

ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Monday 9th March 2026

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 16th March 2026 at 7.15pm.**

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S.C. Dry

Mrs Suzanna Dry CiLCA – Clerk & RFO

AGENDA

306. Chair's Welcome

307. Public Questions

308. Apologies for absence

309. Update from MP

Alfriston Q&A Session – August 2026

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

311. Update from Cllr David Greaves - Wealden District Council

312. Declaration of interest

313. Minutes

To agree as a true record the minutes of the APC February meeting held on 16th February 2026.

314. Finance

To approve the Statement of Finances for March 2026. ([Appendix A](#))

315. Monthly Report from PCSO

316. Coffeehouse Conversation -

To decide on date and topic for May's Coffeehouse meeting.

317. Annual Parish Assembly - Monday 13th April 2026

To discuss and agree speakers to invite for the Parish Assembly.

318. Report on Highways & Twittens – Cllr Embry

Update on CityFibre Roadworks.

Update on ESCC Highways Enforcement – 23 Deans Rd.

To discuss and review possibility of bollards on grass verge at The Furlongs\Cuckmere Court.

319. Report on Allotments & Recreation Ground – Cllr Rabagliati

320. Report on Public Transport & Environment – Cllr Harris

321. Report on Strategic Planning – Cllr Parkinson .

322. Report on Tye – Cllr Spring.

323. Reports from Outside Bodies

323.1 Heartstart

323.2 Alfriston Emergency Group

323.3 Flood Forum

323.4 Twinning Committee ([Appendix B](#))

323.5 St Andrew's Church

323.6 Clergy House

323.7 Alfriston War Memorial Hall

323.8 Speedwatch

323.9 Events

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

Mish Mash Morris - Request to dance on The Tye Saturday 25th July and Sunday 26th July from 12.00 noon to 3pm, as part of Sussex Creatives' Summer Exhibition. ([Appendix C](#))

Wedding Catering - Request for catering van on The Tye, for wedding at the AWMH on 12th Sept. 2026. ([Appendix D](#))

Village Fete & Dog Show - Request by Gayle Hudson to use The Tye for a Village Fete & Dog Show on Sunday 30th August 2026. ([Appendix E](#))

CVHS Annual Flower & Produce Show, 25th-26th July 2026 - Request for poster in Market Square from Friday 17th – 26th July. ([Appendix F](#))

325. Public Questions

326. Date of next meeting – Parish Assembly to be held on Monday 13th April and April APC meeting to be held on Monday 20th April 2026 in AWMH 7.15pm.

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

APPENDIX A - March Finance Report

Alfriston Parish Council Finance Report 9th March 2026

Authority is sought to make the following payments:-				
March Payroll	Staff Costs	BACS	£2,074.28	tbc
		Total:	£2,074.28	
Authority is sought to make the following payments made since last meeting:-				
166	Tesco - printer paper	Printer Paper	Admin	5.30
167	HP Instant Ink	Printer Ink	Admin	13.49
168	Interbiz	Payroll Services	Admin	25.20
169	February Payroll	Payroll	Staff	2074.28
170	Campaign to Protect CPRE	CPRE membership	Subscription	60.00
171	02 Phone Bill	APC Mobile Phone	Admin	16.75
172	Bank Charges	Bank Charges	Bank	0.70
173	Interbiz	Payroll Services	Admin	25.20
174	Inland Revenue - HMRC	Tax & N.I Feb payroll	staff	503.15
175	Nest Pensions	Employee Pension	Staff	187.95
176	AWMH	Rent of Hall	Rent	49.50
177	Wealden District Council	Bins	Bins	720.00
		TOTAL:		3681.52
Summary of Bank Balances as of 10th March 2026				
	Business Current Account			2,152.63
	Business Savings Account			43,878.52
	TOTAL:			46,031.15
	Signed by:			<i>S.C. Dry</i>
	Suzanna Dry - Clerk & RFO			
	Councillor who checked the invoices for the above pa	the above payments:	

RESERVE INFORMATION FOR 2025/26

Project	New Balance	Expenditure	Income	Current Balance	
General Reserves	£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	£1,938.32			£1,938.32	
Playground	£500.00		£400.00	£900.00	£400.00 from underspend in last year's budget.
NDP	£500			£500	
High St Traffic Plan	£12,000.00			£12,000.00	(Agreed to use £2,500.00 for dip in Tye road if required, agreed at June 2025 meeting.)
Election costs 2027	£1,000.00		£500.00	£1,500.00	£500.00 from underspend in last year's budget.
Allotments	£0.00	£400.00	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00 from underspend in last year's budget, spent on clearing allots. Jan 2026.
CIL money	£0.00			£0.00	
TOTAL	£39,081.94	£1,700.00	£1,300.00	£38,681.94	

APPENDIX B - Report from Twinning Association

Alfriston and Cuckmere Valley Twinning Association

At the AGM in March, sincere thanks were given to chair Virginia Cockburn and committee member Sylvia Daw who are standing down from the committee after years of dedication and hard work. Their contributions are much appreciated and have greatly helped the success of our events and the association in general. Will Johnston was appointed Chair, with Michael Anderson as Vice-Chair. Angela Morrison continues as Secretary, and Robert Morrison as Treasurer & Membership Secretary. Peter Guinan was welcomed onto the committee, joining Wendy Little.

