being addressed by WSCC); going forward, the School might request Parish Council support in lobbying the local authority.

Some temporary modular classroom accommodation has been condemned, with other modules being assessed as having only a 5-year lifespan. WSCC is currently undertaking a feasibility study regarding an extension to the school (at a cost of approx. £2.5m) which will not address all of the accommodation issues. The Governing Body will be looking to fill three vacancies in the summer and would welcome applications from Councillors, or suitable candidates from their network. The School looks forward to working in closer partnership with the community and, following on from a recent road safety poster campaign, would welcome further collaboration with the Parish Council.

Cllr Cramer thanked Laura Rawnsley and Andy Parkin for attending the meeting.

### Members of the public left the meeting at 7.10pm

### 161. County Council Matters

None for this meeting.

### 162. District Council Matters

None for this meeting.

### 163. Neighbourhood Wardens Report to Full Council

a) Neighbourhood Warden, Chris Poore, reported on a weekly Autism and SEND Gaming Group, which has been over-subscribed and currently operates a waiting-list. A recent traffic survey in Spierbridge Rd has informed the Active Travel Plan and will bring improvements to the 'green route'. The dementia / community café has been well-attended, with the Rotary Club providing free mini-bus training which has enabled Wardens to collect attendees. Wardens have been successful in obtaining grant funding which has included £1,000 from the church, £900 from Storrington Community Partnership and £500 from Storrington Music Club towards a sensory dome at the Leisure Centre. Some anti-social behaviour, has been addressed with the help of Sussex Police, and may lead to community banning orders.

Councillors thanked Neighbourhood Wardens for their hard work.

### Member of the public left the meeting at 7.20pm

### 164. Referrals and recommendations from Committees:

a) Finance Committee Members reported that a financial offer from the mobile phone mast provider had been declined for the time being, as not being in the long-term best interest of the Parish Council.

### 165. Consider and agree support regarding financial support for Cricket Club proposal

a) Cllr Meadows provided an update on Storrington Cricket Club, emphasising the value to the community, and current poor facilities available, especially for women, juniors and wheelchair-users. He outlined the extension proposals being considered by the Cricket Club. **Cllr Meadows left the meeting while the item was considered.**

Following extensive discussion, Councillors agreed that they were supportive of the idea in principle, however, did not have sufficient budget or information in order to make an offer in the current financial year. Meetings with the Cricket Club will be requested. **Cllr Meadows re-joined the meeting** and was updated on the decision.

### 166. Consider and agree regarding sponsorship / grant application requests

a) Committee Members noted a sponsorship request from Storrington Museum towards a new book and exhibition based upon Florence Greenfield's original photographs. Cllr Bennett **proposed** sponsorship to the value of £100, **seconded** by Cllr Loney. **Agreed.**

b) Storrington Museum Grant application request for £1,275 towards three month's rent - Cllr Bennett **proposed** that the grant be made. **Seconded** by Cllr Aitkenhead. **Unanimously Agreed.**

c) Councillors considered a grant request from 4Sight Vision Support. Cllr Castle **proposed** that the grant should not be

made from this year's budget, since other local community organisations had significantly fewer funds in their accounts and would take priority during the financial year. **Seconded** by Cllr Cramer second. **Agreed.**

#### **167. Consider and agree regarding items of expenditure**

None for this meeting.

#### **168. Update from NDP Steering Group**

a) Cllr Aitkenhead reported that the NDP review was continuing, with policies being updated and revised. The European Stork Village status has had a significant impact upon the plan and may go some way towards safeguard the area from future development.

#### **169. Update regarding Nature Recovery / Stork Festival – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

a) Cllr Greengrass reported that organisers continue to seek volunteers for the Help Desk and Traffic Marshals on the day of the festival. The Knepp Wildland Foundation is liaising with the press.

b) Budget update – Councillors thanked Cllr Greengrass for obtaining a £1,000 grant from Waitrose towards the costs of the event and thanked all of the organisers for their hard work towards making the event a success.

**Cllr Hurley, Cllr Greengrass and members of the public left the meeting at 8.30pm.**

#### **170. Devolution preparation**

a) Councillors agreed that Cllr Loney, Cllr Castle, Cllr Aitkenhead and Cllr Meadows form a Working Group to assess the impacts and prepare for devolution.

#### **171. Consider and agree regarding adoption of the Parish Council Strategic Plan**

a) Cllr Loney **proposed** that the Parish Council Strategic Plan be adopted as a working document.

**Seconded** by Cllr Castle. **Agreed.** The Plan will be reviewed quarterly.

#### **172. Chair's Announcements and items for the next agenda**

a) Following revaluation, and advice regarding buildings insurance cover, the additional premium for the year will be considered at the Finance Committee meeting of 24.04.25.

b) To ensure that the first meeting of the municipal year (7<sup>th</sup> May) proceeds smoothly and efficiently, all documents / policies / terms of reference, will be circulated asap, with a deadline for comments, and at the May meeting, Councillors can regard all documents 'as read'. Any document that does require significant review will be timetabled for discussion at a later meeting and approved for use during the interim.

#### **173. Date of next meetings:**

a) Annual Parish Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 (Speakers from Knepp Wildland Foundation and 20 is Plenty Campaign)

b) Full Council Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Katy Bourne and Sussex Police representatives to attend regarding devolution)

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION** – The Chairman **proposed**, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and in accordance with Standing Orders 3 (d), to exclude the press and public on the grounds that the confidential matters to be discussed under item **174** below would be prejudicial in the public interest.

#### **174. Employee salaries**

a) Following recommendation by the Finance Committee, Cllr Loney **proposed** that 'option one' be approved.

**Seconded** by Cllr Cramer. **Agreed.**

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

Signed:  
Chair

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**ACTION LIST – FULL COUNCIL – 03.04.25**

Ref:	ACTION	Whom	✓
157	Amend minutes – Chair to sign 149 – Sandgate Park – <u>is a local</u> , not open, green space. The Cemex area of Sandgate Park is the area that needs to be designated as a local green space – the woods are already a local green space.	Clerk Chair	
165	Liaise with Cricket Club – arrange meetings and clarify proposal	Clerk Cllr A CC	
166 a)	Make payment to Museum - £100	Clerk	
166 b)	Make s137 grant payment to Museum - £1,275	Clerk	
171	Post plan to website. Schedule quarterly review.	Clerk	
172 a)	Revaluation insurance quote – Finance Committee Agenda item 26.04.25	Clerk	
172 b)	Circulate all 7 <sup>th</sup> May meeting docs ASAP	Clerk	
174	Draft letters to employees	Clerk	

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