

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 18th – 24th 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)

Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

- RCC have taken sold one of the old cricket nets, the structure has been taken down and is waiting collection.

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: DC/26/0643 20.04.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Aerial Mast, Riverside Farm, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	

Reason for Application: To install electronic communications apparatus/development ancillary to radio equipment housing on behalf of Cornerstone.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 18.05.2026	
Application No: DC/26/0634 01.04.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Rylands, Loxwood Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Loft conversion including roof extensions and alterations, with installation of side dormer and roof lights and rear juliette balcony.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 27.05.2026	
Application No: DC/26/0544 30.04.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: The Haven Dog Field, Okehurst Road, Billingshurst	
Reason for Application: Change of use of land to secure dog walking field with parking and access. (Retrospective).	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 25.06.2026	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11th May 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11 th May 2026	
Application No: DC/26/0165	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC - The application form states that if a tree is diseased, or there are fears that it might break or fall, the applicant is required to provide written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert. There is little evidence of this in the application at present and further detail should be supplied to enable suitable consideration of the proposal. Trees are of great importance to our local community and the applicant's suggestion to replant nearby, should permission to fell be granted, is welcome.
Applicant: 40 Pondfield Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Fell 1x Oak	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11 th May 2026	
Application No: DC/25/1269	Response/Comments: Planning Committee 28th April 2026 – 17.30 Cllr Sue Kornycky speaking on behalf of RPC.
Applicant: Land North of Guildford Road, Bucks Green, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Outline Planning Application for up to 90 no. residential dwellings (including 40% affordable) all matters to be reserved apart from access.	
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/26/0038 22.04.2026	Response/Comments: Enforcement Notice Issued
Address: Land at Wagtails Farm, Okehurst Road, The Haven	
Nature of Complaint Without planning permission, the siting of a mobile home for use as a rural worker's dwelling.	
Official Response Date:	

Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

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

Correspondence

Email dated 23.04.2026 from HDC

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Calling all market traders in Horsham District

