

SLAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting AGENDA

The Council Members are summoned to a Meeting to be held on
Thursday 29th October 2026 at 6.30pm – The Sports Pavilion, High Street, Handcross

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Press and Public are welcome to attend - The Parish Council is an open and transparent local authority and encourages public attendance at meetings.



1. **Apologies for Absence:** To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. **Declaration of interest from members in respect of any items on the agenda:** To record any declarations of interest: None
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting/s held - To receive and approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 24th September 2026 (Full Council).**
4. **Adjournment for questions from the public:** Council to consider adjournment of the meeting in accordance with Council's Standing Orders, to receive questions from members of the public in attendance in respect of items on the agenda:
5. **Matters from District & County Councillors:** to receive verbal reports from representatives of other authorities
 - 5.1. **Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC):** Press Release/s updates *cc'd in advance*
 - 5.2. **West Sussex County Council County Local Committee (WSCC/CLC) –** Press Release/s updates *cc'd in advance*
6. **Committee Reports:** Council to consider the recommendations, receive and note committee and advisory group/updates: To approve meeting and or briefing notes received in advance of the meeting convened:
 - 6.1. **Finance Governance & Estates Committee:** To update members on current activities and to approve meeting/note minutes from meeting held:
 - 6.1.1. Street Lighting – Replacement of HID Lamps (70W and above) - Further to Minute 11.1 of 24 September 2026, members are asked to consider the proposal from the Council's street lighting contractor for replacing the 42 affected lamps. It includes options for phased replacement and LED conversion, with the budget implications (report *cc'd in advance*).
Recommendation: That the Council considers the street lighting contractor's quotation for replacing the affected HID lamps with SL8 LED lanterns, and RESOLVES:
 - (a) accepts the street lighting contractor's quotation for 37 side entry lanterns (£13,875.00), 4 Windsor Heritage lanterns (£4,185.00), and replacement of the concrete column with a 5m galvanised column and SL8 LED lantern (£1,515.00);
 - (b) accepts the UK Power Networks quotation (3700034272) for the disconnection and reconnection of that column (£3,561.00), and notes that the wall-mounted floodlight (inventory No. 13) will be replaced free of charge;
 - (c) agrees that the total cost of £23,136.00 excluding VAT be met from budget/reserve, with expenditure not to exceed £23,136.00 plus a contingency of £2500.00 for any additional charges UK Power Networks applies;
 - (d) authorises the Clerk/RFO to place the order before the contractor's recommended deadline of 1 December 2026 under the existing street lighting contract and to pay the UK Power Networks charges in advance as required.
 - 6.2. **Recreation:** To update members on current activities and to approve meeting/note minutes from meeting held:
 - 6.2.1. Hemsleys Meadow Masterplan Pease Pottage - UPDATE
 - 6.2.2. The acquisition of Woodgate Pavilion, Pease Pottage – UPDATE
 - 6.3. **Neighbourhood Planning: Land at St Martin Close** - To update members on current activities to review and approve meeting/note minutes where required:
 - 6.3.1. Members to receive an update from the District Plan Main Modifications – Examination Hearing
 - 6.4. **Planning Committee:** Members to consider updates: To approve meeting minutes of meeting/notes (*attached*)
 - 6.4.1. **MSDC Draft District Plan:** To note the Public Examination Hearings scheduled for the 4th November, and the hearings statement submitted by the Parish Council on Friday 16th October 2026.
7. **Chairman's Report:** to receive verbal report from the Chair:
8. **Clerks Report** – to receive information, verbal or written report from the Clerk papers *cc'd in advance*
 - 8.1. Mid Sussex District Council – Town and Parish Council Briefing on the National Scheme of Delegation. The new NPPF and the District Plan Review (28 September 2026) – The Clerk attended the MSDC briefing for Town and Parish Clerks. The slides and links to the guidance were circulated in advance. The key points are summarised below.
Clerk's Update – MSDC Briefing (28 September 2026)
The Clerk attended MSDC's briefing for Town and Parish Clerks. The slides and links are circulated with this agenda.
National Scheme of Delegation (from 31 October 2026): Most applications will be decided by officers. Schedule 2 applications can go to committee only if MSDC's Nominated Officer and Nominated Councillor agree. Councillor call-in ended on 23 September 2026. The Parish Council can support referral to committee in its comments, but those comments must be received within the published consultation period.
Schedule 2 applications are highlighted on the weekly list.
New NPPF (17 August 2026): It took immediate effect. MSDC officers consider that most adopted District Plan policies are materially inconsistent with it and so carry very limited weight. Neighbourhood Plan policies will be weighed case by case in officer reports.
District Plan Review: The Main Modifications consultation closed on 7 September 2026, with 7,614 comments received. 87% related to the additional sites, predominantly at Burgess Hill, Hurstpierpoint, Handcross and Pease Pottage. The Inspector's hearings start on 3 November 2026 and run for four days.
Recommendation: That the Council notes the briefing and considers how it will monitor Schedule 2 applications on the weekly list, so that any request for committee referral is submitted within the consultation period.
9. **Finance Matters Payments and receipts** The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to approve:
 - 9.1. The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to approve the Bank Reconciliation for September 2026 in line with the Council's Scheme of Delegation / - Approval in line with scheme delegation (*Ref: Bank Payment in advance*)
 - 9.2. The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to approve the schedule of payments for October 2026 previously distributed.
10. **Correspondence/Information Items/Publications/Consultations:** (*Correspondence cc'd in advance to members*)
11. **Highways/Footpaths:** to review highways projects/consultation items: Members are asked to consider the following:

12. Police / NHW Report / Resilience Group Reports

12.1. Crime Reports cc'd members – Updates issued to members in advance

13. Any other matters that the Chairman wishes to raise for future discussion:

14. Date of next meeting/s – 26th November 2026

Signed: _____ Date: _____