

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 20th – 26th June 2026 (Agenda July 2026)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Colin Minto (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 13 th July 2026	
Application No: DC/26/0947 11.06.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Old Vicarage, Lynwick Street, Rudgwick	

Reason for Application: Replacement of the existing roof tiles. (Listed Building Consent).	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 06.08.2026	
Application No: DC/26/0947 11.06.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Fairlee, Bucks Green	
Reason for Application: Demolition of existing greenhouse and erection of pool house and excavation of swimming pool with associated landscaping works.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 11.08.2026	Response/Comments:
Application No: DC/26/0336 19.06.2026 Revised Plans	
Applicant: Howick Farm, Waterside Barn, The Haven	
Reason for Application: Erection of a two-storey side extension to provide an ancillary annexe.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination date not updated	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th July 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	

Official Response Date:	
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Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th July 2026	
Application No: DC/26/0763	Response/Comments: Prior approval required and refused / RPC – No comment
Applicant: Hall House, The Haven	
Reason for Application: Prior notification of the erection of a new agricultural building.	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13th July 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th July 2026	
Application No: EN/26/0038 18.06.2026 PI REF 6010192	Response/Comments: Written representation
Applicant: Wagtails Farm, The Haven	

Reason for Application: Without planning permission, the siting of a mobile home for use as a rural worker's dwelling	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th 2026	
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 25.06.2026 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Events

- Don't miss our next two online events designed for parish and town councils to discover how collaboration can unlock new opportunities and community impact at [Stronger Together: Unlocking the Power of Collaboration](#) on 29 July 2026, and learn how to turn social media into a positive force for engagement at [Managing](#)

[the Message: Making Social Media Work for You](#) on 26 August 2026. Secure your place today!

- We were pleased to be part of the Devon Association of Local Councils' local government reorganisation event hosted by Devon County Council, bringing together both sectors to explore the latest developments in Devon's reorganisation process and what the changes could mean for local communities, services, assets and democratic representation. The event enabled meaningful discussion, challenge and collaboration, underlining the importance of parish and town councils being fully involved in shaping the future of local government in Devon.

Meetings

- Our [women councillors network](#) met last week, where the Local Government Association Ambassador for Civility in Public Life, Cllr Hannah Dalton, provided information on the [Debate Not Hate](#) campaign. The network discussed the growing challenges facing women, particularly rising harassment and intimidation and its impact on representation and diversity, and highlighted gaps in support and policing. The network also explored the influence of online misogyny, including the manosphere. The meeting concluded by identifying priorities, including tackling violence against women and girls, strengthening allyship, and inviting expert speakers.
- Last week, the [Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel](#) met to consider a draft of the new proper practices, prepared by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants. There were productive discussions around standardising terms, a new code of practice for internal auditors and changes to the Accounting Statements, including a new requirement to report on borrowing and removing the need to report staff costs separately. The new proper practices and guide are on track to be published by March 2027.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), Biddulph Town Council's clerk, Sarah Haydon, shares her reflections as the winner of our [Star Council Awards 2025/26](#) Clerk of the Year.

- We've published our Annual Report 2025/26, which showcases a year of influence, growth and sector leadership, highlighting how we've championed parish and town councils through national policy work, expanded member support and invested in the future of the sector. From progress on remote meetings and devolution to growing digital engagement and practical support services, the report reflects our commitment to helping parish and town councils thrive. You can [read the full report on our website](#) to explore the highlights and key achievements from the past year.
- We have updated our [advice note on the powers of a parish meeting in a parish without a separate parish council](#) to bring statutory references up to date in the finance section, as well as to improve general readability.

Support

- Our communications and compliance partners, Breakthrough Communications, have written [a useful article about the Data \(Use and Access\) Act 2025](#). The article outlines guidance on how parish and town councils must handle data protection complaints, along with a chart that helps councils navigate what they need to do to ensure they meet the new legislation.

Email dated 25.06.2026 from Gatwick Airport Gatwick Second Runway

Judicial Review Challenging Gatwick Expansion Refused

GACC and its Chairman Peter Barclay, who brought this case, have been disappointed by this week's decision to reject their claim against the Secretary of State's decision permitting the large-scale expansion of Gatwick Airport.

GACC will appeal the decision which grants Gatwick a second runway and a likely increase of 60% in passengers and flights.

The Development Consent Order (DCO) made by the Secretary of State for Transport on 21 September 2025 was challenged on five grounds:

- Failing to understand and apply the Government's own aviation policy, which specifically rejected a second runway at Gatwick,

- Failing to act in accordance with the purpose of the statutory scheme envisaged by the Planning Act 2008 and Climate Change Act 2008 by applying an out-of-date national policy statement,
- Failing to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations and to take adequate account of Greenhouse Gas Emissions,
- Failing to lawfully assess the need for and economic benefits of the development, in circumstances where GACC and the New Economics Foundation (NEF) had shown Gatwick's economic case to be subject to considerable doubt,
- Misinterpreting noise policies and reaching irrational conclusions on noise.

The case was heard over four days (together with a claim brought by CAGNE) in January 2026. Today's judgment rejected all grounds of the challenge.

