

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 8th – 14th August 2026 (Agenda September 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 14 th September 2026	
Application No: DC/26/1178 4.8.2026	

Applicant: Garlands The Haven Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9BH	Response/Comments:
Reason for Application: Localised underpinning and masonry reinforcement repairs. (Listed Building Consent).	
Official Response Date: 3.09.2026 / Determination 29.09.2026	
Application No: DC/26/1189 27.07.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Smithers Farm Guildford Road Rudgwick Horsham West Sussex RH12 3BX	
Reason for Application: Variation of Conditions 1 and 9 of previously approved application DC/19/1787 (Erection of two detached buildings for office and workshop use) relating to plans and materials.	
Official Response Date: 27.08.2026 / Determination 21.09.2026	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th September 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th September 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	

Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14th September 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14th September 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14th September 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 14.08.2026 from HDC

Special Edition Climate and Environment Newsletter from Horsham District Council



Help us shape a greener, more resilient future

West Sussex County Council, together with district and borough councils across West Sussex, have worked to produce draft plans that aim to make West Sussex a greener, more resilient county where people and nature thrive together.

We'd love to hear your views on these proposals by completing our short survey. Read more about it below.

This initiative was overseen by the West Sussex Joint Climate Change Board and supported by climate specialists City Science.

The consultation runs until Sunday 27 September 2026.



Our Draft Climate Action Plans



Councils across West Sussex have produced two draft action plans which focus on the things we believe need to be addressed locally in the coming years. They focus on:

- **Climate change mitigation** - reducing the amount of carbon produced and released into the atmosphere, e.g. from transport, homes, and businesses.
- **Climate change adaptation** - preparing for the impacts of an increasingly changing climate - such as longer and more frequent heatwaves and more severe flooding.

Our consultation summary document gives an overview of both plans and explains why climate change mitigation and adaptation are both equally important. Please read this before completing the survey.

Proposed actions include supporting energy efficiency improvements to buildings, enabling people to switch to greener travel options such as electric vehicles, encouraging community solar energy projects, and increasing the use of sustainable drainage systems.

Have your say

You can read the draft plans and summary document and share your views by visiting the link below.

Responses will help us to understand whether the plans address the right priorities locally, where people feel action should be focused, and what level of support there is for action on climate change across the county.

Printed copies of the climate plans, along with a document summarising what the consultation is about, can be viewed at Chichester, Crawley, Horsham, and Worthing libraries on request.

Anyone without access to the internet can visit a library or family hub to complete the consultation. Completed printed surveys may also be returned to any West Sussex library. For anyone needing further support completing an online form, help can be arranged from a library digital volunteer.

Alternatively, people can request a printed version to be sent to them, along with a freepost return envelope, by calling 01243 777 100.

Have your say

Please spread the word!



If you'd like to help us promote the consultation and encourage people to share their views, you can download and print out an A4 poster at the link below.

Also, look out for our posts on [Facebook](#), Instagram, Nextdoor, X and [LinkedIn](#) and please share and tag your friends. Thank you.

[Download an A4 poster](#)

Useful Links

[Read how we are tackling climate change](#)

[Get involved in climate action](#)

Find out about our [Community Climate Fund](#)

[Explore our Wilder Horsham District programme](#)

[Read our latest climate action blog posts](#)

[Visit the West Sussex Climate Action Hub](#)

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**Horsham
District
Council**

**Email dated 13.08.2026 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin**

Meetings

- In this week's meeting with county associations, the [Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments](#) gave updates about the onboarding process for their new digital portal. Parish and town councils will have already received or will shortly receive an email asking them to set up an account. We provided an update on planned changes to the proper practices for the next financial year, and more details will be announced in due course. There was also a discussion on areas undergoing community governance reviews with the potential to create new councils.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), we celebrate National Allotments Week, and the vital role allotments play in creating healthier, greener, and more connected communities. Read the full blog to discover how your parish or town council can champion allotments and help communities flourish.
- [In a new video](#), our vice-chair (member services), Cllr David Francis, shares practical lessons from Northumberland's local government reorganisation. Drawing on his first-hand experience, he explains how the transition to a unitary authority was managed, highlights the role county associations can play throughout the process, and offers practical insights to help parish and town councils prepare for and influence local government reorganisation.
- A reminder that our fully revised Local Councils Explained publication is available to members for FREE. Updated to reflect the latest legal landscape, digital expectations and best practice. It

is an essential guide for anyone looking to better understand parish and town councils and how they work. You can [access your free copy](#) on our website.

