



EAST WITTERING & BRACKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH
APRIL 2026 AT 7.00PM AT BRACKLESHAM BARN, BEECH AVENUE,
BRACKLESHAM PO20 8HU.

EWBPC
COUNCILLORS
PRESENT

Brian Reeves (BR), Chair
Beverley Ford (BF) Vice Chair
Pamela Kensington (PK)
Deborah Picken (DP)
Joe O'Sullivan (JOS)
Doug Holden (DH)
Joanna El-Batal (JEB)
Victoria Ford Coates (VFC)
Katy Spragg (KS)
Chris Ford (CF)

OTHER
COUNCILLORS
PRESENT

Pieter Montyn WSCC Councillor (PM)
Iain Ballantyne CDC Councillor (IB)
Elizabeth Hamilton CDC Councillor (EH).

APOLOGIES

Richard Ford (RF)

ABSENT

None

IN ATTENDANCE

Parish Clerk (TG), Deputy Clerk (VM) 2 Members of the Public

26.035 Apologies - The apologies for absence were approved. For: 9 Against: 0 Abstained: 0

26.036 Declarations of Interest and dispensation requests

No dispensation requests were made.

26.037 Public Questions

CF joined the meeting.

Wittering United raised concerns regarding the lack of storage at Bracklesham Barn now that 3 teams regularly play at Bracklesham and requested permission to install external storage at their expense. BF requested Witterings United provide a full report outlining their requirements which will be reviewed at the Assets and Open Space Committee meeting on 5th May 2026.

Who is responsible for the broken wall at Tesco? The wall is the responsibility of Tesco, they are aware. DH has collected the loose bricks and will dispose of them.

Why are the building works still proceeding at the old Concourse site but has halted at Fossil Bay? The Concourse has existing sewage connections and does not have the same planning conditions as the Fossil Bay site.

26.038 Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 12th March 2026 ([appendix 1](#))

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by The Chair.

26.039 Chairman's Announcements

The access to the beach at Bracklesham was cleared on 24th March.

26.040 Update on Actions from Previous Meeting

All actions completed

26.041 Reports from District & County Councillors

PM – Highways are still waiting for quotes to repair the pillars on The Parade wall. PM is having high level meetings with Southern Water regarding the Clappers Lane and Birdham housing development sites. PM will not be standing for election in May. The Council thanked Pieter for his 17 years of excellent service to our Parish.

EH – The new renters rights act comes into force on 1st May 2026. Section 21 evictions will be abolished, and all tenancies will become periodic (rolling contracts). Information can be found on the CDC website.

IB – On the 25 March 2026 the Government issued an update confirming that no decision has yet been made on which unitary solution should be taken forward in Sussex. Instead, they have announced that they will be running a second consultation on proposals covering the whole of Sussex.

The new consultation will see two variations on the proposals already submitted by Sussex local authorities. The first proposed modification is moving Chichester District Council into a unitary with Crawley Borough Council, Horsham District Council and Mid Sussex District Council. Leaving a second unitary in West Sussex comprising Arun District Council, Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council.

The second modification would see boundary changes moving wards in Falmer, Peacehaven and Saltdean from Lewes District Council in East Sussex to Brighton & Hove City Council.

The consultation will begin after the local elections in May

26.042 Reports from Parish Councillors on meetings attended since 12th March 2026

The Planning Committee Meeting was cancelled as there were no applications to consider.

BR, BF and The Clerk attended the meeting held on 17th March regarding the new Care Shop which will be a collaboration between The Selsey Community Forum and The Woodger Trust. The planned opening date is 1st September; its home will be in the old Lloyds Bank Building.

BR, BF, VFC and The Clerk have all attended Code of Conduct Training, other Councillors have booked onto the training.

26.043 Budget Update

1. Bank reconciliation approval for March 2026 ([appendix 2](#))
 2. Statement of current financial position and budget monitor ([appendix 2.2](#))
 3. Summary of payments made between 01/03/2026 and 31/03/2026 ([appendix 2.3](#))
- Council **APPROVED** the list of payments from 01/03/26 to 31/03/26, totalling £18,641.10
4. The Year-end financial report was noted ([appendix 2.4](#))

26.044 Approve the amended Standing Orders

Council APPROVED and adopted the now gender non-specific Standing Orders.

26.045 Approve the Death of The Monarch Policy

Council APPROVED and adopted the policy.

26.046 Ratify the decision of The Assets and Open Spaces Committee to award the Memorial Garden Contract

Council RATIFIED the decision and the contract was awarded.

26.047 Respond to the Chichester Local Plan Area Call for Sites Request

Council's response ([appendix 3](#))

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Minute ref	Action	Responsible
26.046	Award the contract for the Memorial Garden	The Clerk
26.047	Respond to the Chichester Local Plan Area Call for Sites Request.	The Clerk

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 14th May 2026 at 7.00pm, Bracklesham Barn



T Glithero, Parish Clerk, 10th April 2026