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Minutes of the Westhampnett Full Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm on Monday 12th October 2026 at Westhampnett Community Hall, Hadrian Drive, Westhampnett, PO18 0FP

Present:
Parish Councillors: Cllr David Plummer (Chair) Cllr Neil Jackson (Vice Chair), Cllr J O'Meara, Cllr Sharon Burborough, Cllr Claire McLeish, Cllr Nigel Harris, & Cllr Charles Down (after co-option)

The meeting was Clerked by The Clerk Beccy Anderson (BA) & Assistant Clerk Natalie Ford (NF) 5 Members of the public attended (MOP), together with WSCC Cllr Jack Lovejoy (JL), CDC Cllr Henry Potter (HP)

Minute No.	Item
1	**OPEN MEETING & TAKE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr DP opened the meeting at 7pm. Apologies were received from Cllr Kevin Allsobrook. Cllr Stephen James was noted as absent; receipt of an apology is to be confirmed
2	**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS** Cllr S Burborough - noted as an employee of Rolls Royce Motor Cars Cllr D Plummer - noted a pecuniary interest in a sister company of NJS
3	**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** No questions had been received in advance and no questions were raised from the floor under this item.
4	**REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL BODIES** Cllr Henry Potter (HP) – Councillors noted his circulated written report. HP updated the meeting following the CDC All Parishes meeting, including Local Government Reorganisation, the proposed national scheme of delegation for planning and the preparation of a new Local Plan. He also reported on a West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service presentation on wildfire risks and training opportunities for parish councils. The timing of any further Government announcement remained uncertain. Cllr Jack Lovejoy (JL) – Councillors noted his written report, reproduced below. JL advised that the Claypit Lane scheme included refreshing road markings, new yellow lines and a raised pedestrian crossing near the school, with bollards also discussed. The implementation year requires confirmation: the transcript refers to the next financial year, while the handwritten notes record 2027/28. MOP raised concerns about resident consultation, access, parking and the safety of children walking to school. The Chair undertook to seek the latest proposals, a clearer timetable and details of public consultation before further consideration at the next meeting. A damaged/obscured SLOW marking on the Stane Street cycle path was reported. JL advised that road marking defects should be reported through the WSCC online reporting service. Rolls-Royce Motor Cars – Councillors noted that the monthly report and community newsletter had been circulated and published on the Parish Council website. Matters arising were considered under item 8. **ACTION: Cllr DP to contact WSCC Highways for the latest Claypit Lane proposals, implementation timetable and consultation arrangements, and bring an update to the next meeting.** **ACTION: Details and locations of the affected Stane Street markings to be sent to the Clerk/Assistant Clerk for reporting to WSCC. JL to assist with the reporting process as required.**
5	**CONFIRM MINUTES**

