



Milland Parish Council Minutes – January 2025

MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting of MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 8th January 2025 in Milland Memorial Hall

Present: Mrs. L Myles (LM) (in the Chair), Mrs G Morton (GM), Mr S Hall (SH), Mrs S Hoar (SH), Mr J Wassenberg (JW), Mr A Farley (AF), Councillor Kate O’Kelly (KoK), District Councillor Eleanora Newbery (EN)

199. Apologies: Mr N Oldham (NO), Mr J Parker (JP)

200. Minutes of the Meeting 13th November 2024

Approval **proposed** by Mrs G Morton and **seconded** by Mrs S Hoar

201. Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests

- None

202. Reports from the County and District Councillors – full report attached - Summary below:

Update from County Councillor January 2025

- Devolution / Local Gov Reorganisation
- Health and Adult Social Care Committee
- Full Council
- Drainage

Updates provided in the Meeting:

Devolution / Local Gov Reorganisation

- Discussion regarding the strategic plan for the Local Government Reorganisation and the impact this may have on smaller Parishes, including the wider strategic plans for Highways etc.
- KoK confirmed that at this stage there were still many unknowns with decisions being made over the coming weeks.
- Earliest Mayoral elections will be for the areas which choose to fast track and are planned for 2026 and 2027. Currently 17 areas have applied to be in the fast track, including Chichester but it is probable that only 10 will be selected. The counties selected for fast track will be determined by the end of January 2025.
- Non fast track Councils will not be undertaking Mayoral elections until earliest 2028.

Update from District Councillors January 2025

- Government plans for devolution and local government reorganisation
- Corporate priorities
- Household food waste collections



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- Wellbeing
- Contacting your District Councillors

Updates provided in the Meeting:

- EN echoed the comments made by KoK and confirmed that WSCC had a meeting on 9th January to discuss the devolution plan. She agreed to report back as soon as there was more information available.

203. Public Participation

Q: What is the plan for the flooding on Milland Lane?

- Discussion regarding the ongoing flooding of Milland Lane. The Clerk summarised that she had received and circulated the initial report from WSCC following the jetting and CCTV works which concluded that:
“Unfortunately the CCTV identified numerous collapses and other issues along a 285m length that would probably need a whole new system. Due to the scale we (WSCC) are currently having discussions with Highways Drainage colleagues in Planned Delivery regarding potentially getting this onto a future programme if eligible.”
- JP had previously circulated an email detailing the plan to address the flooding at the bottom of Milland Lane. It was **AGREED** that LM would again reach out to Trippets Estate regarding their responsibilities.

Action: LM / JP

204. Matters arising from the Minutes

- The Clerk apologised that she had not recorded Sir John Wigram’s retirement from the Council in November. She and the Council gave thanks for his many years of service and for the huge amount of work he put into the Broadband Project which would not have taken place without his relentless effort.
- The Clerk updated that she had reached out to a further company recommended by other local Parish Councils to quote for the fingerpost repairs. However, she was still awaiting responses for this very specialist service. She would continue to ask for the quotes needed for the development of a repairs programme for this long term project over the next few years.
- The Clerk reported that she had received further enquiries regarding the repairs required to Cinder Lane. She confirmed that she had raised another ticket with Highways and suggested the residents do the same. KoK confirmed she would also follow up with Highways to move this now extensive project forward.

205. Other Administration

a) Milland Valley Memorial Hall Heads of Agreement Review

- The Clerk summarised that unfortunately the meeting with the Chair of the Milland Valley Hall planned before Christmas was postponed. A new meeting had been set up for 18th January to discuss the plan moving forward.
- The Clerk is also to applying for the register of Common Land for the area.

Action: Clerk

b) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Grant – Potential Projects

- Milland Parish Council has received a payment of **£9,313.59** from the SDNPA’s CIL fund and have 5 years to assign the money.
- The CIL collected by the SDNPA can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure including transport, flood defences, schools, play areas, parks, cultural and sports facilities.
- It was **AGREED** that as there are currently several potential projects, this would remain on the agenda for discussion moving forward. Councillors were encouraged to submit any ideas



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for discussion during this time. If necessary a shortlist could then be put out to Public Consultation.

- The Clerk is to forward the summary of rules for spending to all.

Action: Clerk

c) Adding value to the Parish

i. Welcome Packs

- Brief discussion regarding the packs successfully distributed so far and the plan to ensure new residents were not missed. The Clerk confirmed that she holds the remaining stock, is happy to deliver as required and will order the next batch when needed.

Action: Clerk

ii. Milland Meet Up

- LM reported that the last Meet Up which took place on 11th December 2024 was again very well supported. The next Meet Up is to take place on Wednesday 12th February 2025 10am-11.30am at the Milland Stores coffee shop and would be advertised via all available means including a message on the WhatsApp group.

