

**PARISH OF RUDGWICK
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 27th APRIL 2026**

The Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Rudgwick was held at 7.30 pm on Monday 27th April 2026 in Rudgwick Hall, Bucks Green, Rudgwick RH12 3JJ.

41 Residents, including ten Parish Councillors, including the Chairman were present along with two guest speakers.

Also, present 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.

In Memoriam, many years of service to the Parish Council

- Ted Brown
- Bob Burse
- Alex Haynes
- Peter Harrison

2. New Parish Council from May 2025 (introductions) and Officers

Serving Parish Councillors

Steve Alker
Rachel Gardiner-Hill
Paul Kornycky
Sue Kornycky
Gabriel Luchian
Ian MacLachlan Vice Chairman
Ashley Ryan
Simon Torn

The Chairman continued by introducing and thanking members of the council, Horsham District Cllr Richard Landeryou, Horsham District Cllr Roger Noel and West Sussex County Cllr Christian Mitchell and thanked retiring Parish Councillors Paul Thompson and Rob Wild.

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

- Anna Clayton, Clerk
- Sarah Hall, Assistant Clerk
- Simon Quail, Village Warden
- Andy Mallpress, Open Spaces Warden
- Premises Warden, vacant position
- Charlie and Anne Sanders, Rudgwick Hall Key Holders
- Chris Darby, keeping King George V field and Rudgwick Hall safe and secure

Special thanks to:

Steph Grant & Roger Longman - Defibrillator checkers
Paul King-Fisher & Brian Allen - work on the stage in the Hall, and various other jobs

within KGV and RYC
 Don Vine – Parish Volunteer
 Lauren Firshman – Rudgwick Day

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The [Minutes](#) of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th April 2025 were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Updates were provided on:

Planning – Cllr S Kornycky (see Chairman's report)

Climate and Environment – Community Orchard at Churchmans Meadow, looking for volunteers.

Halls and Recreation – Jubilee Hall Update

Traffic Calming group/Active Travel – Cllr P Kornycky (see Chairman's report)

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 2025/2026

The Chairman reviewed the Precept, providing the following figures:

Precept: 7 Years Council Tax from 2020 to 2026 (CPI went from 108.3 to 139.5) (D Band)								
Council Tax	2026/27	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	%+
Horsham District Council	£180.10	£152.52	£157.52	£162.09	£166.94	£170.28	£174.95	18.0
Rudgwick Parish Council	£87.83	£71.23	£71.23	£72.49	£75.48	£80.00	£84.05	23.3
West Sussex County Council	£1,890.36	£1,438.74	£1,510.56	£1,555.74	£1,633.41	£1,714.95	£1,800.54	31.4
Sussex Police	£281.91	£199.91	£214.91	£224.91	£239.91	£252.91	£266.91	41.0
Total	£2,440.20	£1,862.40	£1,954.22	£2,015.23	£2,115.74	£2,215.14	£2,326.45	31.0

Precept 26/27 Neighbouring Council Tax (D Band)					
	District	County	Police	Village	Total
Slinfold	£180.10	£1,890.36	£281.91	£79.90	£2,432.27
Loxwood	£192.06	£1,890.36	£281.91	£78.27	£2,442.60
Rudgwick	£180.10	£1,890.36	£281.91	£87.83	£2,440.20
Warnham	£180.10	£1,890.36	£281.91	£107.25	£2,459.62

Billingshurst	£180.10	£1,890.36	£281.91	£122.61	£2,474.98
Ockley	£217.59	£1,938.42	£352.57	£50.13	£2,558.71
Ewhurst	£220.25	£1,938.42	£352.57	£94.56	£2,605.80

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

Bridge over Church Street, WSCC are aware and confirmed they make regular checks to ensure it's safe.

Full Fibre broadband, no further information.

Car parking in the Village centre, consideration when parking in the village.

Approach Open reach over parking.

8. Guest speaker Louise Halpern, Rural Housing Schemes from Action in rural Sussex

Guest speaker Kirstie Thomas, from West Sussex charity 4sight vision support gave a short presentation. www.4sight.org.uk

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

9. Closing Remarks

Election Thursday 7th May

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Premises Warden

Volunteers welcome to help with the Community Orchard, Speedwatch and Active Travel.

10. Vote of Thanks

The Chairman thanked all contributors, councillors, staff, parishioners and supporters for their commitment and support to the community and Rudgwick Parish Council.

And continued with thanking the speakers for their presentations.

The Chairman made reference to a televised Waitrose Christmas advert which saw local produce, Sussex Charmer being displayed!

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

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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Chairman
D Buckley

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Date