

Fletching Parish Council



Annual Parish Meeting
9th May 2024

Agenda



1. Introduction and Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th May 2023
4. Report from the District Councillor Christina Coleman
5. Questions for County & District Councillors
6. Chairman's Report - Highlights of the past year
7. Parish Objectives 2024/25
8. Questions from the Public
9. Close of Meeting

Agenda Item 1: Introduction from the Chairman



Richard Hannay
Damian Greenish
Lady Noel Collum
Wes Constantinou
Kate Minch
Amanda Abraham
Leighton Snelgrove
Sally De St Croix
Ross Borton

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

Gabriella Paterson-Griggs

Clerk and RFO

...to represent the community and work constructively

...to secure better social, economic and environmental outcomes for all

...to achieve best value for our residents and maintain public confidence in this authority

Working Groups and Councillor Responsibilities (1)



Assets	All assets owned by the Parish Council: Pump House, Splaynes Green Phone Box, Benches, War Memorial	Cllr Damian Greenish Cllr Sally De St Croix
Burial Ground and Green Spaces	Burial Ground / Commons Grass Cutting Street Cleaning	Cllr Richard Hannay Cllr Kate Minch Cllr Noel Collum
Community Safety	Road Safety/Speed Watch Emergency Services FPC Emergency Plan	Cllr Kate Minch Cllr Amanda Abraham
Finance	Budget / Precept Grants / Insurance	Cllr Richard Hannay Cllr Sally De St Croix
Health and Community Services	NHS / Adult Social Care / Activities for the elderly Transport	Cllr Kate Minch
Highways	Roads / Potholes / Verges / Pavements / Flooding / Drainage / Signs / Footpaths / Fingerposts	Cllr Amanda Abrahams Cllr Leighton Snelgrove
Planning Group	Planning applications received from Wealden District Council for comment	Cllr Noel Collum Cllr Damian Greenish Cllr Leighton Snelgrove Cllr Ross Borton
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Gp	Developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Fletching Parish	Cllr Richard Hannay Cllr Damian Greenish Cllr Sally De St Croix Cllr Leighton Snelgrove

Working Groups and Councillor Responsibilities (2)



Fletching Historical Group	Partnership between the Church, Parish Council and School	Cllr Noel Collum Gabriella Paterson-Griggs
Ashdown Forest Conservators Parish Liaison Group	Partnership meeting between Conservators and parish councils	Cllr Kate Minch Cllr Leighton Snelgrove
East Sussex Association of Local Councils (ESALC)	Association of Town and Parish Councils in East Sussex	Cllr Richard Hannay Gabriella Paterson-Griggs
Fletching Recreation Ground Committee (FPC is Sole Trustee of the FRC Charity)	The running of the Fletching recreation ground and children's play area	Cllr Richard Hannay Cllr De St Croix Chris Rothery
Fletching Village Hall Committee	The running of the Village Hall through the Fletching Village Hall Charity	Cllr Kate Minch (one representative only)
Leches and Smith Charity	Charity for the benefit of those in need in Fletching and Danehill	Andrew Shaw (one representative only)
Parish in Bloom	Annual competition run by South-East in Bloom	Cllr Kate Minch
Wealden District Association of Local Councils (WDALC)	Partnership meeting between District / County and Parish Councils	Cllr Richard Hannay (one representative only)
Wealden Parish Cluster Group (Central West)	Information sharing meeting between Wealden District Council Planning and parish councils	Cllr Richard Hannay (one representative only)

Agenda Item 2:
Apologies for absence received

Agenda Item 3:
Approval of the Minutes of the Annual
Parish Meeting of 30th May 2023

Agenda Item 4:

Report from District Councillor Christina Coleman

Agenda Item 5: Questions for Christina Coleman

Agenda Item 6: Chairman's Report

Income: April 2023 – Mar 2024



Income:	Actual	Budget
Precept	£33,900	£33,900
Burial fees	£9,450	£2,000
Fingerpost match-fund	£0	£600
Interest	£582	£100
CIL	£12,803	£0
TOTAL	£56,735	£36,600

Expenditure: April 2023 – Mar 2024



	Actual	Budget
Employees/Training	£17,394	£15,862
Administration	£1,406	£1,730
Maintenance	£12,780	£9,400
Grants	£1,500	£1,500
Section 137	£2,626	£2,625
Prof. fees/Services	£3,051	£2,427
TOTAL	£38,758	£33,544

