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COUNCILLORS OF RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 28th July 2026, **7.00 PM** IN RUSPER VILLAGE HALL.

Lisa Wilcock, Clerk to the Council, 22nd July 2026. ([Agenda documents](#))

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To note and consider apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and other interests in respect of items on the agenda.

3. Climate Crisis

To consider environmental implications relevant to Council business and receive any updates.

4. [Minutes of the Previous Meeting](#)

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30 June 2026 as a true and accurate record.

5. Open Forum

An opportunity for Councillors of the public to address the Council in accordance with Standing Orders. Meeting closed to the public following this item.

6. Reports from Other Authorities

- a) County Councillor's Report
- b) District Councillor's Report

7. Financial Matters

- a) Financial Reports – June 2026. To consider and approve the [Bank Reconciliation](#), [Budget Report](#) and Unity Trust Bank Statements.
- b) Schedule of Payments - to approve the Schedule of Payments. (to follow)
- c) [Budget Review](#) - to consider the budget position going forward and review Council spending on unexpected projects, as carried forward from the previous meeting.
- d) Grant application – [Citizens Advice Bureau](#).
- d) [Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy \(CIL\)](#) - to receive an update on Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, particularly the £16,000 allocated for improvements to the Recreation Ground.
- e) To resolve to agree the appointment of [Mulberry LAS](#) to conduct an interim audit.

8. Community Governance Review – Consultation Update – Stage 2

HDC's Governance Committee will consider the draft recommendations on 22 July 2026. Subject to approval and any amendments, the second stage of consultation will run from 24 July to 7 September 2026.

Where proposed changes affect parish boundaries, affected residents will receive letters from HDC explaining the proposals and how to respond. HDC will provide parish councils with posters, maps (where applicable), and copies of the consultation questionnaire for residents who require paper copies. Parish councils are encouraged to promote the consultation through noticeboards and social media.

Responses: Parish Council responses should be submitted to cgr@horsham.gov.uk. Residents can respond online via HDC's consultation webpage or request a paper copy.

Recommendation: Councillors are asked to note the update and consider whether the Parish Council wishes to submit a formal response.

9. Horsham District Local Plan – Main Modifications Consultation

Following the appointment of a new Local Plan Inspector, the examination has recommenced. The first hearings took place in April 2026, focusing on housing requirements, housing supply, affordable housing, and employment matters.

The Inspector has requested modifications to the Local Plan policies and, where necessary, the policies maps. HDC is now consulting on the proposed Main Modifications.

The consultation period runs from 12 noon on Monday 13 July to 12 noon on Monday 24 August 2026.

The proposed modifications and response forms are available on HDC's website and comments can be submitted online, by email, or by post. All representations will be passed to the Planning Inspector as part of the ongoing examination.

Recommendation: Councillors are asked to note the update and consider whether the Parish Council wishes to submit any comments on the proposed Main Modifications and to delegate the authority to 2 councillors to do so.

10. Speedwatch – Training and Volunteer Recruitment

To discuss and agree arrangements for a Community Speed Watch training session to enable the scheme to resume operating. The Council is also asked to consider whether additional Councillors of the public should be invited to participate in the training and join the Community Speed Watch team, with the aim of creating a larger pool of trained volunteers available to support future speed watch activities.

11. Gatwick Matters

- a) Gatwick Representative's Report - to receive and note the Gatwick report.
- b) Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) – to consider the Council's representation and related matters, as requested at the Annual Meeting.

12. Roads, Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee

To consider recommendations made by the Roads Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee 21st July 2026.
Recommendations to Full Council

- a) **Consider** and **approve** the recommendations arising from the playground inspection report, including improvements to the hopscotch area and **agree** an appropriate budget.
- b) **Consider** arrangements for the Sports Club rental/lease payment and agree the approach to obtaining regular financial reporting in accordance with the Relationship Agreement.
- c) **Approve** the proposed repairs and security measures at Rusper Recreation Ground, including measures to prevent unauthorised vehicle access.
- d) **Consider** and **approve** the proposal for the tennis court access point barrier and associated works.
- e) **Consider** the ongoing maintenance requirements for the pavilion, sports ground, and other Council-managed facilities.
- f) **Note** the requirement for continued monitoring of building safety compliance, including electrical and water testing arrangements.
- g) **Consider** options for picnic benches at Millfields Playground and **agree** a preferred design to discuss with the May Day Committee.
- h) To **note** that Grasstex have been contacted to clip the hedges [see location map 3, 5 and 8](#).
- i) To **note** the agreed [road names](#) for the new Devine Homes development – Land North of East Street – The Broadwood was chosen at Committee.
- j) To **note** the [toddler swing](#) as agreed by Committee at the Millfields development.
- k) To **consider** a 'Parish Cup' as proposed by Cllr Marion Fenton.

13. [Playground](#)

To **receive** a playground safety check report.

14. Reports from Representatives

To receive updates from Councillors representing the Parish Council on external bodies, committees and working groups.

15. Matters Arising

To review any issues, actions or discussions from previous meetings and identify items requiring further attention. Councillors may propose matters to be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

16. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Council may exclude the public and press from a meeting in respect of confidential or sensitive information which is prejudicial to the public interest, and may pass a resolution, without notice, to do so.

Confidential Session Agenda Items

17. Land Acquisition

- a) To receive verbal update on the valuation of the proposed acquisition.
- b) To agree any associated financial implications and next steps.

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