



WARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Shaw E-mail – clerk@warnham.org.uk

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Warnham Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 6.00pm in the Parish Rooms, St Margaret's Church

Members:

Cllr Sally Pavey (SP) (C) (P)	Cllr Richard Smith (RS) (P)
Cllr Fiona Robinson (FR) (P)	Cllr Lewis Sage (LS) (P)
Cllr Ian Gurling (IG) (VC) (P)	
Cllr Sarah Williams (SW) (P)	Cllr Gregg Maxum (GM) (P)

In attendance: Mrs Shaw (Clerk)

Also present: There were 5 Members of the Public (MOP). Also in attendance were newly appointed CCllr Colin Minto and DCllr

1. Chairman's Welcome -
The Chairman welcomed the members and MOPs to the meeting and asked if the members of the council would introduce themselves.
2. Apologies for absence –
Cllr FR sent in her apologies prior to the meeting and they were duly accepted.
3. Minutes of Previous meeting-
Council noted and approved the minutes from the APM in 2025. Cllr SP proposed that the minutes were accepted. ***It was UNANIMOUSLY agreed that the Chair duly accept and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting.***

One MOP joined the meeting at 18.36pm

4. Talk by David Bridges-
David Bridges from Wild about Warnham provided a talk on what Wild About Warnham has been doing through the year. The members congratulated David and the team of volunteers on all their hard work with nature conservation throughout the parish.

One MOP joined the meeting at 19.02pm

5. Chairman's Report -
The Chairman of the council read out the Chairman's report which is attached in Appendices.

With no further business the meeting closed at 19.12pm

Chairman..... Date.....

Appendix 1

Warnham Parish Council – Chair’s Report for annual parish meeting 2025 Cllr Sally Pavey – May 2026

Warnham Parish Council has had a busy and productive year. We welcomed Richard Smith to the Council and said a farewell and thank you to Tom Bickford. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all councillors for their continued dedication and service to the parish, and to our Clerk, Louise Shaw, for her invaluable support.

Community & Events

2025 saw the launch of the first Warnham Parish Day, which proved to be a great success. It brought together residents, businesses and local organisations for a day of activities, celebration and fundraising. Due to its success, it is expected to become an annual event.

The Parish Community Awards were also introduced, recognising individuals who have made a meaningful contribution to the parish. We received many nominations, and we thank our judges for their support in selecting the recipients.

Highways & Traffic

Traffic concerns remained a major issue throughout the year. The proposed Community Highways Scheme (the “sat nav” solution) unfortunately did not proceed, largely due to existing traffic restrictions across parish roads.

Additional key points:

- Increased traffic volume and speed were recorded on several roads
- Requests for speed reductions on Northlands Road and crossings on Station Road A24 junction and Kingsfold were declined by West Sussex County Council (WSCC)
- New Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) were installed in Kingsfold and Rowhook
- Continued efforts for traffic calming on Bell Road, although proposed measures were not supported by residents for speed bumps
- Fly tipping of rubbish and a lorry containing contaminated waste on a highway

The Speed Watch team, led by Paul Sturgess, continued to play a vital role in monitoring and reporting speeding vehicles.

Planning & Development

The parish faced ongoing planning challenges:

- Proposed 59-house development at Knob Hill and Tillets Lane remains under consideration with no formal application at end of 2025
- Permission was granted for two houses at The Owl car park despite concerns raised
- The Neighbourhood Plan update has been delayed pending the Horsham Local Plan

- Sadly said goodbye to the playground oak tree which sadly became a hazard

The Council continues to monitor developments closely and advocate for responsible growth.

Environment & Infrastructure

Significant efforts were made to address:

- Flooding issues, with investigations revealing underlying drainage deficiencies
- Installation of a dog waste bin in Kingsfold
- Improvements to the school footpath lighting, although resurfacing remains unresolved
- The parish environment officers continue to keep our parish tidy and repaired – their efforts very much appreciated.

The Council also arranged drain clearance works where necessary, due to limited action from the highways authority.

Wider Issues

- Ongoing concerns around Gatwick airspace modernisation and runway expansion
- Traveller site developments and associated planning challenges
- Continued issues with nitrous oxide littering, with limited police response

Community Partnerships

We continue to benefit from strong partnerships across the parish:

- Wild About Warnham continues to thrive and support biodiversity initiatives
- Local organisations, including the Comrades Club, village hall, and church, contribute significantly to community life
- The Warnham Cricket Club continues to be maintained and improved for parish use with special thanks to Cllr Gregg Maxam and Lewis Sage.

Closing Remarks

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who contributes to making Warnham a vibrant and supportive community. Despite ongoing challenges, the Council remains committed to working in the best interests of all residents.

Thank you

Cllr Sally Pavey

Chair of Warnham Parish Council

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