	Councillors confirmed and approved the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th September 2026 as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr NJ, seconded Cllr NH. The minutes were signed by the Chair, Cllr DP.
6	**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** (i) Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair invited further consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan following discussion of the Dairy Lane development. Councillors discussed the potential planning benefits, community involvement, costs, timescale, the previous work undertaken by the parish and the relationship with CDC's emerging Local Plan. The potential increase in the parish's share of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was also discussed. HP advised that the process should be community led and supported by the Parish Council, and offered details of a specialist adviser. It was agreed to obtain further information on costs, available financial support and the expected timescale before deciding whether to proceed and engage the wider community. No decision to commission a Neighbourhood Plan was made. **ACTION: Clerk BA to seek information from CDC on costs, funding/support and the timescale for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, for further consideration by Councillors.** **ACTION: Cllr HP to send the Clerk contact details for the specialist Neighbourhood Plan adviser.** (ii) Tree planting. The Chair reported that Arundel Arboretum had visited and proposed approximately 50 trees, including 21 on and around the village green. Other possible locations included Madgwick Lane/Madgwick Park and a small orchard near the play park, subject to landowner permission. Permission in principle had been obtained from the Madgwick Park management company. Councillors supported proceeding in principle on the basis of an estimated maximum cost of £9,000 including VAT, before any negotiated discount. A detailed planting plan and quotation would be brought to the November meeting for approval. A possible CDC contribution of up to 50% would be investigated, with the parish contribution intended to be met from CIL funds. Tree protection, watering, aftercare, maintenance and existing underground services were discussed. Planting before Christmas was proposed, subject to approval. The supplier's proposed six-month health check was noted. **ACTION: Cllr DP/ Clerk BA to obtain the detailed planting plan and quotation, investigate CDC funding and bring the proposals to the November meeting. Watering, tree protection and future maintenance arrangements to be considered.**
7	**PLANNING** Councillors noted the October 2026 S&L Land and Planning reports for Dairy Lane, Land North of Madgwick Lane, Goodwood and the Monthly Briefing. No questions were raised. The Clerk confirmed that the reports were available on the Parish Council website.
8	**ROLLS ROYCE** Councillors noted that the footpaths had reopened and benches had been installed. Arrangements for the next Community Liaison Forum (CLF) meeting at the Community Hall were discussed. Councillors and MOP raised continued concerns about lorries turning towards the village when leaving the new entrance, reported near misses, compliance with the traffic management arrangements and the lack of feedback following reports to RRMC. Discussion covered the respective responsibilities of RRMC, its contractors and WSCC Highways. Further concerns included overgrown vegetation and maintenance of the link between footpaths 416 and 417, drainage/culvert clearance near the new entrance and lighting remaining on during the day and at night. Clarification was requested on maintenance responsibilities where an item had been shown as closed on the CLF action list. **ACTION: Parish Council CLF representatives to raise the lorry routing and safety concerns, request feedback on reported incidents, clarify footpath and vegetation maintenance responsibilities, and follow up drainage and lighting concerns. An update to be provided to Councillors.**
9	**PAYMENTS** Councillors approved the revised October 2026 online payment list, signed by Cllr NJ. The Clerk explained that the GreenClean invoice included in the agenda had already been paid and was removed from the list. An invoice for installation of a new hand dryer in the gents' toilets was added. The agenda payment schedule is reproduced below with the reported changes identified. The revised invoice amount and final approved total require insertion from the signed payment list.
10	**BANK RECONCILIATIONS** Councillors approved the bank reconciliations for September 2026, signed by Cllr NJ. The Clerk reported that the Hinckley & Rugby account had been opened and the remaining funds transferred in October, after the September reconciliation period. Opening of the Unity Trust account was still awaited and the Clerk had chased progress.

	ACTION: The Clerk to follow up the opening of the Unity Trust account and arrange the transfer of funds once the account is available.
11	**WESTERTON PLAYGROUND** Councillors considered Goodwood Estates' offer of a licence rather than a lease for the playground. The proposed licence could be revoked on one month's notice and was considered to provide insufficient security of tenure. The absence of the original agreement in the available records was discussed. Councillors agreed that a lease was required and that a meeting should be sought with Goodwood Estates to discuss this. **ACTION: The Clerk to advise Goodwood Estates that the proposed licence does not provide the required security of tenure and request a meeting with a view to agreeing a lease.**
12	**DOG WASTE BINS** Councillors approved the purchase of two further dog waste bins at £572 excluding VAT and the associated waste collection service. The purchase of six dog waste signs was noted. Installation remained subject to permission from the relevant landowners and suitable fixings/stakes. The proposed bin locations discussed were in the Old Place Lane area, including near the bridge/changing rooms serving the football pitches. A further location on the footpath linking Roman Walk and Dairy Lane was suggested; details and landowner permission were required before further consideration. Councillors agreed that one of the available signs could be supplied to a resident for installation on his wall. **ACTION: The Assistant Clerk to contact the relevant landowners/developer to obtain installation permissions and progress the approved bins and signs.** **ACTION: Cllr SB to send the Clerk/Assistant Clerk a photograph of the proposed Roman Walk/Dairy Lane location and contact details for the landowner**
13	**PARISH COUNCIL IT SUPPORT** Councillors reviewed quotations from Decisive Devices and ICode Systems. Discussion included email and document storage requirements arising from the IT audit, licences for nine Councillors and the Clerk/Assistant Clerk, setup costs, monthly management fees and prepaid support hours. Councillors considered that further information was required to compare the proposals with existing expenditure and establish contract commitments. A decision was deferred to the next meeting. **ACTION: The Clerk to update and circulate the comparison showing current licence and email costs, additional services required, comparable costs for the proposed solutions, minimum contract terms, termination arrangements and the treatment of unused prepaid support hours. Councillors to review the information before the November meeting.**
14	**COMMUNITY HALL** (i) Hall Manager's report. Income since the previous meeting was reported as £2,024. There were 15 private hires booked for October and 11 regular hirers for September. Car park income was additional to the reported figure. [Income figure to be checked against the Hall Manager's written report.] (ii) Fire doors. The Chair reported concerns about errors in the fire door report and a quotation of approximately £15,000 plus VAT. The Hall Manager had undertaken initial remedial work, including seals and signs, at a cost reported as approximately £65. The need for fire-rated doors in certain locations and door closing mechanisms remained to be clarified. No approval of the £15,000 quotation was recorded. **ACTION: Cllr DP and Hall Manager Richard Skillern to meet the inspection company, review the findings and requirements for each door, and bring recommendations and any further costs back to Councillors.** (iii) Community Hall development. Councillors noted that the revised planning application had been submitted and an update from S&L had been circulated. The survey had located a rising main and identified a gas main not shown on the existing drawings. (iv) Professional fees. Councillors formally approved the S&L Land and Planning quotation of £4,000 for professional fees relating to the revised planning application and the associated payment.
15	**ALLOTMENTS** The Assistant Clerk (NF) reported that final warning letters had been delivered to plot holders requiring weeds to be cleared by 1st November 2026. Failure to comply could lead to review of their tenancies and possible reallocation of the plots. The outstanding plot numbers required checking. Toilet cleaning arrangements were discussed. Councillors considered asking plot holders whether they would be willing to undertake or share cleaning, as a contractor would charge for a minimum visit. Cleaning equipment could be provided if a suitable arrangement was agreed.

