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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at Rusper Village Hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Cllrs F. Maitland-Smith (Chair), M. Cooke, G. Hussey, M. Fenton, D. Matthews, S. White, G. Sallows, G. Fleming.

**Apologies:** Cllrs R. Gatt, M. Fillmore.

**Also present:** Rebecca Horrocks, Chris Bearton, Simon Cater Homes England. Cathy Durrant Save West of Ifield, District Councillor Tony Hogben.

**Clerk:** Lisa Wilcock.

41 Members of the public.

*Meeting commenced at 1900hrs*

#### 81-25/26 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs R. Gatt, M. Fillmore, D. Matthews.

#### 82-25/26 **Declaration of Interests**

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Fenella Maitland-Smith.

#### 83-25/26 **Climate Crisis**

Council **acknowledged the current climate crisis** and agreed that all decisions made at this meeting would be considered in light of environmental impact and sustainability.

#### 84-25/26 **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th July 2025 will be considered at the next scheduled Parish Council meeting.

#### 85-25/26 **Homes England – DC/25/1312 – Land West of Ifield**

Representatives from Homes England provided an introduction and overview of planning application DC/25/1312.

Key points included:

- The rationale for submitting the application.
- Outline of the proposed development.
- Explanation of the hybrid application approach (what is being determined now and what will be reserved for future consideration).
- Proposed planning obligations and community benefits.
- Opportunities for further engagement with the Parish and residents.
- Consideration of stewardship and shaping new community facilities.

*Noted a copy of the presentation can be found on the parish council website.*

**Time allocated:** 30 minutes.

**Action:** Council noted the presentation.

#### 86-25/26 **Open Forum**

Standing orders were suspended.

Members of the public raised questions and comments regarding the West of Ifield development.

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**Note:** Written responses will be provided via the Clerk.

**Time allocated:** 10 minutes.

**87-25/26 Save West of Ifield**

Representatives from *Save West of Ifield* presented their concerns about the proposed development, including:

- Environmental and infrastructure impacts.
- Loss of green space and biodiversity.
- Concerns over traffic and local services.

Guidance was shared on how residents can respond to Horsham District Council's consultation.

*Noted a copy of the presentation can be found on the parish council website.*

**Time allocated:** 30 minutes.

**87-25/26 Open Forum**

Standing orders were suspended.

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**Note:** Written responses will be provided via the Clerk.

**Time allocated:** 10 minutes.

**88-25/26 Planning Application DC/25/1312**

Council noted that the Planning Committee has deferred its response to planning application DC/25/1312 until the Parish Council meeting on 30th September 2025.

**Consultation deadline:** 12th October 2025.

**89-25/26 Next Meeting**

The next scheduled full Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30th September 2025.

**90-25/26 Close of Meeting**

The Chair closed the meeting at

Signed..... Dated.....