

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 9th – 15th August 2025 (Agenda September 2025)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)
Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

From: Anna Clayton

The weekly update provides information regarding:

- Announcements/delegated decisions by the Clerk
- Planning information
- Correspondence/communications from parishioners
- Correspondence/communications from outside organisations

List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.

- AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)
 - APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)
 - CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)
 - CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
 - HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)
 - HDC (Horsham District Council)
 - NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
 - WSALC (West Sussex Association of Local Councils)
 - WSCC (West Sussex District Council)
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Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

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GENERAL REMINDER: If you wish to speak face to face to a member of staff, please contact the Clerk on 07927 702321 during her office working hours (Monday – Wednesday 9.30 – 15.30).

Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No: DISC/25/0243 05.08.2025	Response/Comments:

Applicant: Hope Farm, The Haven	
Reason for Application: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 4 to approved application DC/22/2377	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 30.09.2025	
Application No: DC/25/1047 12.08.2025 (amended plans)	Response/Comments: Observations 16.07.2025 – No comment
Applicant: 23 Summerfold, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Prior Approval for the erection of a single-storey rear larger home extension, which would project 4.00 mtrs from the rear elevation, comprising a maximum height of 3.60 mtrs and an eaves height of 3.00 mtrs.	
Official Response Date: 26.08.2025 / Determination 07.08.2025 (not updated)	
Application No: DC/25/1218 25.07.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: 1 Wanford Cottages, Haven Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Replacement of existing flat roof with new pitched roof, and extension of loft space and conversion into habitable living space.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 19.09.2025	
Application No: DISC/25/0246 11.08.2025	Response/Comments:

Applicant: Morelands Barn, Naldretts Lane, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Approval of details reserved by condition 3 and 4 to approved application DC/25/0439.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 06.10.2025	
Application No: DC/25/1248 31.07.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Bucks Cottage, Tismans Common	
Reason for Application: Erection of a first floor link extension, rebuild main staircase and removal of modern secondary staircase. (Householder Application).	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 25.09.2025	
Application No: DC/25/1249 31.07.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Bucks Cottage, Tismans Common	
Reason for Application: Erection of a first floor link extension, rebuild main staircase and removal of modern secondary staircase. (Listed Building Consent).	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 25.09.2025	
Application No: DC/25/1283 14.08.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: 40 Pondfield Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Surgery 3x Oak	

Official Response Date: 04.09.2025 / Determination 09.10.2025	
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Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

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Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8th September 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8th September 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Address:	
Nature of Complaint	
Official Response Date:	

Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

<https://rudgwick-pc.gov.uk>

Correspondence

Email dated 14.08.2025 from NALC

Chief Executives Bulletin

Meetings

- As a recognised [political group](#) within the Local Government Association, we met with Reform UK's deputy chair, Paul Nuttall, and director of local government, Jaymey McIvor. We briefed them on the work we and county associations do, the current state of the parish and town council sector and the process for establishing new councils. We also highlighted the importance of training for newly elected

councillors. They expressed strong support for parish and town councils and emphasised the need for upper-tier administrations to work closely with parish and town councils and county associations. Reform UK currently form administrations in around 12 upper-tier councils following May's local elections and holds an estimated 120 seats on parish and town councils.

Support

- We responded to the government's consultation on proposals for local government reorganisation in Surrey, [stressing that parish and town councils and county associations must be involved from the very start of the process to create new unitary authorities](#), with county associations being full members of the Joint Implementation Team establishing any new unitary authority. You can [read the complete response](#) on our website.
- The [Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments](#) (SAAA) recently published its [Annual Report 2024/25](#). As a founding body NALC is pleased to see it go from strength to strength and is represented on its Board by Jane Moore. It identifies some room for improvement within local councils' compliance with the limited assurance regime. Whilst 97.4% of smaller authorities complete their Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) by 31 December 2024, this still means 212 did not and are at risk of receiving a Public Interest Report. Disappointingly, only 78% of smaller authorities submitted their AGAR return to external auditors by the deadline of 30 June – there is plenty of advice from SAAA, NALC, County Associations and SLCC to improve on this in future. The report also highlights strategic initiatives underway, including the development of a digital portal for submissions, enhancements to its governance including an external governance review, and active involvement in shaping local audit reform. Key wins include advocating for raising the Local Audit Regime upper threshold to £15 million and plans to raise the lower threshold too. SAAA also positioned itself for close collaboration with the forthcoming Local Audit Office, expected to be fully functional by 2028.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), Great Braxted Parish Council share an inspiring account of how their small rural community turned things around after years of stagnation. Faced with the decline of local services and facilities, the village rallied together with a renewed vision, energetic volunteers, and effective fundraising strategies. The blog offers a valuable blueprint for how any community can take proactive steps to improve local life, no matter how small, by starting with a shared goal and finding the right people to help deliver lasting change.
- We published the all-new digital edition of [Local Councils Explained](#) last month. An entirely revamped, free-to-access guide for members that delivers clear, concise explanations of how parish and town councils operate, complete with direct links to the latest legislation and refreshed for today's digital-first landscape. Join the thousands of councillors, clerks, trainers, and council staff already exploring this

essential resource to navigate governance, transparency, meetings, finance, public engagement, and legal requirements with confidence and ease. It's a must-read for anyone committed to good local governance, empowering you with practical insight, up-to-date legal frameworks, and user-friendly accessibility. It's a resource you won't want to miss!

