

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 10th – 17th April 2026 (Agenda May 2026)

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:

- Exterior LED lights installed outside the changing rooms at KGV, PIR removed, time delay switch now in the building.
- [EPC Cert](#) for RH.

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 11 th May 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	

Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

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Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11th May 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11th May 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11 th May 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11 th May 2026	
Application No: EN/26/0125 10.04.2026	Response/Comments: Pending consideration.
Address: Swains Cottage, Tismans Common	
Nature of Complaint Alleged: Development undertaken pursuant to application DC/25/0620 (erection of a carport) is not in accordance with approved plans (removal of the ancient hedgerow to the whole of the front of the Grade 2 listed building and the removal of an original gateway with antique gates).	
Official Response Date:	

Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

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

Organising a sponsored or charity event on the Downs Link?



If you are planning an event on the Downs Link, including for charity, please contact us so you can ensure it is managed safely and you avoid clashes with other events.

Email us at—countryside@westsussex.gov.uk

Forthcoming Events

Please note these events are not organised by West Sussex County Council Countryside Services.

Charter House Endurance Challenge

25th and 26th June 2026

Using the Downs Link between Guilford and Shoreham
Organiser: Charter House. Approximately 150 participants

Shoreham Park Run

Saturday's between 9am — 10am

A27/Shoreham Bypass to Cement works approximately 300 participants
downslinkshorehambysea@parkrun.com

British Heart Foundation Bike ride

Saturday 19th September 2026

Using the Downs Link between Guilford and Shoreham.
Approximately 2000 participants
Organiser: BHF



West Sussex Climate Action

www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/west-sussex-climate-action/what-is-climate-change/



Downs Link



Advanced Notice

The Annual Summer grass cut 2026 will be carried out on the Downs Link by contractors

Shoreham cuts (8am till 12pm)

20th April, 18th May, 20th July, 17th August, 21st September.

Whole route Shoreham to Rudgwick

(8am till 4pm)

29th June to 10th July 2026.

This cut helps keep the path open as well as promoting fresh growth of ground flora.

During this time please

- * Be extra vigilant.
- * Follow instructions on any signage.
- * Follow instructions from the contractors.



Enquires should be sent to countryside@westsussex.gov.uk

We apologise of any inconvenience caused.



Correspondence

Email dated 16.04.2026 from HDFC

Community Governance Review - initial consultation

I am emailing to let you know that the initial consultation on the Community Governance Review will commence on 9 May, and close on 22 June. I wanted to ensure that you had early notice of the consultation period to ensure all parishes have sufficient time should they wish to provide a response.

As I've previously mentioned, we would appreciate your support in sharing our posts on social media, and displaying posters (which I will post out once I've received them from the printers). Thank you to those of you who let me know the amended quantities. Please be assured posters will be sent to all parishes.

The webpage is here - <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/council-democracy-and-elections/district-wide-community-governance-review>

And the consultation page will be updated in due course - <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/consultations>

Should your parish wish to submit a response, whether proposing changes, or to confirm that the current arrangements are satisfactory, please send this to cgr@horsham.gov.uk.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Aisha Nottage

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Email dated 16.04.2026 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Meetings

- Our [Smaller Councils Committee](#) came together in London on Tuesday to discuss the impacts on smaller parish and town councils across England. With strong interest from across the sector, the committee agreed that making it easier for councils to share their stories is a priority. You can [read more about the meeting](#) on our website.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), we have highlighted five simple but essential steps to help parish and town councils protect and strengthen their cyber resilience with straightforward, actionable steps.
- We have [published a fully updated edition of The Good Councillor's Guide to Website Accessibility](#), offering parish and town councils practical, up-to-date support to meet their legal responsibilities and ensure their websites are accessible to all.
- I also want to remind members that they can access [our fully updated digital edition of Local Councils Explained completely free](#), a practical, easy-to-use guide covering every aspect of parish and town council governance. With instant access, improved navigation and direct links to the latest legislation, it offers significantly better value than comparable paid publications while supporting more effective, transparent and lawful council operations.

Support

- We are [delighted that peers in the House of Lords have voted in favour of a major amendment to the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill](#), aimed at strengthening parish governance across England. Amendment 214 was agreed by 257 votes to 180, marking a significant moment in the bill's passage and a clear endorsement of the role of parish and town councils within England's evolving devolution framework.
- As a representative on the parish and town council sector's Martyn's Law Steering Group, [we have welcomed the Home Office's statutory guidance for the Terrorism \(Protection of Premises\) Act 2025](#), commonly known as Martyn's Law. Key themes within the statutory guidance include the context and drivers for the legislation, definitions and key terminology, scope of qualifying premises and events, roles and responsibilities, legal requirements under the Act, and approaches to compliance.
- We have [welcomed the publication of the Burial and Cremation Final Report by the Law Commission](#), which highlights clear progress on several of the sector's long-standing priorities. In particular, it reflects our consistent calls for the modernisation of burial legislation.
- More than [60 parish and town councils across England have stepped forward to champion their communities](#), submitting expressions of interest to become the UK's 2028 Town of Culture, a powerful demonstration of the sector's leadership, ambition and creativity.

