



PYECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on at Wayfield Park Farm shop, Pyecombe on
Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 6:00pm.

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

Minutes

1.26 No apologies for absence were received.

2.26 No interests were declared.

3.26 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th November 2025 were approved by Council and signed by the Chair.

4.26 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.
- WSCC Highways have agreed the necessary licences to install two wooden planters along the Old London Road near Pyecombe Street. Clerk has contacted the previous contractor regarding these works however no response has yet been received.
- Children's Play Area. Recent Veolia grant application has been approved. Clerk has contacted MSDC regarding the design for the area requesting Parish Council input. No reply has yet been received.
- Council reviewed the possible locations for SID installation within the parish. Given the possible locations being unsuitable it was agreed not to proceed with the purchase of SID devices.
- A23 slip road signage. Clerk is waiting for additional quotes for appropriate signage for this area.
- Clerk will contact WSCC Highways Manager regarding the South Downs Way crossing.

5.26 Cllr Wilson updated on power supply outage in the parish. Clerk will contact UK Power Network to request a meeting and invite neighbouring parishes to attend.

6.26 West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis updated on the following items.

- WSCC budget has balanced for current financial year. This is very positive news given the increased costs surrounding children and adults with additional or complex needs. Additional funding has been allocated to the Highways budget.



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- New highways technology will be used on roads considered to be high risk and will enable the provision of data on braking distances.
- The new Riparian team is proving beneficial with fifteen enforcement officers within the county. Officers can liaise with both residents and parishes on riparian matters.
- Local government re-organisation decision should be received from government by March. Mayoral elections have been deferred until May 2028 with unitary elections to be held during 2027. Ensuring the unitary authority within Sussex is set up by May 2026 would bring financial incentives.
- Review of number 17 and 273 bus routes with requests for information on bus shelters and access.

Cllr T. Cullen left the meeting at this point.

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

- Refocus and Reorganization of LGR consultation
- Parking charges consultation due in March.
- Position Statement re district plan. Louise Nurser previous Inspector of MSDC district plan has now been replaced by new inspector Jonathan Boar who inspected the previous plan. The new NPPF framework has now abolished the duty to cooperate. Housing numbers have been left as previously submitted at 1093 per year however, the Inspector has confirmed these will need to be reviewed. Plan is expected to start consultation by 24th February 2026.
- Cllr Zeidler has been involved with the suggested master plan for Sayers Common. Further meetings with developers are being held. Community engagement events are planned when residents will be able to review the suggested development.
- 123 Waste collections had initial teething problems due to change of vehicles and lack of adequate staff. It is recommended residents download the MSDC app which highlights changes to collection dates.
- Police are no longer responsible for removing abandoned vehicles. MSDC are investigating how to deal with this item.

West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis and Mid Sussex District Councillor G. Zeidler left the meeting at this point.

8.26 Financial & Administration Matters

- Councillors agreed acceptance of the new website design. Clerk will confirm the live date of 1st February 2026 and ask for bus timetables to be included.
- Council resolved to accept a three-year internal audit quote from Mulberry Local Services Ltd.
- 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 resolved to allocate £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds) to earmarked reserves for the possible acquisition of community assets following the devolution process.



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- Council confirmed the 2026-2027 budget and set the 2026/2027 Precept at £17,000 (seventeen thousand pounds).
- Clerk will remain on a six-hour contract at salary scale 30 effective 1st April 2026.

Payments raised since last meeting:

£574.86 WSCC Invoice 8001879019 Salary and pension.

£176.85 Mulberry Local Authority Services Limited Invoice 1732 Internal audit.

£1,147.50 Vision ICT Invoice 21157 New website and domain.

£626.21 WSCC Invoice 8001887019 Salary and pension.

£190.00 Perfect Print Invoice 00013457 Newsletter printing.

9.26 Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 10th March 2026.