	ACTION: Cllr NJ to inspect the plots and email the Assistant Clerk the plot numbers requiring further attention. **ACTION: The Assistant Clerk to email plot holders to ask whether they would be willing to undertake or share cleaning of the allotment toilet, and liaise with the Clerk on equipment and arrangements.**
16	**ITEMS FOR NOTING OR REFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING** IT support and the detailed tree planting proposals would return to the November meeting, together with the updates identified above. Cllr NJ reported antisocial behaviour and a reported break-in at the housing development near Old Place Lane. He had reported the incident to the Police and spoken with the temporary site manager. Earlier thefts of boilers, graffiti and damage to signs and vegetation were also discussed. The site manager was considering additional security and supported reinstating regular liaison meetings once the permanent site manager was in place. Councillors and residents were encouraged to report incidents to the Police so that intelligence could inform policing priorities.
17	**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** The next Full Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 9th November 2026 at 7pm. Cllr NJ indicated that he would be unable to attend.
18	**CLOSE MEETING** The Chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Signed **Date**

ITEM 4 WSCC Cllr JACK LOVEJOY REPORT OCTOBER 2026 REPORT

On 2nd September I travelled to the Lavant sewage plant with representatives from the Lavant, West Dean, Singleton and East Dean Parish Councils. We were given a very smelly tour of the work that Southern are doing to improve the capacity of the plant to reduce the number of sewage spills into the river. It was a very interesting tour and the use of the nature-based solutions that have been successfully used previously in France and by Severn-Trent is fascinating. It was also disappointing to hear that the Environment Agency is requiring them to engage in a trial despite the evidence of thirty years of Severn-Trent using it. This five-year trial will hopefully show that the wetland system they've installed work to ensure Southern are better able to handle storm overflows and stop damaging our river's ecosystem. They are waiting for an update on their license so that they can use the full capacity of the plant (which has been more than doubled) to allow them to treat more sewage and reduce the amount of waste they pump into the river. Sadly, the system doesn't remove the phosphates that are one of the main causes of algal blooms in the river that damage the wildlife in the river. The ecologist on site explained how they couldn't use standard anti-phosphate methods like using iron because otherwise they would create a huge rusty brown streak down the river, which no-one wants. They are waiting for approval to try another method, while I hope the new system will work, I do have my suspicions because we've been dealing with this for a long time now. When I was learning to sail at about age nine, my father would refuse to let me go out after it had rained because it was well known even then that they were dumping sewage into the harbour. I want to finish this section by thanking those of you who engage in water testing in the Lavant, so we have independent evidence for what they're doing to the unique habitat that is the chalk winterbourne.