Email dated 16.04.2026 from WSCC

Primary and junior school places offer day in West Sussex



news release

Primary and junior school places offer day in West Sussex

Children and their families across West Sussex are receiving their primary and junior places.

West Sussex County Council's admissions team handled 8,309 starting school applications this year.

99% will be offered a place at one of their three preference schools. 91.8% (7,631 applicants) have been offered their first preference school.

1,294 applications were received for children transferring from infant to junior school, all of whom will be offered their first preference school.

All offers for places are being sent by email today and should arrive by 5pm.

Families who are not offered one of their three preference places are encouraged to contact the council's admissions team, who can discuss options and provide support.

Email admissions.north@westsussex.gov.uk or admissions.south@westsussex.gov.uk, or call our customer services team on 033 301 42903.

Email dated 10.04.2026 from WSCC
Resident's eNewsletter - local election special edition

Local election information



Welcome to the April 2026 special edition of our Residents' eNewsletter.

The
Electoral
Commission

Elections are taking place
in your area on 7 May



YOUR VOTE MATTERS
DON'T LOSE IT



The West Sussex County Council election is taking place on Thursday 7 May 2026.

Seventy county councillors will be elected to represent local areas, each made up of around 12,000 residents.

Councillors make policy and spending decisions which affect everyone in West Sussex and are accountable to residents.

[Learn more about councillors and the county council](#)

Register to vote

The
Electoral
Commission

Register to vote
by 20 April



If you've never voted before, or you've changed address or moved home since you last registered, you will need to ensure you are registered to vote.

Checking now helps make sure you can vote in a way that's right for you.

Register to vote by midnight on Monday 20 April

Ways to vote



Once registered, there are several ways you can vote.

You can vote in person at a polling station, by post, or by appointing someone you trust to vote on your behalf, known as a proxy vote.

Apply for a postal vote by 5pm on Tuesday 21 April

Apply for a proxy vote by 5pm on Tuesday 28 April

Voter ID

The
Electoral
Commission

No ID? Apply for free voter ID now
Find out more at
electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

You need photo ID
to vote at a
polling station

To vote at a polling station you will need to show a form of photo identification (ID).

This needs to be the original version - not a photocopy - and the name on your ID must be the same name you used to register to vote.

You can use one of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional licence)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document including eVisas
- Defence identity card
- HM Armed Forces Veteran Card
- Certain national identity cards

[See the full list of accepted forms of photo ID](#)

Most people will already have valid photo ID and won't need to take any action.

If you don't have ID, or you're not sure your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

[Apply for a certificate by 5pm on Tuesday 28 April](#)

For help, contact your local district or borough council. Find their contact details by [entering your postcode in the Electoral Commission's website](#).

Or call the Electoral Commission helpline on 0800 328 0280.

Candidates



Find out who is standing for election in your local area by visiting our website.

[List of candidates](#)

On the day

The
Electoral
Commission

7th May
polling day!
Bring photo ID

No ID? Apply for free voter ID now

Find out more at

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

Polling stations open from 7am until 10pm on Thursday 7 May.

Votes will then be counted by district and borough councils at six different locations on Friday 8 May.

We will publish the [results for each county council electoral division](#) as soon as we receive them.

[Find out more about our elections](#)

Email dated 10.04.2026 vfrom WSCC
Candidates for county council election confirmed



news release

Candidates for county council election confirmed



[Nominations of candidates](#) for the West Sussex County Council election on Thursday 7 May have been published.

Further details of people standing for election can be found at westsussex.gov.uk/elections.

Meanwhile the county council is urging people, particularly young adults, students, and those who have changed address or recently moved, to ensure they are registered to vote.

The deadline to register to vote is midnight on Monday 20 April. Voters can apply online at gov.uk/register-to-vote. It takes just five minutes.

Once registered, voters have a range of options – they can vote in person, by post, or by appointing someone they trust to vote on their behalf, known as a proxy vote.

Voters going to a polling station are reminded they will need to show photo ID.

You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional licence)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document including eVisas
- Defence identity card
- HM Armed Forces Veteran Card
- Certain national identity cards

You will only need to show one form of photo ID, but it needs to be the original version and not a photocopy. The name on your ID must be the same name you used to register to vote.

