

ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

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Friday 10th October 2025

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 20th October 2025 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 The recording is not for publication and used only to aid accurate minute taking.

S.C. Dry

Mrs Suzanna Dry CILCA – Clerk & RFO

AGENDA

144. Chair's Welcome

145. Public Questions

146. Apologies for absence

147. Update from MP . ([Appendix A](#))

148. Update from Cllr Stephen Shing – East Sussex County Council

149. Update from Cllr David Greaves - Wealden District Council

150. Declaration of interest

151. Minutes

To agree as a true record the minutes of the APC September meeting held on 15th September 2025.

152. Finance

To approve the Statement of Finances for October 2025. ([Appendix B](#))

153. Coffeehouse Conversations

To agree date and subject of next Coffeehouse Conversation.

154. Monthly Report from PCSO

155. Internal Interim Audit

Clerk to report back on Interim Audit carried out in October.

156. Meeting Dates for 2026

To discuss and agree dates for APC meetings in 2026. ([Appendix C](#))

157. Report on Highways & Twittens – Cllr Embry

158. Report on Allotments & Recreation Ground – Cllr Vacancy

159. New Lease Agreement for Allotments

To review and agree new lease agreement for Allotment holders to include deposit, effective January 2026.

160. Report on Public Transport & Environment – Cllr Harris

161. Report on Strategic Planning – Cllr Parkinson .

162. Report on Tye – Cllr Spring.

163. Reports from Outside Bodies

- 163.1 Heartstart
- 163.2 Alfriston Emergency Group
- 163.3 Flood Forum
- 163.4 Neighbourhood Watch
- 163.5 Twinning Committee ([Appendix D](#)).
- 163.6 St Andrew's Church ([Appendix E](#)).
- 163.7 Clergy House
- 163.8 Alfriston War Memorial Hall
- 163.9 Speedwatch
- 163.10 Events

164. Correspondence to The Clerk – Asking for permission from the Council.

A Board Poster for Quiz Evening on 14th November for Alfriston Twinning. Poster to be up from 2-14th November. ([Appendix F](#)).

165. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

165.1 To receive introduction from applicant for co-option from Stephen Rabagliati. Application Form Attached. ([Appendix G](#)).

165.2. To Discuss and Decide on Co-Option of new Councillor.

166. Public Questions

167. Date of next meeting – to be held on Monday 17th November 2025 in AWMH 7.15pm.

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

[APPENDIX A - MP'S REPORT](#)

James MacCleary MP report October 2025

Update on Local Government Reorganisation

Following your responses to last month's consultations on the upcoming Local Government Reorganisation, I am pleased to confirm that Brighton and Hove City Council have reconsidered their plans to absorb Newhaven, Kingston and our villages along the C7. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed towards what I hear was the biggest response to a consultation that East Sussex County Council have ever seen.

However, our work here is not done. Brighton and Hove City Council have now made alternative plans to submit to the Secretary of State alongside our own [One East Sussex proposal](#). These plans would still see areas of our community divided into different Unitary Authorities, and do not meet the government's own criteria. I will continue to advocate for the One East Sussex proposal on county borders, [as I did recently](#) at the East Sussex County Council.

Health Hub for Willingdon and Polegate

Last week I visited the Hindsland site on the Eastbourne Road, where a new housing development is being built. This includes a new health hub. A third of the units on this site will become available for local social housing, with the rest sold into the private market. Rumours that housing has been sold off to local authorities in London are completely false.

I am pleased to report steady progress on the new health hub, which will include two GP surgeries, an on site pharmacy, step-free access, 85 parking spaces, and will be built with solar panels to keep costs down. This is an important step towards stronger healthcare for local communities, and will decrease pressure on our NHS.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Wealden District Council, Polegate Town Council and Willingdon Parish Council alongside NHS Sussex for their hard and crucial work on this project.

I am also thankful to Lewes District Council, Seaford & Newhaven Town Councils, for their collaborative effort on further health hubs for Seaford and Newhaven. The former is in very early planning stages but progressing at speed, while the latter looks set for completion next year. I have also raised the issue of improving the provision of satellite surgeries for our more rural communities with the local ICB and will report back on any progress. The Newhaven Hub is on schedule to open its doors in 2026.

Update on water and the Arlington Reservoir

Recently I visited the Arlington Reservoir, where I spoke with the CEO at South East Water. I toured the water treatment plant and discussed recent bursts in Willingdon, Polegate and villages across the South Downs. We also discussed the impact of climate change on local

water infrastructure. I must note here the distinction between South East Water, who only supply drinking water, and Southern Water, who dispose of wastewater.

