

## RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillors, you are summoned to attend a meeting of **RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7.00pm** Rodmell Village Hall. *Lorna Thwaites*, Rodmell Parish Clerk, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

### **To RECEIVE questions from the Public:**

The first ten minutes are available for public participation before the start of the meeting. During this time, members of the public may ask questions or make representations, in respect of business on the agenda. Members of the public may only speak at other points during the meeting if they have knowledge or information that will aid the discussion and will only speak at the Chairman's discretion.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR A DISPENSATION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA,** as required by the Members Code of Conduct.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** To RESOLVE that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rodmell Parish Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 are a correct record and are signed by the Chair.
4. **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:**
  - 4.1 To RECEIVE an update on the bank signatories.
  - 4.2 To AUTHORISE the signing of the Team4 new direct debit mandate.
  - 4.3 To RATIFY any payments made since the last meeting and to RECEIVE the bank reconciliation.
  - 4.4 To RECEIVE an update of spend vs budget (as at 05 March 2026).
5. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**
  - 5.1 To AGREE items for the Annual Parish Meeting - drinks/nibbles, speakers to invite, the draft agenda, advertising the meeting and any associated printing and nominations/prize for Villager of the Year.
6. **ALLOTMENTS:**
  - 6.1 To RECEIVE an update on plot 5a – Cllr Barnell.
  - 6.2 To RECEIVE a request for additional rules at the allotments.
7. **REPORT(S) AND MINUTES:** Any written reports minutes from external meetings - to be taken as read.
  - 7.1 To RECEIVE reports from Parish Cllrs, Local and District Councillors and the MP for Lewes.
  - 7.2 To RECEIVE a brief verbal update on the POLO meeting – Cllr Bentley.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** To RECEIVE correspondence and AGREE any actions:
  - 8.1 Community Speedwatch and C7 – S.Pearce via S.Carroll.
  - 8.2 Introduction from Alzheimer's Society – Exploring Local Collaboration – C.Toal.
  - 8.3 LDALC Annual General Meeting – C.Baker.
  - 8.4 Summer Visit from James MacCleary MP.
  - 8.5 Your 2026-27 Price Changes – Business Stream.
  - 8.6 Donation to RPC – Rodmell Horticultural Society.
9. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 9.1 To AGREE which noticeboard to purchase and to RECEIVE and AGREE the site location and installation details/ costs.
  - 9.2 To RECEIVE an update on the progress of ESH to repair the speed activated signs and the request made to alter to a different style/camera.
  - 9.3 To RECEIVE further plans/designs for a unified Rodmell website – Cllr Rathbone.
  - 9.4 To RESOLVE to support the River Ouse Charter – Cllr Hickey.
10. **GRASS/HEDGE CUTTING:**
  - 10.1 To RECEIVE an update on grass cutting undertaken to-date.
  - 10.2 To RECEIVE the provisional dates for grass cutting by ESCC.
11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** To AGREE or RATIFY comments for any applications received:
  - 11.1 SDNP/26/00458/HOUS & 00376/LIS – The Old Poor House. Loft conversion including 2no dormer windows (comments by 25<sup>th</sup> March).
  - 11.2 SDNP/26/00337/LIS - Northease Lodge. Installation of solar panels to roof (comments by 25<sup>th</sup> March).
  - 11.3 SDNP/26/00438/LIS - Pear Tree Cottage. External repair works to roof including rebuilding of rear chimney stack, replacement of roof battens, lead flashing and gutters, repair and replacement of roof tiles (comments deadline pending response from SDNPA).

11.4 SDNP/26/00795/HOUS - Admiral's Knock. Installation of 2no roof dormers and 1no skylight to roof. Installation of balcony. Reconfiguration of conservatory to include removing doors and windows and replacement with inset windows, bifold doors and external timber deck (comments by 27<sup>th</sup> March)

**12. PROJECTS:**

**12.1 Village Map:**

- 12.1.1 To RECEIVE an update on the production of the map.
- 12.1.2 To RECEIVE details of the map installation – Cllr Bentley.

**12.2 Pavilion and Playing Fields:**

- 12.2.1 To DISCUSS and AGREE changes to the key lock code and padlock arrangements – Cllr Toye.
- 12.2.2 To RECEIVE the response of Rodmell Football Club to purchase their goal posts for £1000.
- 12.2.3 To RESOLVE to remove the goal posts if they haven't been removed by Rodmell Football Club.
- 12.2.4 To AGREE the Pavilion and Playing Fields Hire and Usage Policy.
- 12.2.5 To RECEIVE the dates of the Rodmell Cricket Club matches and to AGREE their usage and terms for 2026.

**12.3 Playground:**

- 12.3.1 To RECEIVE preferred designs and supplier options from the playground volunteers and parish council working group and to RESOLVE who to appoint subject to funding.
- 12.3.2 To RECEIVE an update on LDC and SDNP CIL and any further funding applications.
- 12.3.3 To RECEIVE an update on any donations received; promised donations and fundraising progress.

**12.4 Benches:**

- 12.4.1 To RECEIVE details of repairing the bench by the noticeboard and at the Newhaven Bus stop– Cllr Wettren.

- 13. TO PROPOSE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL.**
- 14. TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF RODMELL PARISH COUNCIL.**
- 15. TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**