On 3rd September I attended the City Council's community affairs committee and heard about how the Jam Café on South Street have started a new youth redirect service to try and keep children at risk of criminality away from anti-social behaviour, I found the entire thing fascinating as this is something I deal with in my work life with children in care. I would strongly encourage anyone with an interest in helping in that kind of area to contact them and see whether they need any help. It very much showed to me the need for third places, where children can hang out with their friends without the expectation of spending money or of being moved along by the police when they are accused of being suspicious. We also heard about the successes this year from the Festival of Chichester and Chichester Fringe about how the grants provided to them by the city have helped them grow as organisations, it's good to see our city develop its own unique cultural scene, something which was definitely less prominent when I was a child.

On 5th September I attended the City Council's 800th anniversary mediaeval market, it was an excellent event with highly knowledgeable craftspeople showing off their crafts, I discovered I was secretly very interested in the processing of flax into linen and medieval dying. It was brilliant to see so many people of all ages enjoying themselves, and there was even a jeweller who had previously worked on the Lord of the Rings and Game of Thrones as he's one of the few remaining

traditional jewellers who work entirely by hand. I hope the event becomes a regular event because it's certainly unique, especially since the Weald and Downland stopped doing their traditional crafts fair before the pandemic.

Amusingly on 8th September an event to demonstrate highway's weather readiness plans to councillors had to be cancelled due to poor weather. I believe that is called irony.

On that day instead we had a presentation and meet and greet with the Highways team and discussed the problems they face and their use of new technology (e.g. AI pothole detection for inspection vehicles and new, tougher materials to replace the old surfaces, allowing them to take heavier modern vehicles without breaking) to face the problems we see in West Sussex (e.g. worsening weather, heavier vehicles, increased traffic, aging infrastructure, overstretched budgets, inflation etc). It was very interesting, especially to hear about how the contractors have a new risk assessment program that mean the risk assessment now only takes a matter of seconds at the beginning of the job. The council also inspects about 10% of pothole repairs, and they're guaranteed for a year, while the repair work done by the utilities companies are guaranteed to last for two years (please let us know if either of them fails within that time). Modern data collection means that we know down to the second when a repair was completed. Highways are looking at ways to bring back the pothole reporting app that was previously discontinued.

On 9th September I attended the Children's and Young People's services scrutiny committee. We scrutinised the council's services and how they're planning to improve them to hit their targets. One of the most exciting was that WSCC has managed to improve its dismal level of SEND completion from the mid to low teens to 31% completed on time in August. This is still unacceptably low, but a massive improvement from where it has been previously, it remains an area the CYPSSC will keep a close eye on. In news about one of my local schools, we were informed that the increase in capacity for St Anthony's is still on course to be ready on schedule, delays remain unfortunately for the expansion of Fordwater school owing to legal disputes.

We also heard about the county's adult learning programme, which is very impressive with a pass rate of well over 90% for their learners, they also clarified how the new combined authority would work in respect to the devolved authority around adult education, previously we were led to believe it would be taken over by the combined authority entirely, it has now been clarified that the service part will remain with us while the funding is being taken out of Westminster and handed over to the combined authority, which will make it easier for the adult education service to be more reactive to the skills needed by Sussex.

Finally, we looked at the new Youth Strategy for West Sussex, which is about to go out to consultation. I strongly suggest that anyone who works with young people read the new strategy and take part in the consultation and get as many groups involved as possible, we want to make the county a much better place for young people to live. We are currently facing a problem of youth boredom that we need to manage, and the youth strategy needs to reflect this. The youth boredom is the cause behind much of the anti-social behaviour we see. We also need to tackle the issue of e-scooters and e-bikes. I'm personally of the opinion that their usage is due to the unreliable and infrequent buses that we have in the area. If you know any youth groups (formal or informal), parent groups (e.g. via schools) or organisations that support young people please get them involved with the consultation, we really want to make sure our strategy reflects the voices of young people in our community and those who work with them: West Sussex Young People's Strategy 2027-2032: Have Your Say | Your Voice West Sussex

On 11th September I attended my first meeting of Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education, meeting faith leaders and RE teachers from across the county as we discussed the County's new RE syllabus (which you can read on our website) and how we can make it work for all schools. We also noted that the week of 8th-15th November is national interfaith week and we are trying to think of ways to promote it in schools, I suggested promoting learning to make religiously important food, as a lot of worship includes food or communal meals for special occasions or with symbolic meanings (e.g. Challah for Judaism, Halva for Islam, Hot Cross Buns for Anglicanism, Modak for Hinduism etc), because the way to someone's heart is often via the stomach and it helps people to learn when they have something solid in their hands to show for it. Religious education is often forgotten about, but with the amount of misinformation running around about religion, it's an important aspect of our community education and can contribute to community cohesion and social harmony. We are looking at ways we can make more resources that are not just worksheets. The future of SACREs (every council has one) is unknown because the government is currently considering plans for the future of religious education and we won't know what that looks like for a while yet.