Support

- We have [renewed our White Ribbon UK accreditation](#), reaffirming our commitment to preventing violence against women and girls and supporting safer, more inclusive communities. As part of a new three-year action plan, we will continue to raise awareness across the parish and town council sector, promote practical resources and training, and encourage councils to take action to help prevent violence against women and girls in their communities.
- Nominations are still open for our Star Council Awards 2026/27, celebrating the outstanding people, councils and projects making a real difference to communities across England. With six categories recognising excellence across the parish and town council sector, now is the time to showcase achievement and give those making an impact the recognition they deserve. [Submit your nomination](#) by 25 September 2026.

From across the sector

- We have joined forces with the Local Government Association and Royal British Legion to encourage parish and town councils to support Remembrance parades and services this autumn. You can [read the full letter](#) on our website.

Email dated 13.08.2026 from WSCC

Advice for West Sussex students receiving A-level results



news release

Advice for West Sussex students receiving A-level results



Students across West Sussex are receiving their A-level, AS, T Level and vocational qualification results today.

Councillor Sam Raby, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning, said:

“Congratulations to every young person receiving their results today. Reaching this point takes commitment, resilience and a great deal of hard work, and I hope students take time to recognise everything they have achieved.

“I would also like to thank the teachers, school and college staff, parents and carers who have supported young people throughout their studies.

“Results day can bring a mixture of emotions and sometimes plans may change, but no one has to work out their next step alone. Whether you are heading to university, considering an apprenticeship, training or employment, or taking some time to explore your options, advice and support are available.”

A breakdown of grades by region can be found on the Ofqual [website](#).

Careers advice and support

Students who have questions about their results or available courses should speak to their school or college, which can provide advice about their options and next steps.

The West Sussex County Council Careers Team can also provide free information, advice and guidance to eligible young people aged 16 to 24 who live in West Sussex and are not in education, employment or training.

The team can help young people explore opportunities including education, apprenticeships, employment, further training and volunteering.

For more information, visit the council's careers guidance webpage, email careersadvice@westsussex.gov.uk or call 033 022 22700.

You can also visit the [careers guidance webpage](#) for more information.

Supporting your wellbeing

Receiving results can feel exciting, overwhelming or disappointing. Young people who are feeling stressed, anxious or low can find information, advice and emotional wellbeing support on the e-wellbeing [website](#).

Email dated 11.08.2026 from Sussex1550

Sussex 1550



We'd like to invite you to partake and celebrate Sussex 1550 - marking the 1550th anniversary since our beloved Sussex was traditionally founded, in the year 477 - which we believe this is worthy of great rejoicing and festivities - together!

Let's celebrate the wonderful County of Sussex and its cherished customs, traditions, and heritage. We have so much to be proud of, and our unique ways deserve to be observed in a large fashion and as an act of union and togetherness.

The '*Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*', a set of annals compiled in the late 9th Century, states Sussex was established, as an independent Kingdom, in the year 477 by King Ælle and his three sons, Cymen, Wlencing and Cissa, who arrived on the coast in three ships at a place called 'Cymenshore'.

These celebrations are to take place on the week of *Sussex Day*, Wednesday 16th June 2027, inclusive of the weekends either side - Saturday 12th until Sunday 20th June 2027.

 Co-ordinated Beacon / Bonfire Lightings at 9pm on 16th June

 Street Parties

 Village Fetes

 + Any other Sussex related events and activities

Your full information pack to Sussex 1550 can be found here...

SUSSEX 1550 INFORMATION PACK

SUSSEX 1550 BEACONS & BONFIRES @9PM - 16TH JUNE 2026

As part of the celebrations, we would like to formally invite you to partake in the centrepiece of events - a coordinated county-wide Beacon and Bonfire Lighting at 9pm on Sussex Day, Wednesday 16th June 2027, uniting every corner of Sussex at the same moment.

We are now accepting registrations for commemorative Sussex 1550 beacons and bonfires Register online at www.sussex1550.com , or email beacons@sussex1550.com

A full lighting guide for Sussex 1550 Beacon and Bonfires can be found here...

BEACONS & BONFIRES LIGHTING GUIDE

To keep fully up-to-date on Sussex 1550 activities, progress, and events, please follow our facebook page: www.facebook.com/SussexFlag

Let's give existing Sussex Day celebrations a real boost in this special anniversary year!

Many thanks for your time,

Brady Brooks-Ells, **Sussex 1550**, www.sussex1550.com

Email dated 11.08.2026 from WSCC

Moderate air pollution in and amber heat health alert West Sussex



Moderate Air Pollution Alert and Amber Heat Health Alert for West Sussex

Air Pollution in West Sussex is forecast to be moderate for Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th August 2026.