Latest News



**Horsham
District
Council**



Get prepared for the upcoming local elections in May

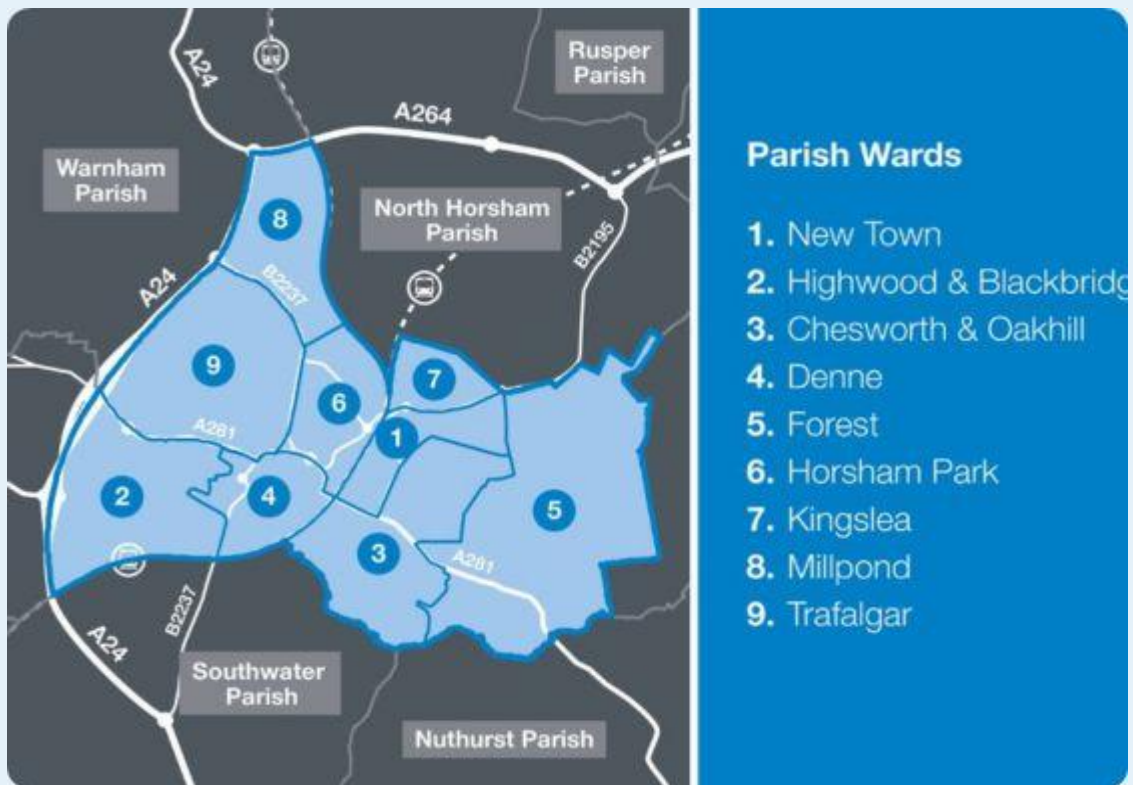


Residents of Horsham District are being reminded to register to vote in the run up to the West Sussex County Council and Horsham Parish Council elections on Thursday 7 May. There will also be a Horsham District by-election in the Itchingfield, Slinfold and Warnham ward.

Election results will be posted at the Horsham District Council offices and will be available online via the West Sussex County Council website and the Horsham District Council website, as they are declared on Friday 8 May.

[Read More Online](#)

Introducing a new Parish Council for Horsham



At meetings during November 2025, Horsham councillors approved the creation of a new Horsham Parish Council. This new Parish Council will come into being on 1 April 2026, with elections for the 18 new parish councillors taking place on 7 May 2026.

It is then expected the new councillors will name the council Horsham Town Council. The new council has operated in a 'shadow' capacity from January until March 2026. During this period, the Shadow Council has begun to set up the structures, policies, and priorities that will allow the new Council to begin its work effectively once the new councillors take office.

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Council's innovative podcast series wins major community award



Horsham District Council is celebrating national recognition after winning bronze in the Tourism and Leisure Award at the 21st Community Rail Awards, for its 'Arun Valley Line: Beyond the Rails' project – a series of podcasts and short films which highlight the unique character of the local area, showcasing attractions, walks and community activities that visitors can easily reach by train.

The award-winning project was delivered collaboratively by Horsham District Council, Southeast Communities Rail Partnership and Whistlestop Arts, the creative expertise behind the initiative.

[Read More Online](#)

[Calling all market traders in Horsham District](#)



The search is on for the Young Market Trader of the Year 2026, with the local heat of the national Young Traders Market competition set to return to Horsham town centre for another year on Sunday 28 June. Whether you are new to market trading or are an existing trader aged 16-30 years, you can apply now for this exciting competition. It is just £10 to enter with a gazebo and table provided.

Traders must be under the age of 31 on 26 August 2026 to be eligible to enter. Horsham's Young Traders Market will take place on West Street, organised by local market operator Coden Events in association with the National Market Traders Federation (NMTF) and supported by Horsham District Council.

[Read More Online](#)

Stay connected





**Email dated 23.04.2026 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin**

Events

- Last week, we held our latest online event on the [Local Council Award Scheme](#) to introduce the scheme, show the benefits of accreditation and how to prepare an award-winning application. The event focused on the core principles and aims of the scheme, the different award levels, guided attendees through the assessment process, and showed attendees how to apply, with tips on making the best application possible. You can [find out more about our upcoming events](#) on our website.
- We attended a Building Stronger Towns event in Westminster last week, organised by XTX Markets and co-hosted by Chuck Marohn, founder of Strong Towns, and John Myers, founder of YIMBY Alliance. Chuck shared insights on the importance of agency, place and planning drawn from two decades of mobilising communities across the USA to advocate for and improve their towns. The event explored how to empower communities to shape their own places, where we spoke about the role of parish and town councils as drivers of local leadership and community action.