Email dated 14.08.2025 from WSCC

West Sussex County Council offers congratulations and support to A-level students opening results



news release

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Students across West Sussex are opening their A-level and vocational course results today.

Councillor Jacquie Russell, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning said:

“Congratulations to everyone in West Sussex who is receiving their results today, you should be proud of your achievements.”

“I would also like to thank teachers, parents and carers who have supported students throughout their A-level and vocational course journeys. Whatever your results may be, the county council’s careers advisors are available together with plenty of online resources to help you navigate your next steps and achieve your potential.”

A breakdown of all grades by region can be found on [Ofqual's website](#).

Careers advice available

West Sussex County Council's careers advisors are on-hand to provide free, one-to-one advice on a range of issues.

It could be the grades you received weren't what you were hoping for, you need help finding a place at university, further education, training or employment, or you're unsure about your options and next steps.

Chat with the careers team by calling 0330 222 7175 or emailing careersadvice@westsussex.gov.uk. You can also visit the [careers guidance webpage](#) for more information.

Supporting your wellbeing

Feeling down, stressed or anxious after opening your grades? You can find support, advice and plenty of useful resources to help you with your emotional wellbeing on the [E-Wellbeing website](#).

Email dated 08.08.2025 from Sussex Police
More police, safer streets



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

KATY BOURNE OBE





The Home Office latest stats reveal that Sussex is amongst just 15 forces in England and Wales who have increased their full-time equivalent officers over the past year.

The rise in officers comes at a time when over half of police forces have reported a decrease in officer numbers.

Every police officer, whether they are in neighbourhood, response or investigation teams, makes a huge difference to our county.

As Police & Crime Commissioner, it has always been my priority to increase police officer numbers but this has not been easy given the low funding settlement we receive.

However, the public often tell me that it's the visible presence of police officers that makes them feel safe so I am delighted that Sussex Police has exceeded its recruitment targets and is one of the top forces in regards to police officer numbers.

Ultimately, if a police force has fewer officers, it's likely to lead to slower response times, less proactive policing, fewer investigations and less engagement – a shrinking force is not something we want in our county.

I will continue to work hard with our Chief Constable to ensure Sussex Police are operating effectively and will fight hard so we have the resources needed to keep our beautiful county safe.

What progress has been made to improve policing's response to stalking?

In September 2024, 15 recommendations were made to police chiefs following a 'super-complaint' that raised concerns around how forces nationally were tackling stalking.

Later that year, every police force published an action plan in response to the super-complaint, outlining its current practice and future plans to improve.

Earlier this month, the National Police Chiefs' Council highlighted some of the improvements made by police forces across England and Wales. Whilst policing cannot

be complacent and needs constant adaption as crime patterns evolve and new laws and technologies are introduced, I am pleased to say that many of the improvements that have been highlighted as 'best practice' are already well embedded into Sussex and have been for many years.

To provide an insight into just some of the work we do in Sussex to tackle stalking: In 2014, my office was one of the first to commission a local service exclusively for victims of stalking. This service, delivered by Veritas Justice, continues to support thousands of people who refer to it as a 'real lifeline'. Later, we launched a specialist service to provide tailored interventions for persistent perpetrators of domestic abuse and stalking offences.

As part of this programme, funding has been provided to employ a specialist Stalking Protection Order (SPO) co-ordinator – allowing for SPO applications to be prepared for court more efficiently. As a result, Sussex has seen its highest number of SPOs granted which means more victims than ever are now being protected.

We also have a dedicated partnership tackling stalking made up of Sussex Police, Crown Prosecution Service, Probation Services and Veritas Justice, alongside specialist information technology teams for cyberstalking.

Stalking is a terrible crime – the impact can be devastating, physically and emotionally. It is often extremely complex and also takes many forms - it isn't always obvious either. That is why it is so important that victims' voices continue to be at the heart of how we tackle this crime.

On behalf of PCCs nationally, I continue to attend the National Stalking & Harassment Working Group led by the National Police Chiefs Council and attended by many stalking organisations and the Home Office. The meeting's primary objectives are to improve the way police forces tackle stalking, work on recommendations, ensure victims and survivors of stalking are provided with the best policing service and to see that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

FORCE FRIDAY FOCUS

Miles with meaning

Sussex and Surrey Police officers and staff have raised over £12,000 for Care of Police Survivors (COPS) - a charity that supports the families of police officers who have died in the line of duty.

The Police Unity Tour is an annual, long-distance, cycling event that raises awareness and vital funds for COPS.

The Sussex and Surrey Chapter set off from Brighton Pier, cycling over 230 miles through the South East before joining other riders/chapters from across the UK and arriving on Sunday 3 August for a memorial service at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

Read more on the [Sussex Police website](#).



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