Follow advice from Defra on these days:

“Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with heart problems, who experience symptoms, should consider reducing strenuous physical activity, particularly outdoors.

The general population may continue to enjoy their usual outdoor activities.”

Learn more about what you can do to contribute to cleaner air in West Sussex by visiting: [Air quality - West Sussex County Council](#)

This health guidance is taken from the Air Quality Index produced by Defra: [Daily Air Quality Index - Defra, UK](#)

For updates to the Air Pollution Forecast: [Pollution forecast - Defra, UK](#)

This is combined with an **Amber Heat Health Alert from 12:00 today to 09:00**

Amber (enhanced response) - An amber alert would represent a situation in which the expected impacts are likely to be felt across the whole health service, with potential for the whole population to be at risk and where other sectors apart from health may also start to observe impacts, indicating that a coordinated response is required. In addition, in some circumstances a National Severe Weather Warning Service (NSWWS) Extreme Heat warning may be issued in conjunction with and aligned to the HHA. This situation would indicate that significant impacts are expected across multiple sectors.

View details of the warning on the [Weather Health Alerts](#) site.

Hot weather can affect your health. The people most likely to be affected are the elderly, the very young, and people with pre-existing medical conditions.

If you know or look after someone that may be susceptible to the effects of this hot weather period please help make sure that they stay cool and well, and if possible check in advance that they are prepared for this hot spell.

Please follow this advice to keep cool and comfortable and reduce health risks:

- Shut windows and pull down the shades when it is hotter outside. If it's safe, open them for ventilation when it is cooler.
- Avoid the heat: stay out of the sun and don't go out between 11am and 3pm (the hottest part of the day).
- Keep rooms cool by using shades or reflective material outside the windows. If this isn't possible, use light-coloured curtains and keep them closed (metallic blinds and dark curtains can make the room hotter).
- Have cool baths or showers, and splash yourself with cool water.
- Drink cold drinks regularly, such as water and fruit juice. Avoid tea, coffee and alcohol.

- Plan ahead to make sure you have enough supplies, such as food, water and any medications you need.
- Identify the coolest room in the house so you know where to go to keep cool.
- Wear loose, cool clothing and a hat if you go outdoors.

Also, please don't forget about the **animals** in your care and view the top tips for keeping pets cool in hot weather by using the [RSPCA](#) link below.

For more information go to:

- UK Health Security Agency [Adverse Weather Health Plan](#)
- UKHSA & Met Office [Weather Health Alerts](#)
- NHS Choices [Heatwave: be prepared](#)
- WSCC [Dealing with extreme weather](#)
- WSCC <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/keeping-safe-this-summer/>
- WSCC [Preparing for emergencies](#)
- Follow us on Twitter for regular updates [@WSCCNews](#) [@WSCCResilience](#) [@wspublichealth](#)
- RSPCA [Top tips for keeping pets cool in hot weather](#)





Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

KATY BOURNE OBE



The Government's decision this week to exclude those convicted of rape, serious child sex offences and grooming from the prisoner early-release scheme, is welcome news but this climbdown should never have been necessary - victims deserve better than this.

In recent months, I have heard directly from victims across Sussex who were distressed and anxious after learning how the scheme could affect offenders in their cases. For some, it re-opened traumatic memories and for others, it raised concerns about offenders being released sooner than expected and they questioned why they had put themselves through the anguish of a court case in the first place.

Victims deserve to be heard when decisions about sentencing and release are being considered. Whilst I welcome the Government's renewed commitment to strengthen support for victims, improve communication and give victims a greater say in licence conditions, these measures must be backed by effective delivery.

I also recognise the pressures facing our prison estate but public protection and victims' confidence in the justice system must remain at the heart of any reform. In Sussex, I remain committed to ensuring victims can access the support they need and that their voices continue to be heard.

You can read my full statement about the Government's announcement on changes to the early-release scheme [on my website](#).

"I felt supported and listened to by the police"

Recently, I received a heartfelt message from a victim of domestic abuse praising Sussex Police for the support she received after reporting an assault. Her words were a powerful reminder of the difference that compassionate, professional policing can make during some of the most difficult moments in a person's life.

The woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, reported her former partner after a violent incident in November 2025. Her assailant was subsequently handed an 18-month high-level community order, ordered to pay compensation and made subject to a ten-year restraining order preventing him from contacting his victim.

