

**PARISH OF RUDGWICK
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 28th APRIL 2025**

The Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Rudgwick was held at 7.30 pm on Monday 28th April 2025 in Rudgwick Hall, Bucks Green, Rudgwick RH12 3JJ.

65 Residents, including ten Parish Councillors, including the Chairman were present.

Also, present Anna Clayton, Parish 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 R Burse.

WSCC Highways advised RPC (28.4.25 AM) that they will be unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

2. New Parish Council from May 2024 (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

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

2 volunteers who repair/refurbish some parish benches

Lauren Firshman – Rudgwick Day

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 Jane Strong, Facilities Officer who has recently left the Parish Council.

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

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The [Minutes](#) of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29th April 2024 were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

- Speedwatch
- Traffic calming
- Hall Roof project
- D day 80

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 2025/256

The Chairman reviewed the Precept, providing the following figures:

Precept: 7 Years Council Tax from 2019/20 (CPI went from 107.1 to 131.6) (D Band) (Almost half our increase is caused by NI)								
Council Tax	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	%+
Horsham District Council	£149.53	£152.52	£157.52	£162.09	£166.94	£170.28	£174.95	.17
Rudgwick Parish Council	£69.51	£71.23	£71.23	£72.49	£75.48	£80.00	£84.05	.21
West Sussex County Council	£1,383.57	£1,438.74	£1,510.56	£1,555.74	£1,633.41	£1,714.95	£1,800.54	.30
Sussex Police	£189.91	£199.91	£214.91	£224.91	£239.91	£252.91	£266.91	.40
Total	£1,792.62	£1,862.40	£1,954.22	£2,015.23	£2,115.74	£2,215.14	£2,326.45	.30

Precept 25/26 Neighbouring Council Tax (D Band)					
	District	County	Police	Village	Total
Slinfold	£174.95	£1,800.54	£266.91	£76.38	£2,318.78
Loxwood	£192.06	£1,800.54	£266.91	£70.81	£2,330.32
Rudgwick	£174.95	£1,800.54	£266.91	£84.05	£2,326.45
Warnham	£174.95	£1,800.54	£266.91	£94.41	£2,336.81
Billingshurst	£174.95	£1,800.54	£266.91	£113.01	£2,359.20
Ockley	£211.28	£1,846.35	£337.57	£47.43	£2,426.29
Ewhurst	£213.86	£1,846.35	£337.57	£87.97	£2,490.17

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 West Sussex Highways Officers:

Unfortunately, Officers were unable to attend and provided RPC with a presentation to display on their behalf, on the Downslink Crossing Proposal:

- [Downslink Crossing Proposal \(Plans\)](#)

Short Presentation from Matt Clark, Rudgwick Cricket Club:

- [Rudgwick Cricket Club](#)

The Chairman thanked Matt Clark for coming to the annual parish meeting and giving an informative presentation.

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

Rt Hon Sir Jeremy Quin

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 speaker for their presentation.

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

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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Chairman
D Buckley

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Date