On 15th September at Westhampnett Parish Council I was delighted to hear that Rolls-Royce's second car park is now open, this has noticeably reduced the stationary traffic that used to plague the village from about 13:45 to about 15:00 every single day during the shift change. I heard this time and again as a bug bear of the public all through my division, with people getting caught in it either entering or exiting Chichester or getting to and from Sainsbury's. This second car park was a planning requirement put on the application for Rolls-Royce's factory extension due to the planning committee understanding the frustration that it causes local residents. It has not completely solved the issue, but it has mitigated the problem.

As previously mentioned, I was away 18th-22nd September but I was right back in it on the 23rd when I attended the University of Chichester Fresher's Fair to support Jess Brown-Fuller, MP for Chichester as she greeted the new students. That evening I then attended the Chichester and District Cycle Forum to discuss the needs of active transport in the area, along with gaps in the network and the continued issues of inconsiderate drivers (including hit and runs). We also discussed the viability of a potential bike bus for Luffa and Parklands schools.

Also:

OFSTED has performed their Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services, I hope that our officers won't find this too stressful and that the report comes back positive, we expect that report in November, the report and the improvement plan for it will be scrutinised at the January meeting of the Children and Young People's Service Scrutiny Committee (CYPSSC). The report for the SEND reform plans, which would have covered the vast majority of the enormous SEND deficit built up by SEND demand outpacing the Discretionary Schools Grant has been delayed to some point in the next few weeks, this isn't entirely unexpected because it was always a very ambitious timetable from the central government. We remain confident that our plans will be sufficient to receive the funding to cover the deficit.

The CYPSSC has decided the topics for our next two meetings, the November meeting will see us scrutinising the Quarterly Performance and Resources Report on our KPIs, along with the Youth Justice Service, Early Years Provision and any urgent matters related to the budget. January will see us scrutinise the response to the OFSTED report I already mentioned, as well as our final Youth Strategy and our Psychology Hub (which provides mental health support for children and young people). We have also pencilled in for February the Quarterly Performance and Resources Report, Pupil Attainment (I requested that this pay special attention to disadvantaged pupils) and the Families First Programme. If any of these areas are of special interest to you then please feel free to come along and watch, or watch online via the WSCC webcast on our website.

If you have previously been in contact with the Public Right of Way team at WSCC using their email address, please note the email address has now closed and all inquiries should be directed to the online PROW form on the WSCC website, which is the same mechanism as reporting a pothole. Anything more complex than an obstruction, missing signpost or damaged gate will have to go via myself.

In my role as the representative governor on the board for the University Hospitals Sussex Trust, I am deeply disturbed by the report that was released by the Human Tissue Agency (HTA) when they inspected Worthing Hospital's Mortuary, this is the main hub mortuary that also oversees St Richard's Mortuary and is the only one in the trust's system that's allowed to perform a post-mortem autopsy. The report found a large number of unacceptable failings from security to record keeping to maintenance by the trust, its leadership and its staff.

I have referred the report to the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee to provide further scrutiny and made sure Jess Brown-Fuller MP is aware. I strongly recommend that people read the full report. Worthing Hospital | Human Tissue Authority

If you have been in the city recently you will have noticed that the works by county council contractors on installing phone signal infrastructure in the city centre has begun, it's expected to be finished before the new year, finally bringing signal to the city centre (now I just need to work out how to get signal to the villages).

In what will hopefully be the end of the saga of the Murray statue, the city council has managed to find a private donor who has offered to pay for the statue to be cast in bronze, so the current resin one can be taken down as planned, it has been sold to a private collector and the money raised from the sale has been ringfenced for investment in the arts. The new bronze one will be erected as part of the works on North and East Street next year. The City Council has also found a contractor to undertake restoration works on the market cross, which is in a poor condition, particularly the roof.

Highways have released their annual report for the 2025/26 year, they repaired a record 32,840 potholes. As we enter into the busy season for potholes, please make sure to report potholes on the WSCC website as and when you find them. The full report is available in the press release at the bottom of this report.

