

ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Tuesday 15th October 2024

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 21st October 2024 at 7.15pm.**

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S.C. Dry

Mrs Suzanna Dry - Clerk

AGENDA

110. Chairman's Welcome

111. Public Questions

112. Apologies for absence

113. Update from MP

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

115. Update from Cllr David Greaves - Wealden District Council

116. Declaration of interest

117. Minutes

To agree as a true record the minutes of the APC monthly meeting held on 16th September 2024 and APC Finance meeting held on 14th October 2024.

118. Finance

To approve the Statement of Finances for October 2024. [\(Appendix A\)](#)

119. Coffeehouse Conversations

To discuss date of next coffeehouse conversation – topic to be Environment & Transport.

120. East Sussex Association of Local Councils (ESALC) Conference – 4th November 2024.

To Agree two representatives to attend from APC, as well as the Clerk.

121. Portfolios – The Tye, Strategic Planning & Highways.

To Ratify changes discussed at the September APC meeting with regard to portfolio responsibilities. A motion to move Traffic Calming from Highways into Strategic Planning, Cllr Spring to take on The Tye portfolio and Cllr Parkinson to take on Strategic Planning portfolio with immediate effect.

122. Report on Highways & Twittens – Cllr Rabagliati

- Update on Village Clock – Clerk to report back.
- Update on Post Box – Clerk to report back.

123. Report on Allotments & Recreation Ground – Cllr Daw (Appendix B)

- Update on taking deposits for allotments - Clerk to report back.
- To discuss and decide on ponds in the allotments – Clerk’s report to follow.
- Update on grant application for another AEG shed at allotments – Cllr Daw

124. Report on Public Transport – Cllr Harris

125. Report on Environment & Countryside – Cllr Harris

Update on riverbank repairs.

126. Report on Strategic Planning – Cllr Spring

- Update on Emergency Plan.

127. Report on Tye – Cllr Parkinson \ Cllr Spring (Appendix C)

Update on Tye Rd Repairs

To consider & agree that the remaining amount in the Tye Road Reserves be used to pay for repairs to a wooden bench on The Tye. A quote has been requested, and is expected to be in the region of £150.00.

To consider ways of gritting footpath on The Tye this winter – Clerk to report.

128. Report from Planning Committee – Cllr Watkins

128.1 Applications considered by APC Planning Committee since last meeting:

Ref. No: SDNP/24/04114/TCA 7 West St, Alfriston, BN26 5UX

Removal of Yew tree in back garden and replace with one Alfriston Apple tree sourced from a local supplier.

Ref. No: SDNP/24/04174/HOUS Little Winton, Alfriston Rd, Alfriston, BN26 5UH

Extension of tiled pitched roof of main building to cover dilapidated flat roof of extension. Cladding of curved façade and all sides of extension due to bad brickwork and required maintenance with vertical treated timber cladding and external insulation behind. Repositioning of solar panels.

128.2 Applications notified or awaiting decision from SDNPA

Ref. No: SDNP/24/03011/HOUS Hazeldene, West St,, Alfriston – **Approved.**

Ref. No: SDNP/24/02440/FUL – Former Allotments, North St. - **Awaiting Decision.**

SDNPA working with applicant on alterations to the application taking into account ESCC Highways objection.

128.3 Enforcement updates from SDNPA

Ref. No: SDNP/24/00382/GENER 23 Deans Rd, Alfriston – Extension falls within Permitted Development rights. - **No Breach.**

129. Reports from Outside Bodies

- 1291.1 Heartstart
- 129.2 Alfriston Emergency Group
- 129.3 Flood Forum
- 129.4 Neighbourhood Watch
- 129.5 Twinning Committee
- 129.6 St Andrew’s Church
- 129.7 Clergy House
- 129.8 Cuckmere Buses

129.9 Alfriston War Memorial Hall

129.10 Speedwatch

129.11 Events

- Live Nativity 15th December 2024 - Update from Live Nativity Committee
- 80th Anniversary of VE on 8th May 2025 – Cllr Daw

130. Correspondence to The Clerk – Asking for permission from the council.

Xmas Tree on Market Square – Update on APC's request to ESCC Highways Dept.

Rude Mechanical Theatre Company – Performance on The Tye, Sunday 27th July 2025.

MG Classic Car Event on The Tye 2025 - Response from organiser.

A Board Poster Market Square – for Nativity Event on 15th December. Poster from 1st December.

A Board Poster Market Square – for Race Night at the AWMH on 8th November.