Meetings

- In this week's meeting with county associations, we discussed the Star Council Awards proposal for 2026/27 and 2027/28 and our county association day in London on 20 May 2026, heard from the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments on [moving the Annual Governance and Accountability Return process to a fully digital system](#), and updates from our recent committee and network meetings.
- Our [national network for micro councils](#) met last week, which included a presentation from BT on the transition from analogue to digital landlines, where they detailed the timeline, technical changes and support measures for vulnerable customers. There were discussions on local government reorganisation, including new parish councils, asset transfers, and representation on locality boards, as well as updates on potential legislation covering remote meetings and standards.
- We attended the Rural Coalition meeting on 15 April 2025, where we pressed Dame Angela Eagle MP, the rural affairs minister at the Department for Environment, Food

and Rural Affairs, to ensure rural areas were not sidelined in local government reorganisation and devolution, warning that the growing focus on mayoral and urban structures risked leaving rural communities at a disadvantage. You can [read more about the meeting](#) on our website.

Parliamentary and political engagement

- In our response to the House of Lords Committee inquiry into national preparedness and resilience, we warned the government that ignoring parish and town councils risks weakening national resilience. You can [read our full response](#) on our website.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), BT shares details of the switch to digital landlines and how parish and town councils can help communicate the changes to their communities.

Email dated 21.04.2026 from HDC

Community Climate Action Planning - developing targeted mini action plans - UPDATED TIMES AND AGENDA

Please let the office know if you would like to attend and we'll provide the link to the Teams meeting.

You might have realised that we didn't have a Network meeting in March – that's because of gearing up for the Action Plan workshop in conjunction with South Downs National Park Authority. Just thought I would reassure you that you didn't miss anything 😊 Please find the agenda and information on updated times for this workshop below, as promised. If you could please let us know if you are planning to attend, so we have an indication of numbers, that would be great.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Aims of session
2. Make a suite of action mini-plans to make it easy for groups to take action in the key areas of Biodiversity, Energy, Travel and Waste
3. Focus on a couple of actions and create a 'to-do' list for groups to follow in order to implement actions in their area

In addition, following feedback and recognising your valuable time, we have been able to make this workshop one hour from **5pm**, so that you can join us after work and without cutting in to too much of your evening. Please find link (same as the last one) and **new** timing details below.

Date and Time: **11th of May, 5-6 pm**, on teams

Email dated 21.04.2026 from St Catherines Hospice
St Catherine's Spring Matters

I'm pleased to share our Spring edition of [Matters](#), featuring the latest news from St Catherine's hospice and inspiring stories that demonstrate the real difference everyone's support at Rudgwick Parish Council makes.

On page 6, Amanda shares how our nursing team brought comfort to her and her brother in the familiar surroundings of home, *"Hospice care gave Rob peace in his own bed, surrounded by love."*

Each interaction with our expert teams is part of what makes hospice care so special. Whether it's a visit from our therapy dogs (p.8) on our Ward, a calming complementary therapy session with our therapist, Elaine (p.10-11), or a strengthening workout in our gym, for people like Lang (p.12), your support ensures this specialist palliative and end of life care reaches those who need it most.

We also share encouraging news about an innovative pilot project with NHS Home First, which has enabled us to open six more beds for people over the busy winter months. As our Care Services Director, Linda Coffey explains on page 9, we hope this pilot scheme continues to benefit local people and their loved ones, while also easing pressure on hospital wards, and paves the way for a long-term, sustainable solution to opening all our beds. The pilot runs until May.

On page 7, our CEO, Giles shares his heartfelt reflections on the sale of our much-loved former hospice site at Malthouse Road in Crawley, which means so much to many of us.

Your continued support of our care shapes every story covered in Matters and far beyond. Thank you for being such an important part of our hospice community.

With warm regards, Jem
Jemma Byrne
Partnerships Officer - Trusts

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Email dated 16.04.2026 from HDC
Annual Civic Service Invite

Please let the office know if you would like to attend the service on behalf of RPB by 25th May 2026.



