

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2025 7.30PM

SANDHAM HALL, LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM

Those Present:	Cllr G Nelson	Chairman
	Cllr J Evans	Vice-Chairman
	Cllr A Davies	
	Cllr O Dudman	
	Cllr C Dennis	
	Cllr K Coughtrey	
	Cllr I Dreger	
	Cllr J Stevens	
	D Cllr L Ellis Brown	District Councillor
	PC Megan Lloyd	Sussex Police
	Mrs LD Sherlock-Fuidge	Clerk

24 / 49.00 SUSSEX POLICE – MEGAN LLOYD

Cllr Nelson welcomed PCSO Megan Lloyd to the meeting. She advised that she covers an area including Coldwaltham through Pulborough, West Chiltington to Thakeham. Residents, here in Coldwaltham, are lucky as there is little anti-social behaviour (ASB) in this area, the main issue she deals with is parking along the roads surrounding the school. We are very lucky in this area relatively crime free, however this last year we experienced our own theft of the tractor at the playing fields.

Cllr Evans highlighted that the definition of ASB is quite wide, noting that the increased sound from motorbikes without silencers and their speeds as they travel along the bends along the A29, could be perceived as anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Dennis asked if there is an option for the mobile speed camera. Cllr Dreger repeated the recent report of the numbers of speed incidents along the A29, it is not only bikes but other vehicles too, as residents, if you travel at 30MPH there will always be a cue of traffic caught up behind you.

PCSO Lloyd would be happy to do some extra speed checks in the village, even during a Sunday to try to pick up the issues the parish are experiencing. She concluded that she is happy to receive information from residents direct, but not to report a crime as these should be sent to through the usual channels.

24 / 50.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lane, Cllr Kenyon and D Cllrs Clarke and Campbell.

24 / 51.00 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No new declarations were received. Cllr Nelson noted his trusteeship of Lodge Hill for item 24 / 55.00.

24 / 52.00 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2025 was accepted and signed by the Chairman.

24 / 57.00 TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE

Cllr Dreger updated members:

- Cllr Dreger has received a response from Adam Bazley, that our Community Highways Scheme (CHS) application has passed the first hurdle. WSCC Highway have committed to completing a feasibility study.
- Cllr Dreger noted that Maria Vasiliadou will be contacting the school regarding a 20mph zone for the school, Cllr Evans confirmed that this had been received.

24 / 58.00 ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK

24 / 58.01 The Clerk updated Council regarding recent applications decisions:

- SDNP/25/00059/LIS, The Old Post House, Old London Road, Coldwaltham, Withdrawn
- SDNP/24/05066/HOUS, 33 Brookview, Coldwaltham, Permitted

Cllr Dennis updated Council regarding recent planning applications and comments.

- SDNP/25/00014/HOUS, Lilac Cottage, London Road, Coldwaltham, Conversion of 3 wooden garages to form a one-bedroom, self-contained annexe. – highlighting the lack of details in the application or regarding water neutrality.
- SDNP/25/00279/LDP, Willow Brook Old London Road Coldwaltham, Alterations to driveway and works to shed. – No issues with this application.
- SDNP/25/00306/HOUS, Willow Brook Old London Road Coldwaltham, Replacement windows and doors. – No issues with this application.
- Another application was received today, but has not been investigated yet.

24 / 58.02 D Cllr Ellis Brown updated members:

- HDC are increasing their portion of the council charge by 2.99% the top increase that the district councils can make.
- Cllr Sharon Curd is the new Pulborough PC chairman, and the PPC are advertising for a new clerk, for which they have had to increase the salary budget.
- Devolution update: HDC have a surplus balance which it is hoped will not be lost. The expected timetable the 2026 county councillor elections will be cancelled, then in 2027 there will be the election of a mayor. Then district councillors will cease to be in position. A meeting is to be held on 17th March meeting at the United Reformed Church in Pulborough.
- Changes in the Planning department: developments between 10 and 100 will handled by the Planning Case Officer and not automatically discussed at committee.

24 / 58.03 Cllr Stevens advised that he has sourced a container for little cost for the Alban Head, however, this would not cover the cost of transport. Cllr Nelson welcomed this but there is also the issues of access.

24 / 59.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Next meeting of Council is the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13th May 2025, at 7.30pm, in the Sandham Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting is on Tuesday 22nd April 2025, at 7.30pm, in the Sandham Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman:..... Date:.....

Distributed to those present and Cllr Lane, C Cllr Kenyon and D Cllrs Clarke, and Campbell.