131. Public Questions

132. Date of next meeting – the next meeting will be held on Monday 18th November 2024 in the AWMH at 7:15pm.

Please see Appendices attached below

Appendix A – Statement of Finances October 2024

Alfriston Parish Council Finance Report 14th Oct 2024			
<i>Authority is sought to make the following payments:-</i>			
	BACS	October Payroll	£1,778.60
	BACS	Barcombe Landscapes (Grass cutting Tye & Rec Jul-Aug)	<u>£768.00</u>
		<i>Total:</i>	£2,546.60
<i>Authority is sought to make the following payments made since last meeting:-</i>			
87	CARD	HP Instant Ink - Printer Ink	£11.99
88	BACS	September Payroll	£1,778.40
89	BACS	Mileage Reimbursement	£78.30
90	BACS	AEG - Donation re Car Boot Sale	£115.00
91	BACS	Alfriston Cricket Club - Donation re Car Boot Sale	£140.00
92	BACS	Inland Revenue - HMRC	£318.07
93	CARD	Tax Return Services - 123 Sheets	£47.40
94	CARD	Tax Return Services - 123 Sheets	£1.06
95	DD	Bank Charges	£20.00
96	CARD	G. Garnett - R.A	£20.00
97	CARD	Tesco - Office stationery	£19.75
98	DD	O2 APC Mobile Phone Bill	£15.31
99	DD	Nest Pension	£152.88
100	CARD	Tesco - Cable ties for road signs	£8.13
101	BACS	Interbiz - Payroll Services	£24.00
102	BACS	AWMH - Hall Hire	£32.00
103	BACS	Wealden D.C. - Bins Qtr2	£660.00
104	BACS	Biffa - Wheelie Bins	£237.89
105	BACS	Sue's Garden Maintenance	£80.00
		<i>Total:</i>	£1,981.78
Summary of Bank Balances as of 10th October 2024			
		Business Current Account	£4,717.68
		Business Savings Account	<u>£71,293.24</u>
		TOTAL:	£76,010.92
		Signed by:	<i>G.C. Dry</i>
		Suzanna Dry - Clerk & RFO	
Councillor who checked the invoices for the above payments:			

RESERVE INFORMATION FOR 2024/25

Project	Closing Balance	Budget 24/25	Expenditure	Income	Balance	Notes
General Reserves	£10,401.11			£4,763.07	£15,164.18	
Tye Rd Surface	£20,000.00	£5,000.00	£723.70		£24,276.30	£172.88 spent on paint, £350.92 pot hole repairs, £199.90 pot hole repairs
Playground	£763.07	£500.00	£1,263.07		£0.00	£1263.07 moved to General Reserves, as agreed *
NDP	£500.00		£500.00		£0.00	£500 moved to General Reserves as agreed. *
High St Traffic Plan	£10,000.00	£5,000.00	£3,000.00		£12,000.00	£3,000.00 moved to General Reserves as agreed*
Election Costs		£500.00			£500.00	
CIL money		£502.07			£502.07	
Total	£42,166.25	£11,000.00			£52,442.55	

* As agreed in June's Finance Meeting.

Appendix B

Cllr Daw's Report – Allotments & Recreation Ground.

Allotments

We had our monthly meeting of Friends of the AA on the 21st October, could we set up a round Robin e mail to send out minuets of out of meeting etc. it was discussed about having key code locks on the gates. 30th November a coffee morning at the Allotments, thank to members of the Friends of AA for your time and input. Sue Woodgate has mowed 2 empty allotments 16a & 16b, more to be done soon but rain has stopped mowing, I'm happy to say we have raised another £125. which will be used for Sue to do some more work on the allotment's, two new residents have enquired about having allotments in January, there is a gap from the recreation ground to the allotments or the other way round which we do need to repair. We have noted the numbers of allotments that are rented but not being used and perhaps e mails could be sent.

There is now a pond on the allotments which already has attracted Newts dragon flies and frogs but it will need discussion re health & safety and by laws, lastly please if you have an allotment and for any reason your finding it hard to manage please speak to us and hope we can help short term.

Playground

Hopefully the new no dog sign will be up soon it's ready to go but it has to be fitted in with work so really grateful to Arron.

I've had my second eye op so the trimming of ivy will have to wait till November we now have new wonderful neighbours next to the playground who are very keen to work together.

Recreation

The benches will also have to wait to be cleaned due to my eye op, the large branch which has been stuck up in the tree has had come down with no injury's and of course there is the gap going into the allotments also I'm meeting councillor Spring to discuss the replacement of the drain cover which I can report more on at the council meeting.

Appendix C

Alfriston Parish Council

The Tye Portfolio: Monthly Update October 2024.

Neil Parkinson.

The Tye

- Two benches near the village sign need minor repair. One has a missing strut along the seat base and one has a vertical strut missing on the backrest.
 - The first bench displayed memorial plaques, and the family have kindly offered to replace it with a new one of similar design. This will be in the spring once garden centres restock.
 - The other needs repair: the clerk is sourcing a revised quote expected to be approximately £150. This money is available from the £1k approved for pothole repairs since that was underspent.
- The damaged drain cover near the WMH remains an issue. Cllr Spring is investigating.
- The tree audit is pending.

The Tye Road

This has been an excellent month for progressing the works on the Tye Road.

1) Re-Edging

- The re-edging work has been completed by Hailsham Roadways on time and on budget. This has drastically improved the condition of the road for all users.
- I am grateful to all those who helped get this work done on time, and the road reopened.
- At a suitable time of year, I suggest we get some compost and grass seed and build up the Tye edge to the new road edge, to soften it visually.

2) Potholes

- Having filled most of the potholes in early September, a remaining one outside the Wingrove was tarmacked by the Hailsham Roadways team. Thanks to Cllr Spring for getting this done.
- Unfortunately, there appears to now be another SEW water leak, this time from what looks like a drain cover, and water is once again flowing across the potholes by the Wingrove entrance. The Clerk has reported it to South East Water.
- The broad dip halfway along the road remains to be filled.

3) Double Yellow Lines at the Turning Circle Section

- The plastic paint is in storage, ready to be applied.