Clerk's hours increased to 15/wk, Splaynes Green bollards, provision for next election

Grants and S137 Funds Awarded 2023-2024



Fletching CE Primary School	£350
• Reading for Pleasure project	
Citizens Advice Bureau	£300
• IT equipment	
FRGC	£2,150
• new fire alarm system for pavilion	
Bonfire Society	£400
• road diversion signage	

Parish Reserves Mar 2024



Allocated reserves spent(£):	
Historical archive	£270
Neighbourhood Plan	£225
Coronation	£3,140
Unallocated reserves at year end (£):	£35,181
Earmarked receipts (CIL) (£):	£39,606

Budget 2024-2025



Income:

• Bank Interest	£450
• Burial Ground	£2,000
• Match Funding	£600
• Precept	£34,615
Total	£37,665

Expenditure

• Administration	£1,775
• Employees & training	£19,082
• Grants	£1,500
• Maintenance	£9,400
• Professional fees & Services	£3,308
• S137 grants	£2,600
Total	£37,665

Last Year's Objectives



- To continue as an efficient & effective Parish Council with trained, knowledgeable Councillors and a qualified Clerk
- To update Parishioners as to the developments of the WDC Local Plan and associated planning implications
- To work towards having a parking solution agreed for Fletching High Street
- To effectively manage Fletching Recreation Ground
- To provide a well-run Burial Ground for the Parish
- To complete the restoration of Fingerposts in the Parish
- To continue to support local community groups, charities and the residents of Fletching Parish

Highlights of the past year



- Planning:
 - Ashdown Business Park
 - Downlands Farm
 - Owlsbury
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Recreation Ground Pavilion refurbishment
- Fingerposts: repairs completed
- Splaynes Green: bollards replaced
- Parish in Bloom: Gold Award

Planning Applications 2023/24



- 41 applications received
- B&B Trailer site & Wilderlands Farm only new builds (not yet determined)
- Covered a wide range of matters including listed buildings; conservations area; AONB
- ABP – lengthy response
- 2 significant appeals: Downlands Farm (outside the Parish boundary but potentially very impactful on us) and Little Barkham Farm (x2). All were dismissed.
- Owlsbury
- Many thanks for considerable support from Hugh Bullock

Agenda Item 7: Parish Objectives 2024-25



- To continue as an efficient & effective Parish Council with trained, knowledgeable Councillors and a qualified Clerk
- To update Parishioners as to the developments of the WDC Local Plan and associated planning implications & continue to engage actively with the emerging Local Plan
- To continue development of a Neighbourhood Plan
- To manage Fletching Recreation Ground effectively
- To provide a well-run Burial Ground for the Parish
- To continue to support local community groups, charities and the residents of Fletching Parish
- Spend CIL funds within 5 years of receipt

Local Plan (1)



Consultation Point	⚙	Respondent Type	Responses
Question 1 Consultation Questions		👤 60 👥 3	63
Question 2 Consultation Questions		👤 175 👥 9	184
Question 3 Consultation Questions		👤 46 👥 4	50
Question 4 Consultation Questions		👤 249 👥 4	253
Question 5 Consultation Questions		👤 11 👥 0	11
Question 6 Consultation Questions		👤 20 👥 2	22
Question 7 Consultation Questions		👤 132 👥 2	134
Question 8 Consultation Questions		👤 133 👥 2	135
Question 9 Consultation Questions		👤 242 👥 3	245
Question 10 Consultation Questions		👤 33 👥 1	34
Question 11 Consultation Questions		👤 28 👥 1	29
Question 12 Consultation Questions		👤 20 👥 3	23
Question 13 Consultation Questions		👤 27 👥 3	30
Question 14 Consultation Questions		👤 22 👥 3	25

Local Plan (2)



Question 15 Consultation Questions	19	2	21
Question 16 Consultation Questions	22	1	23
Question 17 Consultation Questions	17	1	18
Question 18 Consultation Questions	20	1	21
Question 19 Consultation Questions	17	1	18
Question 20 Consultation Questions	18	0	18
Question 21 Consultation Questions	15	0	15
Question 22 Consultation Questions	119	2	121
Question 23 Consultation Questions	22	3	25
Question 24 Consultation Questions	23	1	24
Question 25 Consultation Questions	106	2	108

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Agenda Item 8: Questions from the Public

Agenda Item 9: Close of Meeting