206. Planning

a) Planning Applications/Decisions

New Planning Applications

Week 46

- **SDNP/24/03773/HOUS** Erection of a detached outbuilding (alternative to approved outbuilding SDNP/24/00642/LDP). Willow Stream, Fernhurst Road, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7LU
- **SDNP/24/04498/HOUS** Two storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration (side elevation) to include replacement of 1 no. window with new door opening, 1 no. additional ground floor window and 1 no. additional first floor window. 3 Garden Cottage, Borden Lane, Borden, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7JZ

Week 47

- **SDNP/24/04344/HOUS** Removal of rear conservatory to add new pergola, re-clad existing garage, infill existing pool opening to allow new pool location, relocating two sheds, add a new opening to the rear elevation and build new pool house. Oak Tree Farm, Iping Road, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7NA

Planning Decisions

Week 46

- **SDNP/24/03078/FUL** Replacement dwelling with attached garage and associated landscaping. Reconfiguration of site access via an existing access to west of house including stopping up of existing residential access. Sunfield, Fernhurst Road, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7LU – **APPROVED**

Week 47

- **SDNP/24/04551/PNTEL** Notification Under Regulation 5 of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions And Restrictions) Regulations 2003 (As Amended) to install of 1 no. 10m wooden telephone pole (Ref: LP_V9085_1) Road Verge North of Hollycombe Engine House, 40M South of Entrance to Home Farm, Cinder Lane, Milland, West Sussex – **RAISE NO OBJECTION**
- **SDNP/24/04592/PNTEL** Notification Under Regulation 5 of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions And Restrictions) Regulations 2003 (As Amended) to install of 1 no. 10m wooden telephone pole (Ref: LP_V9085_2) Road Verge North East of Chippings, Cinder Lane, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7LS – **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

Week 48



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- **SDNP/24/02997/HOUS** Single storey side extension. Old Beith House, Fernhurst Road, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7LU – **APPROVED**
- **SDNP/24/03207/HOUS** Single storey side extension. Meadow House, 9 Mill Vale Meadows, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7LZ – **APPROVED**

Week 49

- **SDNP/24/01040/HOUS / SDNP/24/01041/LIS** Replacement porch on west elevation and replacement roof over bow window on south elevation and internal alterations. Old Kingsham Farm, Cooks Pond Road, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7JY – **APPROVED**

Week 50

- **SDNP/24/04035/FUL** Alterations to dwellinghouse (with ancillary medical consulting rooms), attached annexe and landscaping works approved under SDNP/21/04008/FUL. Erection of outbuilding for letting rooms, bicycle storage and domestic storage. Proposed Plant room outbuilding and swimming pool with associated external works. The Black Fox Inn, Portsmouth Road, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7JJ – **REFUSED**

207. Environment & Amenities and Highways matters

a) Traffic Calming

i. **Borden Wood**

- GM reported that she had not received an update or a response to any of her emails. She believes that the application is still with the police prior to moving forward to the public consultation stage. She will continue to request updates.

Action: GM

ii. **Portsmouth Road**

- The Clerk reported that again no further updates have been received.

b) Durrants Pond

- Discussion regarding the complexities of moving the project forward based on the complicated nature of the required works. The SDNPA ranger had previously circulated the notes following the meeting held in November 2024-summarised below:
 - Improvements suggested:
 1. Planting of the pond
 2. Coppicing of small copse (need landowner permission)
 - Flood mitigation –SDNPA Responsibility:
 1. Identify where the silt traps are, assess their condition and repair.
 2. Silt removal from pond (recommend only done when Balsam no longer present as otherwise it would be classed as contaminated waste).
 3. Vegetation survey and management around the pond.
 4. Will need Ordinary Watercourse Consent for any works.
 - Parish Council – Someone was looking into latest regarding Mill Farm probate.
 1. Gather historical and archaeological information.
 2. Records of what work had been done on the pond in the past.
 3. Look at sources of siltation upstream
 4. Identify where sluices are, assess their condition and repair (include Hatch Copse Pond).
 5. Identify where silt traps are, assess their condition and repair.



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Devolution / Local Gov Reorganisation

Gov White paper published just before Xmas. Direction of travel is unitary authorities. WSCC leaders are planning on putting in a request to fast track to becoming a Sussex Strategic Mayoralty Authority with Brighton and Hove and East Sussex. But there is no agreed plan in place for Local Gov reorganisation and the geographical make up of the unitaries as no work has been done on this. Positions are being firmed up this week. Our group view is this is too hasty and although the Strategic Authority is desirable for large strategic project the detail work needs to be done with all stakeholders consulted as to the best way to reorganise the area into unitary councils and how this works with parish and town Councils. There is a danger of taking decisions further away from the communities with this so-called devolution.

We will making the case to go ahead with devolution as this is definitely happening but not in the first wave so the detailed work can be done and local elections for the County in 2025 should go ahead as planned.

