ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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All members of the Parish Council are summoned to a meeting of Alfriston Parish Council to be held in the Alfriston War Memorial Hall on **Monday 18th November 2024 at 7.15pm.**

*Please note that a digital sound recording is made of all meetings of Alfriston Parish Council including Public Questions sessions. The recording is not for publication and is only used to aid accurate minute taking.*

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Mrs Suzanna Dry - Clerk

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**AGENDA**

**133. Chairman’s Welcome**

**134. Public Questions**

**135. Apologies for absence**

**136. Update from MP**

**137. Update from Cllr Stephen Shing – East Sussex County Council**

**138. Update from Cllr David Greaves - Wealden District Council**

**139. Declaration of interest**

**140. Minutes**

To agree as a true record the minutes of the APC monthly meeting held on 21st October 2024.

**141. Finance**

To approve the Statement of Finances for November 2024. (Appendix A)

**142. Coffeehouse Conversations**

Update on next coffeehouse conversation – topic to be Environment & Transport.

**143. East Sussex Association of Local Councils (ESALC) Conference – 4th November 2024.**

Feedback from conference – Clerk & Cllr Daw.

**144. Urban Grass Cutting**

To decide on the level of Urban Grass Cutting carried out by East Sussex County Council in 2025/26. (Appendix B).

**145. Government Consultation on Remote Meetings & Proxy Voting.**

To decide on APC’s response to the consultation.

(Appendix C).

**146. Update on Abbeyfield House, Sheltered Housing, North Street.**

**147. Report on Highways & Twittens – Cllr Rabagliati**

- Update on Post Box – Clerk to report back.

**148. Report on Allotments & Recreation Ground – Cllr Daw**

To discuss and decide on the price of allotments for Jan 2026.

Report back on signs for each allotment gate - Clerk to update.

**149. Report on Public Transport – Cllr Harris**

**150. Report on Environment & Countryside – Cllr Harris**

**151. Report on Strategic Planning – Cllr Parkinson**

**152. Report on Tye – Cllr Spring**

Update on options to grit footpath on The Tye this winter – Clerk to report back.

**153. Report from Planning Committee – Cllr Watkins**

153.1 Applications considered by APC Planning Committee since last meeting:

**Ref. No: SDNP/24/04384/LDE** The Bakehouse, Whiteway, BN26 5TS

Confirmation of the commencement of works, consisting of: Phase 1 works completed –

refurbishment of the existing cottage (formally known as Burnt Cottage); Phase 2 works –

proposed two extension and associated landscaping works, these have not been

completed.

**Ref. No: SDNP/24/04542/DCOND** The Old Vicarage, West Street, BN26 5UY.

Discharge of Condition 3 (Materials) for SDNP/24/01901/HOUS and SDNP/24/01902/LIS.

153.2 Applications notified or awaiting decision from SDNPA

**Ref. No: SDNP/24/03402/HOUS –** Ticehurst, West St, BN26 5UX – Approved**.**

**Ref. No: SDNP/24/02440/FUL –** Former Allotments, North St. - Awaiting Decision.

SDNPA working with applicant on alterations to the application taking into account ESCC

Highways objection.

153.3 Enforcement updates from SDNPA - None.

**154. Reports from Outside Bodies**

154.1 Heartstart

154.2 Alfriston Emergency Group

154.3 Flood Forum

154.4 Neighbourhood Watch

154.5 Twinning Committee (Appendix D)

154.6 St Andrew’s Church

154.7 Clergy House

154.8 Cuckmere Buses

154.9 Alfriston War Memorial Hall

154.10 Speedwatch

154.11 Events - Live Nativity Update.

- May 8th 2025, 80th Anniversary of victory in Europe.

**155. Correspondence to The Clerk – Asking for permission from the council.**

Xmas Tree on Market Square – Update on APC’s request to ESCC Highways Dept.

**156. Public Questions**

**157. Date of next meeting –** the next meeting will be held on Monday 20th January 2025 in the

AWMH at 7:15pm.

Please see Appendices attached below and\or on the website.

**Appendix A** – Statement of Finances November 2024



**Appendix B** – Urban Grass Cutting by ESCC

See below



Appendix C

**From:** ESALC   
**Sent:** 28 October 2024 10:15  
**To:**   
**Subject:** Consultation – Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at council meetings

Dear Clerk

Please see details of a consultation shared in yesterday’s Local Government Bulletin below:

Consultation – Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at council meetings

Today (24 October), the Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, announced in her speech to the Local Government Association Annual Conference and Exhibition 2024, [the launch of a government consultation on enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at council meetings.](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings)

This consultation seeks views on the detail and practical implications of allowing remote and hybrid attendance at council meetings. It also tests views on the possible introduction of proxy voting for those occasions when an elected member, due to personal circumstances, may be unable to attend even remotely. For example, during maternity, paternity or adoption leave.

Responses are invited from local authority elected members, all types and tiers of authorities, and local authority sector representative organisations. We are also particularly keen to hear from those members of the public who have point of view based on their interest in accessing local democracy in their area or standing as a candidate for local government at any tier to represent their local community at some future point.

The consultation will close on 19 December 2024.

Appendix D

Alfriston and Cuckmere Valley Twinning Association

The lunch so kindly cooked by two of our members was a friendly event, with plenty of conversation as we ate delicious home-made Soupe à L’oignon Gratinée followed by a dessert with Caramel de Pommes Dieppoise. Thank you to our hosts. Looking at the programme of events, it’s clear that tasty treats come high in our list of entertainment!

This year’s Christmas Party will be an afternoon event:-

“Les Treize Desserts” – “Thirteen Desserts“

The tradition of Les Treize Desserts de Noël goes back several centuries, with the ingredients of the thirteen dishes varying from village to village, and even from home to home.

**Sunday 1st December 3:30pm to 6pm**

Old Chapel Centre, Alfriston

Then in the New Year, enjoy a chat and sample the delicious baking of our very own ACVTA Twinning Star Bakers at the traditional Epiphany

Fête des Rois

**Sunday 5th January 2025**

4pm - 6pm

The Old Chapel Centre, Alfriston.

Another date for your diary is:-

**Chandeleur (Pancake Day) and the AGM**

Sunday 2nd March 2025

Old Chapel Centre, Alfriston

New members are always welcome, Robert Morrison is our membership secretary:

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