PYECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on at Wayfield Park Farm shop, Pyecombe on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 6:00pm.

Present – Cllr D. Wilson Chair, Cllr T. Cullen, Cllr K. Grocott, and Cllr M. Saich.
Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler
Clerk D. Langston.

Minutes

10.26 Apologies for absence were received from West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis and Pyecombe Councillor L. Sullivan.

11.26 No interests were declared.

12.26 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2026 were approved by Council and signed by the Chair.

13.26 To receive an update on Parish items to include:

- Flooding adjacent to BP garage. Regular gully clearances have been scheduled to assist with the issues experienced with flooding at this location. Clerk has contacted WSCC Operation Watershed team to request grant support for this area.
- Pyecombe Street flooding Clerk will request an additional clean of this area.
- Contractor has provided a quote for the installation of two wooden planters along the Old London Road near Pyecombe Street.
- Children's Play Area. MSDC have confirmed works to upgrade the play area are due to commence in early April. Clerk will email MSDC regarding the design for the area highlighting the Parish Council concerns and requesting further information on the vegetation.
- A23 slip road signage. Clerk has purchased additional no entry signage for this area. Clerk will request a repaint of the white lines at this junction.

14.26 Update on A273 crossing. WSCC have confirmed the visibility looking right, crossing from west to east was seasonally challenging, therefore they aim to remove approximately 20m of hedge line and replace with new fence line suitable height specifications for equestrian users, to enable improved access and visibility. In addition to this, general vegetation cutback is also proposed for better visibility and access. They have also observed missing and obsolete Advanced Directional Signs (ADS) approaching School Lane, therefore they will look to replace as appropriate particularly as the signs demonstrate a regulatory width restriction serving School Lane. Due to the volume and complexity of the carriageway works, they are likely to carry these out during the night, possibly with a road closure, to minimise local network disruption.

15.26 Cllr Wilson updated on power supply outage in the parish. Clerk has contacted UK Power Network to request a meeting however no response has yet been received. Clerk will email MP A. Bennett asking for support dealing with this matter.

16.26 Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler updated on the following items.

- Burgess Hill Town Centre regeneration is progressing.
- Preparations for elections and the new unitary authority are underway. A decision on how the unitary authority will be set up is due in March however it is envisaged this decision will not be made until after the May elections.
- MSDC Budget has been approved for this year. Looking forwards would suggest a large deficit due to central government grants.
- Mid Sussex District Plan is being two weeks of hearings with site specific hearings commencing over the next few weeks. Inspector has been quite complimentary about the existing plan although there is some negativity around housing numbers. Crawley has an unmet need of 7,500 dwellings therefore it is expected MSDC will have to produce and additional 3,500 of these along with a number related to unmet need in Brighton and Hove. Inspector has addressed the matter of development in AONB highlighting if landscape issues can be mitigated development can be allowed.

Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler left the meeting at this point.

17.26 Financial & Administration Matters

- Council reviewed balance sheet against budget and confirmed a spend of £13,235.64 (thirteen thousand, two hundred and thirty-five pounds and sixty-four pence) in line with the predicted budget. Balance sheet was checked against the bank statements and signed by the Chair.
- Council agreed to continue with the bulb planting throughout the parish. Cllr K. Grocott will liaise with Clerk on this item.
- Payments raised since last meeting:
  £1077.28 EDF Energy Invoice 24761089 Street lighting.
  £ 900.00 J. Cragg Invoice 28489 Parish maintenance.
  £ 790.12 EDF Energy Invoice 26786917 Street lighting.
- Council will arrange a litter pick at 11:00 am on Saturday 11th April 2026. Clerk will contact the farm shop regarding refreshments for this event.
- Cllr K. Grocott will replace the plants in the raised planters.

18.26 Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 12th May 2026.