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MEMBERS OF RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** OF RUSPER PARISH COUNCIL, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7:00 PM IN RUSPER VILLAGE HALL. *L Wilcock, Clerk to the Council, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.*

## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies for Absence and Resignation

To note and consider apologies for absence and to formally record the resignation of Cllr Ritchie Gatt.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and other interests in respect of items on the agenda.

### 3. Climate Crisis Statement

To reaffirm the Council's acknowledgement of the climate crisis and confirm environmental considerations in decision-making.

### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting ([Document 1](#))

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as a true and accurate record.

### 5. Open Forum

An opportunity for members of the public to address the Council in accordance with Standing Orders.  
*Meeting closed to the public following this item.*

### 6. WSCC Highways – Rusper Parish Issues

To receive a presentation and verbal update from George Fort, Highways Officer

- **A264 flooding and road closure** diversion routes.
- **Construction traffic impacts** arising from multiple housing developments.
- **Pedestrian safety concerns**, particularly during construction and diversion traffic.
- **Traffic management and mitigation measures**, including:
  - Construction traffic management plans
  - Diversion routes
  - Speed hump and pinch point proposals
  - Extension of the Traffic Regulation Order along East Street as part of the Devine Homes development
- **Cumulative impact of development** on local roads, pavements, and public safety within Rusper village
- **Traffic Speed and Road Safety – Pucks Croft to The Star**
  - Increasing vehicle speeds in both directions, use of Rusper as a cut-through
  - Visibility issues due to parked cars
  - Aggressive driving incidents and potential risk to pedestrians, children, and school/playgroup users
  - Potential worsening with ongoing and future housing developments

**Next steps and timescales** for agreed actions and ongoing liaison with the Parish Council

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**7. Proposed permanent Traffic Order A264 Horsham Bypass & Crawley Road - TRO/HOR9009/RC**  
To **consider** a response to the proposal of traffic speed reduction. ([Document 2](#))

**8. Reports from Other Authorities**

- a) County Councillors Report
- a) District Councillor's Report

**9. Financial Matters ([Document 3](#), [Document 4](#), [Document 5](#))**

- a) Financial Reports – January to consider and approve Reconciliation, Budget Report, Unity Trust Bank Statements.
- b) Schedule of Payments - to approve the Schedule of Payments. (to follow)

**10. Consultation: Revised National Planning Policy Framework ([Document 6](#))**

To **note** the announcement by the Housing Minister regarding the next phase of the Government's planning reforms aimed at accelerating housebuilding and economic growth. The Council is invited to consider and, if it so resolves, submit comments on the consultation on a revised National Planning Policy Framework. The proposed changes have potential implications for housing delivery, planning policy, and local decision-making at parish level.

- Councillors to **review** the proposed NPPF measures
- **Agree** whether the Parish Council wishes to submit a response

Consultation closing date: 10 March 2026

**11. Planning Applications since publication of the Agenda**

**12. Millfields Development ([Document 7](#))**

To **resolve** to agree the installation of a swing at the new playground and to agree the mat options.

**13. Rusper Sports Club ([Document 8](#))**

- a) Relationship Agreement – to resolve to agree the final version of the agreement.
- b) Lease Signing - progress on obtaining the Sports Club's signature.
- c) Lease Compliance and Monitoring (Carry Forward)

**14. Request for a Memorial Tree (attached to email GDPR)**

To consider an application to plant a memorial tree.

**15. Annual Parish Meeting**

To confirm arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 28 May 2026.

**16. Gatwick Report**

To receive and note the Gatwick report. (website)

**17. Reports from Representatives**

**18. Matters Arising**

**19. Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

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