The odyssey of LGR continues, the government has now put it all on hold. This was very unhelpfully released to the press before the council leaders I don't understand who at Westminster thought that was a good way to treat their partners, but it is deeply infuriating. We don't know whether it's going ahead or what our boundaries will look like. I genuinely have no clue what's going on, and I don't think anyone does. This is infuriating for the uncertainty that it causes our staff at County Council (and likely at District as well), who will spend an unknown amount of time without an idea where they'll be working. We need stability to maintain our workforce, and we simply can't provide that at present and it's due to no fault of our own. We don't have a date a decision will be made any longer and we don't know why they've decided to pause it for review. This means that as things stand (for now) the district council elections will go ahead next year and the unitary council elections will not until the year after when the mayoral election is meant to happen (we haven't heard anything about that being delayed). The government has confirmed that it was the judicial reviews that caused the pause on LGR and withdrawal of four of the options, either due to embarrassment of the documents that could have come out, or that they would have lost the review. Our CEO suggested to councillors that the issue was probably due to miscommunication between the civil servants and the ministers on the ministers' intentions. He also noted that the model most in-keeping with the other areas under LGR plans is the ridiculous Brighton Five Unitary model, which would see us combined with Horsham and Crawley (a not terrible position for us), and Mid Sussex returning to East Sussex (where it had been until the 1974 reorganisation) to merge with most of Wealden and Lewes. Arun, Worthing and Adur would merge as well.

We don't have a date for when we expect a decision to be made, and judging by past behaviour we won't find out until it's made public. This month is the last possible date that they can announce a decision in time for the May elections, we believe this to be very unlikely, but it remains a vague possibility. The government has written to us and confirmed that they remain committed to LGR, so we are continuing to undertake the work that we are able to while we wait. I remain staunchly opposed to one unitary for West Sussex as I believe it will be undemocratic, too distant, too cumbersome, too bureaucratic and risk burn out of councillors who are not retired or independently wealthy, making it hard for working councillors to represent the communities we live in.

We have rolled out a number of initiatives recently, the one closest to my heart is the West Sussex Care Guide and the associated support surrounding it. My own Nan recently entered a home, so I know it's a very difficult transition to make, meanwhile my other grandmother has a live in carer as her dementia worsens. The Guide includes the new Planning for Your Future webpage and information booklet, which my colleague Cllr Richard Bates (LD – Chi West) is leading on as the cabinet member for Adult Services. If you are thinking about your care needs, or you have a family member who is in the process then I would recommend looking at the booklet to help make a more informed decision and avoid nasty surprises. This is not just about care homes, but also about maintaining your independence for as long as possible in your own home, fall prevention and a checklist of what you need to know to make the preparations as early as possible. If you would like a physical copy of the care guide please email publications@westsussex.gov.uk and request one, the electronic copy is available at https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/housing-options-and-care-homes/care-guide/. Care is one of the biggest decisions you can ever make, so please make sure you know what your options are.

The record office are having their annual open day on 21st November 10am-3:30pm, it will be themed on the 1940s to celebrate their 80th anniversary, it will include a guided tour (book here for free: Open Day Tours - West Sussex Record Office), screenings of old films from Screen Archive South East, oral histories recorded in the collection, stalls from West Sussex Archives Society, Sussex Family History Group and Sussex Record Society, plus free refreshments in their 1940s tea tent. They will also have their oldest document on display, the Oslac Charter of 780AD (more information about that charter here: 780 AD 'Oslac' Charter granting land south of Chichester (Cap/I/17) – West Sussex Record Office). If you're interested in more Sussex History, keep an eye on the events page for the Records Office: Events - West Sussex Record Office and sign up for the Record Office's newsletter.

Did you know that WSCC and our partners provide support for people who wish to improve their digital skills in our ever more digital world? Find out more here: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/digital-support-providers/

Consultations:

The County Council is currently consulting on the next phase of the roll out of the connected kerb electric vehicle charging point scheme, please make sure you take part if there's somewhere you think would benefit from this. The proposed locations in Chichester North are on Winterbourne Road. The Council is not looking at present at creating a Traffic Regulation Order to make the spaces electric vehicle only, so it will not reduce the number of car parking spaces. https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/ev-chargepoints

As I mentioned above, our Youth Strategy is currently out for consultation: West Sussex Young People's Strategy 2027-2032: Have Your Say | Your Voice West Sussex

A proposal for the expansion of Yapton Primary School is currently out for consultation: The proposed expansion of Yapton CE Primary School | Your Voice West Sussex

