

**PARISH OF RUDGWICK
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 29th APRIL 2024**

The Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Rudgwick was held at 7.30 pm on Monday 29th April 2024 in Rudgwick Hall, Bucks Green, Rudgwick RH12 3JJ.

31 Residents, including nine Parish Councillors, including the Chairman were present.

Also present were Rev. Martin King, Anna Clayton, Parish Clerk and Sarah Hall, Assistant Clerk.

1. Welcome from the Chairman.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, David Buckley presided and welcomed all present. He continued to provide a brief overview of the Agenda.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and noted from West Sussex County Councillor Christian Mitchell, Cllr I MacLachlan and Cllr P Thompson.

2. New Parish Council from May 2023 (introductions) and Officers

The Chairman then continued by thanking those working and supporting the council for their commitment:

- Anna Clayton, Clerk
- Sarah Hall, Assistant Clerk
- Jane Strong, Facilities Officer
- Simon Quail, Village Warden
- Andy Mallpress, Open Spaces Warden
- Ted Brown, Tree Warden
- Charlie and Anne Sanders, Rudgwick Hall Key Holders
- Chris Darby, keeping King George V field and Rudgwick Hall safe and secure

The Chairman continued by introducing and thanking members of the council, Horsham District Cllr Richard Landeryou and West Sussex County Cllr Christian Mitchell and thanked the Cllrs that have resigned during the year.

Serving Parish Councillors

Steve Alker
Bob Burse
Alex Haynes
Paul Kornycky
Sue Kornycky
Ian MacLachlan
Ashley Ryan
Paul Thompson Vice Chairman
Simon Torn
Rob Wild

Resigned during the year

Allan Gormley

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The [Minutes](#) of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2nd May 2023 were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

- Honeywood House
- Ravens Wood Enforcement
- Watts Corner footway
- Traffic Calming

5. [Chairman's Report \(including committees and working groups\)](#)

The Chairman then provided some visual background information to support the events that had taken place in Rudgwick during the last year and that are planned, included in his attached report.

6. Council Tax 2024/25

The Chairman reviewed the Precept, providing the following figures:

Precept: 5 Years Council Tax from 2019/20 (CPI went from 107.1 to 130.8) (D Band)							
Council Tax	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/24	2024/25	%+
Horsham District Council	£149.53	£152.52	£157.52	£162.09	£166.94	£170.28	13.88
Rudgwick Parish Council	£69.51	£71.23	£71.23	£72.49	£75.48	£80.00	15.09
West Sussex County Council	£1,383.57	£1,438.74	£1,510.56	£1,555.74	£1,633.41	£1,714.95	23.95
Sussex Police	£189.91	£199.91	£214.91	£224.91	£239.91	£252.91	33.17
Total	£1,792.62	£1,862.40	£1,954.22	£2,015.23	£2,115.74	£2,215.14	23.57

Precept 24/25 Neighbouring Council Tax (D Band)					
	District	County	Police	Village	Total
Slinfold	£170.28	£1,714.95	£252.91	£67.28	£2,205.42
Loxwood	£186.48	£1,714.95	£252.91	£62.71	£2,217.06
Rudgwick	£170.28	£1,714.95	£252.91	£80.00	£2,218.14
Warnham	£170.28	£1,714.95	£252.91	£92.09	£2,230.23
Billingshurst	£170.28	£1,714.95	£252.91	£113.01	£2,251.15
Ockley	£205.15	£1,742.08	£323.57	£47.43	£2,334.75
Ewhurst	£207.66	£1,742.08	£323.57	£87.97	£2,377.80

The Chairman mentioned that the figures show that WSCC, HDC and Police are offering good value for money with the Rudgwick Parish Council adding to this, considering the size of the parish and the facilities the council is responsible for.

7. Questions on Parish matters from electors

8. Short Presentations from Rudgwick Village organisations:

Representatives then spoke with updates on the following:

- [Rudgwick Chapel](#) – Charlie Saunders
- [Rudgwick Preservations Society](#) – Roger Nash
- [Rudgwick Church](#) – Rev Martin King

The Chairman thanked them for coming to the annual parish meeting and giving informative presentations.

8. Closing Remarks

Thank you to contributors, councillors and staff and parishioners

9. Vote of Thanks

The Chairman thanked the following people for their commitment and support to the community and Rudgwick Parish Council

District Cllr Richard Landeryou

County Cllr Christian Mitchell

Parish Clerk Anna Clayton and Assistant Clerk Sarah Hall

All councillors and supporters

And continued with thanking the speakers for their interesting presentations.

The Chairman closed the meeting and invited the public, councillors and guest speakers to join him in taking refreshments.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Chairman
D Buckley

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Date