Our next event is the very interesting afternoon planned for Sunday 29th April, open to non-members as well. **Affaires criminelles!** is a talk in English exploring **Crime Fiction** on the Normandy coast from Le Tréport to Le Havre with **Bill Alder**, author of several books on French detective novels. Bill is an engaging speaker who knows his subject well, so please join us for a talk of about an hour:-

Sunday 29th April,
Affaires criminelles!
Alfriston Village Hall,
Arrive before talk starts at 2:30pm
Members £2, Non-members £3
Tickets from acvtainfo@gmail.com

There is a new venue for the next stroll! These are friendly get-togethers where you can meet members while walking and chatting, often followed by a café visit. Non members are also welcome to join us:-

Cuckmere Haven Stroll
Wednesday 10th June, 10am
Meet at entrance to the country park
(wide gate behind bus stop, south side of A259)

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! For all enquiries, including contacting our membership secretary Robert Morrison, please note our new email address acvtainfo@gmail.com

APPENDIX C - Request by Mish Mash Morris Dancers

From: Philip Sigournay
Sent: 10 February 2026 23:37
To: Suzanna Dry <clerk@alfristonparishcouncil.org.uk>
Subject: Morris Dancing at The Tye Alfriston

Hello Suzanna,

Alfriston Parish Council kindly granted Mish Mash Morris permission to dance on Alfriston Tye two years ago on Sunday 28th July 2024. This was in celebration of the Hailsham Artists' Network Summer Exhibition, which was taking place in the Old Chapel Centre.

Sussex Creatives (were Hailsham Artists' Network), are holding a Summer Exhibition at the Old Chapel Centre this year during the weekend of Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July.

Would Alfriston Parish Council be able to grant permission for Mish Mash Morris to dance on Alfriston Tye for either of Saturday 25th or Sunday 26th July, please? I would anticipate us dancing from around 12:00pm (noon) until around 3:00pm.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Stay healthy!

Phil Sigournay
Mish Mash Morris

APPENDIX D - Request for Wedding Van - 12th September 2026

Millie Carden
Litlington

Saturday 14 February, 2026

Requesting access to the Tye for a wedding vendor

Dear Parish Councillors,

On Saturday 12 September, we are getting married at St Andrew's Church in Alfriston, with our wedding reception taking place at the Alfriston War Memorial Hall after the ceremony. As part of reception celebrations, we would love to hire a pizza van to feed our guests in the evening and we are writing to seek permission for the van to have access to the Tye in order to get to the Hall.

We have found a vendor who we would particularly like to use and he has confirmed that the dimensions of his pizza van are 6m long and 2.2m wide. In our dream scenario, we would love to position the van at the bottom of the patio ramp so that our guests can easily access the pizza, however we are of course very happy to discuss other options and suggestions with you. Please could you let us know what might be possible in terms of van positioning.

Our main concern is the van being able to access the road that runs alongside the Tye, which as you'll know is very narrow particularly when cars are parked along it. We have been over to Alfriston to take a look at the access and measure the road, and the van would just fit along the road as long as parked cars are properly pulled in. The problem we foresee is that if someone hasn't pulled their car in on the day it may not be wide enough for the van. We wondered whether it might be possible to agree to access via the gate by the Wingrove as a last resort, should there be any access difficulties on the day? If it's helpful to note, the van would not be arriving until after 5.30pm on Saturday which would hopefully be a quieter time of day.

Millie's mother, Maggie Carden, works for St Andrew's Church as the Administrator and would be happy to assist on the day to ensure the van access is managed in the most appropriate and safest way. We would of course be very happy to discuss further and to take on board any suggestions or alternative ideas you are able to provide.

Enormous thanks for considering this request and please do let us know if you'd like any further information.

Yours sincerely,
Millie Carden and Stanley Bowles

[APPENDIX E - Request to use The Tye – Village Fete & Dog Show, Sunday 30th August.](#)

From: Gayle Hudson <
Sent: 04 March 2026 11:50
To: Alfriston Parish Council <clerk@alfristonparishcouncil.org.uk>; Jon Spring <tye@alfristonparishcouncil.org.uk>; Sarah Lloyd <

Subject: Village Fete & Dog Show - Sunday 30 August

Hi Suzanna
I hope you are good.

I'm just getting in touch (early) to let you know we will be organising a village fete & dog show again this August - date will be Sunday 30th August after the Church service - the Blessing of the Animals on the Tye.

I've copied in Counsellor Spring, as responsibility for the Tye and Sarah Lloyd who will be organising the dog show aspect.

We would like formal permission from the APC please for this event? We can do the necessary risk assessments and organise Public Liability Insurance again.

Could you let me know if there is anything else you need from our side at this stage otherwise I look forward to hearing,
All the best
Gayle

[APPENDIX F - Request for poster in Market Square for CVHS Annual Flower & Produce Show](#)

From: nicola vassell
Sent: 01 March 2026 12:54
To: Alfriston Parish Council <clerk@alfristonparishcouncil.org.uk>
Subject: CVHS permission for posters

Hi Suzanna, this year CVHS has its Annual Flower and Produce Show from 25-26th July. Alongside wider publicity we would like permission to put posters on the boards around the tree at the Market Cross a week before, from Friday 17th July. My understanding is that we're no longer allowed to put up an A board by the bench, but if we were it would only be from the from 25-26th, emphasising that it's an event that currently taking place.

I would be grateful if you could put this request to the parish council for their approval.
Many thanks,
Nicky Vassell
Cuckmere Valley Horticultural Society