South East Water plans to expand capacity at Arlington reservoir. It is imperative that we ensure our supply of treated drinking water can meet the needs of our growing local communities and withstand unpredictable weather. Whilst I know that dry weather conditions have played a significant part in pipes bursting throughout Sussex this summer, I have made it clear that local water networks must urgently become more resilient. It is unacceptable that our families and communities have been left without water for hours or even days in the event of bursts.

South East Water are in the early planning stages of constructing a new reservoir nearby the existing one in Arlington to help meet the needs of our local communities. I encourage local councillors and residents to report any leaks online, as I continue pressuring South East Water to get this under control.

Local flag displays

I have received alarming numbers of complaints from local residents about St George's or Union flags being put up as part of the 'Raise the Colours' protests provoked by convicted criminal Stephen Yaxley-Lennon (Tommy Robinson). Constituents being made to feel uncomfortable going about their everyday lives or intimidated by those raising flags is unacceptable and appalling.

It is time now for the flags to come down to allow a more constructive dialogue to occur. County Council workers attempted to remove some of them, but were met by abuse and threats and ultimately had to stop. It is an offence to attach items to a lamp post without permission, and abusing someone for doing their job is abhorrent, and thoroughly unpatriotic.

Our flag will fly from public buildings, as it always has, and those who wish to hang flags on their own property should do so. I believe the flag belongs to all of us, and should be a symbol of unity, not division and intimidation for a select few trying to make a political point.

First Mayoral Election

The first Mayor is due to be elected next May as part of the local government reorganisation. The Lib Dems have announced Ben Dempsey as candidate for Mayor of Sussex, who will be standing alongside Katy Bourne (Conservative) and Martin Webb (Independent) announced so far. The new Mayor will hold substantial power over areas like local transport and planning. No matter who is elected, I will continue to campaign for local causes and ensure our area is not forgotten.

APPENDIX B - STATEMENT OF FINANCES FOR OCTOBER 2025

Alfriston Parish Council Finance Report 8th October 2025					
<i>Authority is sought to make the following payments:-</i>					
Oct. Payroll	Staff Costs	BACS	£2,074.28		
		Total:	£2,074.28		
<i>Authority is sought to make the following payments made since last meeting</i>					
85	HP Instant Ink	Printer Ink	CARD	13.49	
86	Sue's Garden Maintenance	Allotment - Wild Plot strim	BACS	20.00	
87	Castle Water - Pavilion	Pavilion Water	BACS	66.87	
88	Wealden D.C.	Bins Qtr 2	BACS	720.00	
89	Mrs Suzanna Dry	Reimburse for Tye Padlock	BACS	13.49	
90	Mrs Suzanna Dry	Salary	BACS	2074.08	
91	Daniel Larkin Tree Surgery	Removal of fallen trees	BACS	80.00	
92	MW Landscapes Sussex Ltd.	Playground gate	BACS	60.00	
93	Inland Revenue - HMRC	Tax & NI Sept. Payroll	BACS	503.35	
94	B&Q (metal chain)	for Padlock on Tye Rd	CARD	4.34	
95	Memorial Benches UK	Carey Bench	CARD	609.99	
96	Nest Pensions	Employee Pension	DD	187.95	
97	Bank Charges	Bank Charges	DD	20.00	
98	O2 Phone Bill	Mobile Phone	DD	16.76	
99	123 Sheets UK Ltd. Vat Returns	Annual Licence Renewal	CARD	47.40	
100	Mr T D Mahon	Playground Grass Cutting	BACS	440.00	
101	Interbiz	Payroll Services	BACS	25.20	
102	AWMH	Rent of Hall	BACS	32.00	
				4934.92	
TOTAL:					
Summary of Bank Balances as of 8th October 2025					
Business Current Account				4,531.41	
Business Savings Account				62,019.36	
TOTAL:				66,550.77	
Signed by:				<i>S.C. Dry</i>	
Suzanna Dry - Clerk & RFO					
Councillor who checked the invoices for the above payments:					

RESERVE INFORMATION FOR 2025/26							
Project	Opening Balance Apr 2025	Budget 25/26	New Balance	Expenditure	Income	Current Balance	
General Reserves	18,143.62	£5,000.00	£23,143.62	£1,300.00		£21,843.62	Apr Finance meeting - agreed to put £1,300.00 underspend in last yr's budget into earmarked reserves
Tye Rd surface	1438.32	£500.00	£1,938.32			£1,938.32	
Playground	0	£500.00	£500.00		£400.00	£900.00	£400.00 from underspend in last year's budget.
NDP	0	£500.00	£500			£500	
High St Traffic Plan	12,000	£0.00	£12,000.00			£12,000.00	
Election costs 2027	500	£500.00	£1,000.00		£500.00	£1,500.00	£500.00 from underspend in last year's budget.
Allotments	0	£0.00	£0.00		£400.00	£400.00	£400.00 from underspend in last year's budget.
CIL money	0	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00	
TOTAL	32081.94	£7,000.00	£39,081.94	£1,300.00	£1,300.00	£39,081.94	