Health and Adult Social Care Committee

At the meeting last month we scrutinised the Winter Plan as presented to us by the NHS leaders. Not enough data was presented we asked for evidence rather than warm words.

Vaccination rates for Covid, Flu and the new RSV vaccine take up was around national average but only 53% for Covid and 36% for Flu in eligible groups.

We asked for data on bed occupancy as we go into Winter, they have already had to escalate their systems as they are at max occupancy which means more beds in a bay and more time waiting in the Emergency Dept for a bed.

We asked again of evidence of their 'improvement journey' to improve times for discharge of medically fit patients.

Overall a worrying picture at this stage of the Winter.

HASC this week we will be asking urgent questions about Flu status inpatients and in the community as well as scrutinising access to NHS dentistry and Primary Care services.

Sussex HealthWatch have got a survey running on NHS Dentistry access

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Dentistry2025/>

Full Council

Full Council – last month there was a motion on family farms and also on breast cancer awareness. We are also reviewed the armed forces covenant.

Drainage

WSCC has 156,000 drainage assets including gullies, manholes and soakaways which are cleared in a four-year program. The fastest speed highways are cleared every 6 months and the less used rural networks every year to four years. When gullies are checked they are cleared jet cleaned and tested to make sure that they are working.

Their data - 6,200 drains and gullies cleared in 2023, only 40 sites have had to be revisited.

For more details of the WSCC plan see: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/maintaining-roads-verges-and-pavements/road-maintenance/winter-service/>



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Update from District Council December 2024 for Fernhurst Ward

Firstly, Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful break.

Government plans for devolution and local government reorganisation

The Council are considering the government plans and hopefully we can update you soon about its response.

Corporate priorities

Did you know the Council has five key corporate priorities:

- to help all residents to have access to decent homes, by making sure that there are affordable and sustainable homes for people of all ages.
- to have a thriving economy, by encouraging business investment and growth within the district.
- to support our residents to live healthy and fulfilled lives.
- to manage our finances well.
- to protect our environment and reduce the amount of carbon dioxide we release into the district.

The corporate plan has been refreshed for the year ahead and this will be considered by Cabinet in January. If they are happy, they will then recommend a series of projects to Full Council to consider.

Household food waste collections

The Council is busy preparing for the introduction of household food waste collections. This change has meant that it has become necessary to consider the accommodation requirements of the Chichester Contract Services site and so one of the large-scale projects proposed is to develop short and long-term options for the land it will require moving forward.

In terms of medium-scale projects, the Council is proposing to purchase an additional trade food waste collection vehicle. This will support the continued expansion of our business food waste service, especially with recent government waste reforms which mean that all food producing businesses must have a separate food waste collection in place by March 2025.

Wellbeing

The Council has a dedicated team of Wellbeing Advisors who offer a free, friendly and confidential service to help with matters such as eating well, losing weight, reducing alcohol intake; being more active; and reducing stress.

If you're trying to stop smoking, the team's trained advisors can offer free Nicotine Replacement Therapy, saving you money as part of a free package of one-to-one support. The team's new weight management course will also start mid-January and is free to join, offering advice on making long term sustainable changes. Find out more at: <https://chichesterwellbeing.org.uk>

In partnership with Everyone Active, they offer a range of activities such as walking groups; a beginners' running club; walking netball, cricket and football. Look out for more information on our new beginner exercise classes starting in February — these confidence building courses will be for those who currently do less than 150 minutes of exercise a week. The volunteer-led 'Heartsmart' walks continue.

If you're experiencing non-medical issues that may be adversely impacting your wellbeing, it's worth getting in touch with one of the Council's friendly Social Prescribers. Those accessing the service can



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either be referred by their GP or through our self-referral form:
www.chichester.gov.uk/socialprescribing

Around 70% of people who visit their GP have an underlying issue which isn't necessarily medical. Someone could feel isolated or lonely; might not be managing a chronic condition well; or might be having problems sleeping due to issues such as debt. Many of these things will impact on a person's physical and mental health and manifest themselves into medical symptoms. The Council's Social Prescribers spend time with clients, working with them to get to the root cause and helping them to find long-term solutions.

The Council also offer a similar service for young people aged 13 to 25. This was introduced following the pandemic, which had a huge impact on many young people. The service can assist those who lack confidence; are lonely or isolated; or want to have a greater sense of connection to their community and friends. The social prescriber will develop a plan with the young person to help connect them with activities, events and organisations that will help them to feel better.

Finally, I wanted to remind you about our 'Supporting You' team. They offer a range of assistance, from help with paying bills to help with housing — if you're struggling with the cost of living, please find out more about how they can support you by visiting: www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingyou

Contacting your District Councillors

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Ellie can be contacted on email enewbery@chichester.gov.uk or telephone 01428 656 941 or in person on Tuesday 21 January 10am- 11.30am at the Fernhurst Hub