Peter Barclay said:

"Both before and since the DCO was approved by the Secretary of State, the Climate Change Committee, and now the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee also, have strongly recommended there should be no airport expansion. The expansion decision ignores that advice and the judgment today provides no answer on how outdated National Policy Statements should be addressed. We must continue to challenge the Secretary of States's decision to allow Gatwick to proceed with this highly damaging project"

"Gatwick's own recently published year-end financial statements show growth at Gatwick is stalling. Reliance on outdated policies and a flawed business case mean that not only will this expansion have devastating environmental impacts, but it is also unlikely to deliver the economic benefits claimed."

Alice Goodenough, partner of Goodenough Ring Solicitors, said:

"This claim raised important questions about the interpretation of Government policy, which explicitly rejected a second runway at Gatwick, and whether there would be any national economic benefit from Gatwick's expansion due to serious doubts about the airport's business case. Given the environmental harm that will result from this development, Mr Barclay is of the view that the High Court should have grappled with those questions, but failed to do so."

GACC continues to fundraise to cover its legal costs and make sure it can take its case to the Court of Appeal. Donations can be given by contacting info@gacc.org.uk

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Email dated 24.06.2026 from Southern Water
We're here to keep taps flowing



Just a quick note to let you know that Southern Water has today shared some advice with customers on how to use less water during the current spell of very hot weather.

With temperatures at record highs, demand for water is rising quickly. We'd usually supply around 560 million litres of drinking water each day to 2.7 million customers, but during this heatwave that's expected to reach around 700 million litres a day.

Our teams are working around the clock to keep everything running smoothly, keeping a close eye on the network, managing reservoir levels and moving water around where it's needed most. That said, reducing demand is still really important to help make sure everyone continues to have a reliable supply.

We'd really appreciate your help in sharing some simple water-saving tips across your networks. You'll find these below.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it really does make a difference.

With Kind Regards,

Aaron Kidd

Senior Stakeholder Engagement Manager (Sussex)



Let's work together to keep taps flowing

With temperatures reaching record highs this week, so is water demand. We're asking for your help to keep taps flowing for everyone.

Every day, we supply around **560 million litres** of drinking water to 2.7 million customers. During this heatwave, we're expecting demand to reach its highest levels ever - around **700 million litres** in a day.

We're working around the clock to make sure you have the water you need by monitoring flows, managing levels and moving water to where it's needed most across our network.



Saving water is even more important in heatwaves 

Even small changes at home can make a big difference to ease demand during hot weather. Please consider doing these three simple things to use a little less:



💧 **Reducing your shower time by two minutes could save 16 litres, per person, per day on average.**

Over a year, this would save 6,000 litres, or £265 for a family of four on your annual water and energy bills.

🔌 **Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth**

This tip is an oldie, but a goodie. This cuts water use by 5,000 litres of drinking water per person each year. Quick and simple, but effective!

🚿 **Water your garden wisely**

Using a trigger nozzle on your garden hose could save 225 litres a week. Otherwise, opt for a watering can or even reuse water from washing up.

These small steps help reduce pressure on the network and make sure there's enough water for everyone, all summer.

[More water saving tips and advice](#)



[Get your own personalised water saving report](#)

Our online water saving calculator can help you understand how much water you're using and where you could save more:

[Try the water calculator](#)

For more information about water resources in the South East and how we're planning for the future, you can also visit our water scarcity page:

[Why do we need to save water in the South East?](#)

Thank you for your support.

Together, we can keep water flowing this summer.

Email dated 22.06.2026 from WSCC

West Sussex fostering service shortlisted for two prestigious business awards



news release

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West Sussex County Council's fostering service has been shortlisted in two categories at the Sussex Chamber Business Awards 2026.

Fostering West Sussex is up for the Community Business of the Year Award and the Commitment to People Award.

The nominations recognise the service's dedication to supporting foster carers, building strong community connections and investing in the ongoing training, development and wellbeing of those who provide life-changing care to children and young people across West Sussex.

Daniel Ruaux, Executive Director for Children, Young People and Learning at West Sussex County Council, said: "Being shortlisted for these two awards is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the dedication of our foster carers and the staff who support them every day. Together, they make a lasting difference to the lives of children and young people across West Sussex."

“These nominations recognise our commitment to creating a strong fostering community where carers feel valued, supported and equipped to provide safe, stable and nurturing homes.

“I’ll be keeping my fingers crossed for our fostering team who will be heading to the awards ceremony next month.”

The nominations reflect the wide range of support available to foster carers in West Sussex, including peer support networks, trauma-informed training and development opportunities, specialist therapeutic support and community events that help carers feel connected, valued and equipped to provide the best possible care.

Kelly Wilkes, Head of Fostering and Kinship, said: “Being shortlisted for these Sussex Chamber Business Awards provides a great opportunity to raise the profile of fostering within the business community. We hope that more local businesses will contact us to find out about becoming a Fostering Friendly employer, a national scheme whereby you commit to supporting employees to be able to foster.

“Many of our brilliant carers foster alongside other commitments, whether by offering stayovers to a child one weekend a month, or by giving a young person aged 16+ a safe room in their home and practical and emotional support as they prepare for adulthood. So, I would encourage businesses to get in touch, join our wider fostering community, and help us find more stable homes for local children.”