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Meeting Dates for 2026

All meetings commence at 19.15 hrs in the AWMH.
Planning and Finance meetings are arranged on an adhoc basis

Monday 19 th January 2026
Monday 16 th February 2026
Monday 16 th March 2026
Monday 13 th April 2026 (Annual Parish Assembly)
Monday 20 th April 2026 (APC Monthly meeting)
Monday 18 th May 2026 (Annual Meeting)
Monday 15 th June 2026
Monday 20 st July 2026
No meeting in August
Monday 21 st September 2026
Monday 19 th October 2026
Monday 16 th November 2026
No meeting in December

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL – MRS SUZANNA DRY

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APPENDIX D - TWINNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Alfriston and Cuckmere Valley Twinning Association

We have two great events coming up this autumn, and hope you will join us. Tickets can be purchased for both events by both members and non members:-

Quiz and pudding night

Friday 14th November 2025, 7pm for 7:15 quiz start
Old Chapel Centre, Alfriston

Quiz £5 per person including dessert. **Cash only.** Beers, wine & soft drinks available to purchase.

Teams of up to 6, or join others on the night

Bookings angela@bobmorri16.plus.com

And coming up in December:-

Mélo die Blue

An evening of song and music, details below

Friday 12th December 2025, 7pm

Old Chapel Centre, Alfriston

Cash Only. Raffle and Bar

Mélo die Blue is a musical duo featuring Helen and Liz plus guest musician, Red Leo. Playing an eclectic selection of both French and English songs with keyboards, saxophone, cajun drum and guitar, they bring a European flair with a timelessly, easy, jazzy style that is welcoming, heart-felt and relaxing. Lots of old favourites and some current as well - what's to miss?

We have members in the Cuckmere Valley, Alfriston and Seaford. New members are always welcome, and there is no need to speak French, or to have a huge house- just come along and say hello!

Robert Morrison is our membership secretary: rmorri1847@aol.com

APPENDIX E - ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CONCERT

From: Noa Lachman

Sent: 04 October 2025 21:57

To: clerk@alfristonparishcouncil.org.uk

Subject: Information about concert 7th December

Dear Clerk

Please find information about our concert at St Andrew's church

If you could include this on your parish magazine or website or send the information we would appreciate it

Thanks, Noa

Christmas Brass

07-12-25 3pm

St Andrew's Alfriston BN26 5TL

Long Man Brass return with a programme which mixes traditional baroque brass quintets with recent compositions by Paul Carr and Rob Wiffin. And with Christmas fast approaching, there will be plenty of festive brass music to enjoy as well.

Tickets at £15 from musicboxwealden.co.uk

APPENDIX F - REQUEST FOR A BOARD POSTER

From: Sylvia Daw on behalf of Twinning Committee

Hello hope you are all well I'm asking if Alfriston Twinning could put up a poster to advertise their quiz evening in November I'm sending a copy of the poster.

Many thanks

Sylvia on behalf of Alfriston Twinning

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Alfriston Parish Council Co-Option Application Form

Name:	STEPHEN RABAGLIATI	
Address:		
Telephone N		
E-mail address		
Are you 18yrs old or over?	Yes/No	YES

Please detail reasons you wish to be a Councillor ?

(Where necessary continue on a separate sheet)

Having served on the APC from 2019 to 2024, and recently returned to the village, I would like to offer my knowledge of village affairs and experience to help the APC in its work.

I care very much about this village and its environment and am keen to support initiatives that maintain the village as a special place for residents and visitors alike.

Previous community \ council work

School governor 1995 - 2000
APC Councillor 2019 - 2024

Any other skills you can bring to Alfriston Parish Council ?

interest in environmental issues

Recent career history

retired software developer, and
high street trader

Use of Personal Information.

The Council will use your information, including that which you provide on this application, to assess your suitability to be a Parish Councillor.

Declaration & Consent.

I confirm that I have read the section entitled 'Use of Personal Information' and in signing this form I consent to the use and disclosure of my information included thereon. Including a redacted version appearing on the APC Agenda\minutes for co-option.

I declare the information on this form to be true and correct.

SIGNED Stephen Raballati NAME STEPHEN RABALLATI

DATE 22/7/2025

Once completed please return both the Application Form and Eligibility Form to:
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