Dear Recipient,

The Chairman of Horsham District Council, Cllr Joanne Knowles, requests the pleasure of your company, plus your family to attend the **Horsham District Council Annual Civic Service** on:

- Sunday the 28 June 2026
- St Mary's Church, Causeway, Horsham, RH12 1HE

The service will begin at 6pm. Guests are requested to arrive at 5.45pm to take their seats. The service will finish at 7pm, followed by a short reception at The Causeway Barn.

Dress is formal daywear, uniform, or Civic Regalia.

Please include how many in your party are intending to attend in your RSVP. Please let us know whether you can attend by **Monday 25 May**.

RSVP



Email dated 17.04.2026 from Sussex Police
Smart Cameras, Safer Roads



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

KATY BOURNE OBE



AI Camera



Average Speed
Camera

Last week I shared my latest [online survey](#) which invites residents to say whether average speed cameras should be installed on sections of the A285 and A272 in West Sussex. Even if you don't use or live near these roads, the survey provides an opportunity for you to feedback on whether these safety measures should be considered on other roads across Sussex so, please have your say.

This week, I have welcomed the deployment of new AI cameras across Sussex as a further step in my commitment to improving road safety and saving lives. Tackling the 'fatal five' offences has been a key priority for me and the creation of the Fatal Five Unit was a manifesto pledge which I'm delighted has now been delivered. The introduction of the AI technology is yet another policing promise achieved.

With 82 collisions involving drivers using mobile phones and 214 people injured because they weren't wearing a seatbelt in the last year alone, these figures show just how serious and persistent the risks are. Following a successful trial last year, I'm pleased to see Sussex Police using innovation to enhance their ability to detect dangerous behaviour, intervene earlier and make better use of officer time across our county. I look forward to reviewing the impact of these cameras with the Chief Constable in due course.

[Policing performance under scrutiny](#)

In my role as Police and Crime Commissioner, I continue to hold Sussex Police to account through my regular Performance and Accountability Meetings, ensuring that people's concerns are heard and properly addressed.

At my latest scrutiny session, which took place this week (16 April) I questioned the Chief Constable and her senior team on a range of important issues including: community safety in Crowborough; progress on roads policing, especially results from the Fatal Five Unit; and how the force is strengthening workforce diversity and addressing the gender pay gap. I also discussed progress to date on DBS checks and was pleased to see further improvements which I know will be welcomed by employees and businesses across our county.

As the elected representative voice of the public in policing, my scrutiny meetings are a vital opportunity to challenge performance, seek reassurance where issues have been raised by residents and make sure policing in Sussex is focused on what matters most to local people. Scrutiny and transparency are essential to maintaining public confidence in policing, which is why these meetings are held monthly, live streamed and available on 'catch-up' on my [webcasting portal](#).



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

FRIDAY FOCUS

Targeting knife crime in hyperlocal hotspots

We have secured almost £595,000 of Government funding to strengthen our efforts to tackle knife crime where it causes the greatest harm in Sussex. The monies, awarded through the government's new Knife Crime Concentration Fund, will allow Sussex Police to expand their proven hotspot policing approach, focusing on small, 'hyperlocal' areas in Brighton, Eastbourne and Crawley.

The targeted investment will support intensive, problem solving activity over two years, with the ambition of delivering a 33% reduction in knife crime. We know how devastating knife crime can be for victims, families and communities and, while Sussex remains below the national average, we must never be complacent.

I'm particularly encouraged that this funding will also enable us to retain the Night Safety Marshals in Brighton, helping to reduce knife enabled violence and keep

people safe during nights out. I was dismayed when the Home Office cut the funding for our Safety Marshals elsewhere across the county but am pleased that we have been able to meet the new criteria within the Knife Crime Concentration Fund and keep them in Brighton. I look forward to seeing the positive impact this investment will have in making our communities safer.



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Email dated 17.04.2026 from AirS
Horsham Housing Event June 23rd 2026



HORSHAM HOUSING EVENT

Delivering Community Led Housing in the Horsham District

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Timings, full agenda and speaker list to follow.

Billingshurst Community and Conference Centre 23-06-2026

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