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a [free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate](#). The deadline to apply for this is 5pm on Tuesday 28 April.

If you need any help applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request a paper application form, contact your [local district or borough council](#). For further advice call the Electoral Commission helpline on 0800 328 0280.

Notes to editors:

Elections are taking place in West Sussex on 7 May 2026.

- The deadline to register to vote is midnight on 20 April.
- The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on 21 April.
- The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is 5pm on 28 April.

- The deadline to apply to use the Voter Authority Certificate is 5pm on 28 April.

Email dated 10.04.2026 from Sussex Police
Safer roads survey - please have your say



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

KATY BOURNE OBE



CLICK HERE 
**Average Speed
Camera Survey**

I've been hearing from residents who are increasingly concerned about speeding, dangerous driving and vehicle noise on two of our main routes in West Sussex – the A285 between Halnaker and Duncton, and the A272 between Petworth and Midhurst. Many local people have been asking what more can be done to slow drivers down and make these roads safer.

One option that has been suggested is the use of average speed cameras. Unlike traditional speed cameras that capture your speed at a single point, average speed cameras monitor your speed over a longer stretch of road. They do this using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), recording the time it takes a vehicle to travel between two or more cameras. If your average speed over that distance exceeds the limit, a fine is issued.

These cameras have been shown to reduce speeding and improve road safety in other parts of Sussex, as well as just over the border in Surrey.

Before taking any further steps, I want to hear directly from those who live near these roads or use them regularly. Your views are important, and they will help me understand whether average speed cameras – or other measures – are the right way forward to improve safety for everyone.

The results of [this survey](#) will help inform my decision on whether to pursue working with the relevant authorities to seek the installation of cameras on these sections of road - or on other roads. If these issues affect you, I encourage you to share your thoughts and take part.

Praise for Police Officer Recruitment Performance

I was pleased to receive some positive feedback from the Chair of the Sussex Police and Crime Panel following my oversight and scrutiny of Sussex Police's progress in maintaining the Home Office baseline headcount for police officers. Panel members were impressed by the progress that has been made and asked that their congratulations be passed on to the Sussex Police Chief Constable and her People Services Team who lead on recruitment. The Panel noted that the benefits of this work are already being felt across local divisions, which is encouraging to hear.

I am also pleased that the Panel recognised my role in holding the Chief Constable to account and in continuing to raise this issue with government. Sussex Police currently operate with the highest officer numbers since 2012. However, there is now a stark financial reality framing future spending decisions - the Force is currently facing a £7 million deficit for the 2026/27 financial year.

As one of the lowest-funded police forces in the country, I will continue to use my voice in Westminster to demand a fairer funding formula for Sussex and a settlement that reflects the true cost of modern policing.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Encouraging the spirit of adventure and good citizenship

I am looking forward to attending the Sussex Volunteer Police Cadets awards and parade evening tonight to celebrate the achievements, dedication and community service of young people and their volunteer leaders.

This annual event highlights their contributions to local policing, including crime prevention, community events and volunteering hours. Awards are presented for outstanding contributions across categories such as teamwork, community service and individual achievement.

The event emphasises the positive impact young volunteers - and their leaders - make within their local communities. If you are interested in joining the cadets, either as a young person or as an adult leader, you can find out more on the [Sussex Police website](#).



[SHARE WITH A FRIEND](#)

Email dated 09.04.2026 from ERTA
BRTA Update

Our events page on our website has been updated: <https://brtarail.com/events/> Please have a perusal and tap into a meeting 'not what can I get, but what can I offer' sort of approach. Other dates and details on the website events page.

There is a groundswell movement for more local rail reopenings grassroots upwards. BRTA wants to bridge between that and Westminster where policy, power and funding can be directed towards moving these aspirations to re-railing delivery. We need your support for this please.

Flyers for Guildford-Cranleigh-Horsham are being printed and we welcome any offers for delivering them via Simon Barber: Email address: admin@brtarail.com

Phone (landline): 020-8940-4399

Phone (mobile): 07522-374740

Donations welcome to help fund our activities, we are voluntary, ordinary people aspiring to extraordinary things for the well-being of society.

Please help us and together, we can make more of an impact. Recent events show we need as a

nation to be less fossil fuel and oil dependent. The only way to do that is to re-rail Britain and give more rail-based options which add up, not costing the earth!

Membership is a good way to offer support as is reliable volunteering. Gain experience, try things and enjoy making new friends and networking.

BRTA offers these opportunities and are making in-rails to the agendas length and breadth of the nation at all levels.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Pill

BRTA CEO

<https://brtarailvolunteer.blogspot.com/>

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