



Walberton • Binsted • Fontwell
WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes to be approved at the next Annual Parish Meeting

THE WALBERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

12 May 2026 at 7.15pm at Fontwell Community Centre

Present: Councillors Douglas McElvogue (chair), Toby Hewson, Richard Riordan, Felix Kress von Wendland, Shona Turner (Clerk), PSCO Caroline Wilson and 22 members of the public.

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Diane Evans.
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the annual parish meeting held on 20 May 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. The chairman gave a report on the Parish Council's activities for the last year, describing projects ranging from the Avisford Grange tennis courts being transferred to the Parish Council, to allotments, noticeboards, a goal facility and the redecoration of the Pavilion. Projects for the coming year consist of the cycle path improvements between the current cycle path and Fontwell Meadows, reinstalling the Bus shelters, transferring the final assets at Fontwell and the continued delivery of the grounds maintenance plan. The Chairman also thanked the Council's volunteers especially the Speed Watch Team for their continued help and support and Patrick and Bill for the installation of the "tommies" and the poppies.
5. Presentations were received from:
 - The local organiser for the Poppy Appeal in Walberton, Binsted and Fontwell explained why he volunteered to take on the role of local organiser, why he still sells Poppies and volunteers are required to sell poppies in October and November.
 - A trustee from Walberton Village Hall thanked the Parish Council for their support for the past year, briefed the meeting on the Village Hall's activities and reminded everyone of the Village Hall's AGM the following week, with a request for volunteers, especially for Bonfire night.

- A volunteer from the West Sussex Community Minibus Association explained the local service and that for Walberton, Binsted and Fontwell, they have the community minibus every Thursday afternoon. It is a door-to-door service, and they are currently looking for additional drivers and passenger escorts.
 - A volunteer from the Speed Watch Team explained what SID (Speed indicator device) is, how it works and what the Team do.
 - A member from Walberton Gardener's Club's informed the meeting of their flower shows, dog show, village fete and open gardens and thanked the Parish Council for their support.
 - There was an update from the local PSCO, which included the news that a new colleague is to join the Fontwell division, an update on E bikes and a reminder of the 'drop in' sessions on Friday mornings at the Coffee Stop (in the Pavilion), if people wanted to discuss a matter
6. Questions and discussions were on various subjects, including trees around Walberton playing field, bus shelters, Fontwell Meadows, where the next meeting is to be held and after some healthy debate on 'communication from the Parish Council', four volunteers stepped forward to set up/reinstate the 'Neighbourhood News'. Finally, the chairman was thanked for taking on chairmanship.
7. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20pm

Signed Date

Chairman