In statements published after the court case, she explained:

"From the initial phone call to the officers who attended to take my statement within a couple of hours of reporting him, I felt supported and listened to, something that I always worried would not happen."

She also spoke movingly about recognising that the cycle of abuse would not end unless she sought help and encouraged others in similar situations to reach out for support.

I know that reporting domestic abuse can be incredibly difficult. Many victims worry they won't be believed, they won't be supported or that coming forward will only make things worse. That is why it is so encouraging to hear feedback like this.

I would like to thank the police officers and staff involved in this case, particularly those who supported the victim through both the investigation and the court process. This case demonstrates the positive impact that victim-focused policing can have. Most importantly, it shows that when victims come forward, they will be listened to, supported and treated with respect.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, please remember that help is available. You do not have to face it alone. You can find out more about the support available for victims of crime on the [Safe Space Sussex website](#).



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Award-Winning Support for Sussex's LGBTQ+ Community

Brighton & Hove Pride is always a highly anticipated weekend of celebration for the City so I was delighted to see the recent success of Sussex Police and partners in helping to ensure this year's event remained safe, welcoming and enjoyable for the hundreds of thousands of people who attended.

Against that backdrop, I am also incredibly proud to share that my Victims' Services and Commissioning Team recently received an Outstanding Support Award from Switchboard - the LGBTQ+ charity that I commission to provide specialist support services across Sussex.

The award was presented during Switchboard's 50th anniversary celebrations, which brought together staff, volunteers, service users and partner organisations to recognise the people and partnerships that have strengthened support for LGBTQ+ communities over the past five decades.

This recognition reflects the dedication of my team and the strength of our long-standing partnership with Switchboard. Together, we are helping to ensure that all LGBTQ+ victims and survivors in Sussex can access specialist, inclusive and compassionate support when they need it most.

Email dated 06.08.2026 from CAGNE
August Bulletin



Gatwick Airport New Runway

The CAGNE statement concerning High Court Appeal against the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway project –

Residents should be immensely proud of what they have achieved in holding Gatwick Airport's shareholders to account. We believe this proposed new runway will come at a significant cost to both the taxpayer and the planet.

Today's Court of Appeal <https://caselaw.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ewca/civ/2026/1040> ruling is a deeply disappointing reflection of recent changes to the legal process, rather than of the strength or commitment of our legal team. We firmly believed the judges understood the serious environmental impacts at stake, including the lack of sufficient sewerage treatment capacity to support an additional runway at this leisure airport.

The legal process provides only specific routes for challenging a government error in judgement. As a result, we were unable to resubmit all the grounds that led the Planning Inspectorates to recommend refusal of this new runway application through the planning development consent order.

We will now use the remaining funds raised to continue holding Gatwick to account. Our focus will turn to the proposed new terminal, the decline in air quality, and the airspace changes that were not permitted to be considered as part of this planning application.

This is a deeply disappointing reflection of a government that is failing to take a balanced approach to airport expansion, particularly where an airport such as Gatwick seeks to export sterling from the UK economy while imposing significant costs on local authorities, communities and the environment.

Thank you to everyone that supported and funded the CAGNE legal team.

Airspace Change - Your Action is Needed
The government's Bill to remove your rights commences at the House of Commons
on the 1st September!

Councils and you need to write to your Member of Parliament calling for an
ombudsman. [Here is what to say](#)

Email member.surname.mp@parliament.uk
[Here is the MP brief providing you with more details](#)

CAGNE has a stand this Saturday at the Okewood Hill fete in Surrey which starts at 12 noon. We look forward to chatting to you.

Join the CAGNE.org mailing list and encourage your neighbours to do likewise.

The running costs of CAGNE are covered by your membership so please consider donating £6 (councils £10 donation) a year.

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13/08/2026



The National Champion For Rural Services

Your 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 Digital Connectivity Gap Remains. [Read more here.](#)
- New Mental Health Centres Planned Across England. [Find out more.](#)
- Transport east Highlights Rural Mobility Challenges And Innovation. [Explore the report.](#)

Our full news service is available to paid subscribers only. Become a member to receive comprehensive rural updates, including key parliamentary news, monthly funding digests, and dedicated newsletters on rural health, the economy, and housing. Membership also gives you access to our varied online seminar programme and exclusive resources.

Please note that individual councillor membership is only available if your local authority is already an RSN member. You can check your authority's membership on our [website](#).

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Find out more about becoming a member [here](#).

Landlines in the UK are
going digital.

Are you ready?

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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.

[For further details click here](#)