The Community Business of the Year nomination highlights the service's work in creating a supportive network for foster carers through peer support programmes, local groups and family events, whilst the Commitment to People Award recognises the service's investment in training, development and support for foster carers and staff. By empowering carers to support one another, amplifying their voices and creating a sense of belonging, the fostering service has built a community rooted in compassion, resilience and shared purpose - one that transforms not only the lives of foster carers, but the futures of the children they care for.

To find out more about the Sussex Chamber Business Awards, visit [Sussex Chamber of Commerce](#).

To learn more about fostering with West Sussex County Council, visit [Fostering West Sussex](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

Email dated 22.06.2026 from WSCC

Horsham recycling plant turns thousands of tonnes of food waste into green energy

NEWS RELEASE

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West Sussex County Council is boosting recycling across the county with a major upgrade to its Horsham waste site.

In April this year we expanded the Anaerobic Digestion facilities at the site so we can recycle thousands of tonnes of food waste into clean energy and fertiliser each year.

This modern, sustainable way of managing waste and reducing its impact on the environment is already delivering results. Since April 2,670 tonnes of food waste, roughly the equivalent of around 200 double-decker buses, have been converted into renewable energy.

The Anaerobic Digestion and Resource Recovery Facility (ADRRF), run by Biffa as part of the West Sussex Waste Partnership (WSWP), ensures that food waste collected from homes across West Sussex is recycled locally using a process called anaerobic digestion. This creates renewable energy to help power the plant with excess exported to the National Grid, as well as nutrient-rich fertiliser for use on farmland.

The ADRRF facility has the capacity to process the 35,000 tonnes of food waste expected to be collected from households across the county each year, helping West Sussex to meet new national recycling requirements.

Wayne Lewis, Service Director for Environment and Public Protection, said:

"Reducing the amount of waste produced and managed in West Sussex is one of our key priorities, as set out in our Council Plan.

"In the county we already recycle over 100,000 tonnes of material each year and being able to now recycle food waste separately is a great achievement.

"Converting the existing plant has been a huge undertaking and is a great example of the work we do with our partners here in West Sussex, helping us make better use of resources while protecting our environment for the future."

Keith Sinfield, Managing Director of Biffa Treatment Services, said:

"Biffa is delighted to be working in partnership with West Sussex County Council to deliver a circular solution at the ADRRF facility, transforming household food waste into renewable electricity to power the site and supply the grid for local homes.

"The remaining nutrient-rich material is returned to farmland and for other beneficial uses, supporting future food production. It's a genuinely sustainable outcome for the county."

Find out how your food bin waste is being transformed into energy and fertiliser:

<https://www.youtube.com/@WSRecycles>

Email dated 17.06.2026 from HDC

Horsham District 2045



**Horsham
District
Council**

Council to start work on new-style Local Plan

Horsham District Council will formally begin work on a new-style Horsham District Local Plan, in line with new national plan-making requirements by the government.

The Horsham District Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure Cllr Ruth Fletcher has formally agreed the preparation of the new-style Local Plan which will be called Horsham District 2045.

The government has introduced significant reforms to the national planning system which came into force in March 2026. These changes include a change to the regulations governing Local Plan development.

The intention of the new regulations is to restructure preparation, and to reduce the amount of time spent on preparing plans to a set 30-month timetable so existing timetables need to be revised substantially.

The new planning system dictates that as a council we need to start work on the development of the new-style Local Plan immediately.

To facilitate this, the Council will launch what is known as a scoping consultation this will give residents, businesses and stakeholders an opportunity to comment on what the new plan should cover and how they would like to be involved as it is developed.

This early engagement will help the Council set the overall direction of the plan including what evidence will be needed to support it. The scoping consultation will open on 30 June and run until 28 July.

[Read more online](#)

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Rural Bulletin



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The National Champion for Rural Services

FREE WEEKLY RURAL NEWS SUMMARY



You are receiving this abridged version of the Rural Services Network newsletter because you subscribed on our website, click [here](#) to unsubscribe.

As the national champion for rural services, the Rural Services Network brings you the latest stories shaping life in rural communities.

Here's a snapshot of what we're covering in this week's rural news:

- [Rural Transport: A Vital Link](#): For many rural residents, transport is about far more than getting from one place to another. It enables access to services, opportunities and community life, making it a vital part of thriving rural communities.
- [Can Devolution Deliver Rural Homes?](#) Could devolution help deliver more affordable homes in rural areas? New analysis examines the potential benefits, risks and recommendations for ensuring rural housing remains a priority.
- [Government Seeks Views On The Future Of UK Media](#): The future of UK media is under review. Have your say on proposals affecting rural access to information and services.

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The Rural Services Network encompasses a wide range of partners and organisations who all work together to help provide a voice for rural communities. We represent over 500 organisations across the public, private and voluntary sectors including leading national bodies, local authorities, utility companies, health trusts, housing associations, grass root community organisations and more.

The Rural Services Network is a membership organisation and includes different types of membership depending on the kind of organisation you belong to.

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