We have begun consulting on opening up a Specialist Inclusion Base at Petworth Primary School to aid children with SEND needs to remain in mainstream schools: Proposed creation of Specialist Inclusion Base at Petworth CofE Primary School | Your Voice West Sussex

Press Releases by WSCC since my last report:

Business owners urged to review artificial plants and decorations for fire safety risks - West Sussex County Council

Go All In at West Sussex libraries this autumn - West Sussex County Council

West Sussex County Council Response – Government Pauses LGR Programme - West Sussex County Council

Apply for your child's 2027 secondary school place - West Sussex County Council

Consultation opens on proposal to expand Yapton CE Primary School - West Sussex County Council

West Sussex County Council helps primary school pupils get active with new London Marathon Foundation Active Playgrounds - West Sussex County Council

Fire technician takes on fundraising challenge after two cancer diagnoses - West Sussex County Council

New report highlights continued investment in West Sussex's highways network - West Sussex County Council

Sexual Health Awareness Week: Council urges young women to get tested as chlamydia screening rates fall - West Sussex County Council

Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund applications to open - West Sussex County Council

Chichester set for major mobile boost as OpenDigital project launches - West Sussex County Council

Have your say on proposals to create new SEND places in Petworth - West Sussex County Council

New support helps West Sussex families take control of future care - West Sussex County Council

Crawley shop banned from selling vapes and tobacco products after repeated underage sales - West Sussex County Council

West Sussex residents asked for views on new electric vehicle chargepoints - West Sussex County Council

Get help to get online in West Sussex - West Sussex County Council

Residents urged to 'Stop the Spark' by keeping batteries, vapes and electricals out of household bins - West Sussex County Council

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service welcomes six new on-call firefighters - West Sussex County Council

West Sussex business leaders invited to join exclusive Future CEO development programme - West Sussex County Council

New Chair appointed to lead West Sussex Economic Growth Board - West Sussex County Council

Fire service reports on wildfire preparedness at committee meeting - West Sussex County Council

Public Facing meetings in October (All viewable online):

1st October 2:00pm – Council of Governors for University Sussex Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (External Body Meeting, I sit on the council of governors on behalf of WSCC)

9th October 9:30am - Sussex Police and Crime Panel (External Body Meeting)

16th October 10:30am – Full Council (I will be attending this meeting, please let me know if you have any questions you wish me to put to the cabinet members, I will endeavour to put as many forwards as possible).

21st October 10:30am – Public Cabinet

Yours,

Cllr Jack Lovejoy

Member of West Sussex County Council for Chichester North

Covering: Boxgrove, Eartham, East Broyle, East Dean, Graylingwell, Lavant, Priory Park, Singleton and Charlton, Summersdale, Upwaltham, West Dean and Westhampnett

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OCTOBER 2026 PAYMENTS			
Date	**PAYEE**	**DESCRIPTION**	**AMOUNT**
			£
12/10/2026	GreenClean	Community Hall cleaning 26/08 to 25/09/26	492.00
12/10/2026	Richard Skillern	Hall Mgr hours Sept 2026	791.04
12/10/2026	S&L Land and Planning	Oct 2026 reports & Planning prof fees	4,320.00
12/10/2026	West Sussex County Council	September 2026 Salaries & oncosts	4,268.27
12/10/2026	Alison Oakley	Plants & pots for Community Hall	41.48
12/10/2026	Encompass	Utility Survey	960.00
12/10/2026	NJS Partnerships	Comm Hall engineering design fee	3,180.00
12/10/2026	NJS Partnerships	Revised planning drainage Comm Hall	3,240.00
12/10/2026	NJS Partnerships	NRG Consulting Comm Hall	600.00
12/10/2026	HB Surveys Ltd	Land survey Comm Hall	480.00
12/10/2026	SES Water	Waste water charges (unbilled as previously estimated)	495.73
12/10/2026	Mark Short	Comm Hall window cleaning	70.00
12/10/2026	Allotments Society	Membership Subscription	84.00
12/10/2026	Pet Waste Solutions	Waste removal 07, 14, 21/09/2026	27.00
12/10/2026	RM Huntingford	Grass Cutting 04, 17/09/26	850.00
			19,899.52

****GreenClean £492.00 was removed because it had already been paid. The agenda total was £19,899.52. The new hand dryer invoice must be added to £19,407.52 to obtain the revised total.