

LYMINSTER & CROSSBUSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on November 4th, 2025.

Venue; The 6 Bells, Lyminster.

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1. **Welcome & apologies.** There were none.
2. **Declarations of interest.** There were none.
3. **Agree & sign off last meeting's minutes.** The minutes are to be signed off by the chairman at a later date.
4. **County Councillor's report.**

DEVOLUTION. Cllr Gary Markwell attended the meeting. He reported that the devolution process would mean a single large unit encompassing the whole of Sussex, with a mayor in sole charge of decision making. Central government would make any final decisions regarding planning and infrastructure. Normal elections are cancelled for the coming year. The mayor will be elected in May of 2026, and most parties have put forward their preferred candidate. This process will mean that parish councils could have more responsibilities with such as bus shelters, playgrounds, and car parks etc. But it will also mean that we will lose direct contact with anyone local to our area. We will lose our local voice. Those smaller communities which do not have a parish council but have meetings will be amalgamated with larger parishes. A resident voiced his concern that any mayor would make larger communities, such as Brighton or Worthing, their preference when looking at problems.

TRAFFIC. Several residents voiced concerns over speeding traffic on the B2284 since the Bypass opened. There have been many incidents of speeding, with motor bikes being the chief offenders. It was also noted that the backlogs of traffic trying to get to Arundel have increased enormously, and congestion is causing many problems with noise and pollution, with traffic idling alongside residents' properties.

It was general thought that the Bypass has caused more problems than it was worth, and it was mentioned that if the bypass had linked up with the A27 directly, all this could have been avoided. Cllr Langmead suggested that the council arrange a meeting, where plans can be drawn up to distribute a check list for residents to complete with dates and times of incidents of speeding and general traffic problems. **Clerk to arrange a date.**

SPEEDING. The Clerk asked why the speed limit on the junction with the bypass and the B2284 had been set at 50mph from 40mph, and that she has written to Mark Martin to ask if it could be lowered to 40mph. She had a negative response from Highways. Cllr Ashman said he thought a set of traffic lights at the junction

of the B2284 and the bypass, could help ease congestion, as everyone would get a chance to get onto the road. It was asked by a resident why a speed camera could not be installed as a deterrent to speeding traffic. Amazingly, the police have a policy that to have a speed camera there must have been 2 fatalities to warrant this.

Cllr Ashman also reported that the Worthing roundabout is causing problems, the lanes not being wide enough to accommodate traffic volume.

A resident asked if parking close to a junction is an offence. Cllr Markwell said that parking closer than 10 metres or 32 feet to a junction is an offence. The resident asked that we advise those parking at the junction with Church Lane and the B2284, to desist, and try to park elsewhere. **Clerk to advise offenders.**

BLACK DITCH BRIDGE The Clerk had investigated whether we could have the bridge designated as too narrow or not strong enough to accommodate HGVs. Sadly after investigation, this was deemed not appropriate as the bridge is strong enough to accommodate such traffic.

NOTICEBOARDS. The Clerk had researched the cost of replacing our two village noticeboards, but the price was too high for our budget. Cllr Murphy's husband is sending us a quote for refurbishment.

BLOCKED DRAINS. The Clerk had reported on several drains in the area which are blocked causing flooding when there is heavy rainfall. Arun District Council have promised to monitor this to see if the drains need excavating.

DEFIBRILLATOR CHECKS. The Clerk reported that she had checked the machine in October and will continue to do this on a two monthly basis.

LIGHTING. A resident complained that the view from her garden is now changed because of the lighting on the new housing estate at Hampden Park. Whereas before she had only trees, she now has very bright lights which are offensive.

CYCLING ON PAVEMENTS. After investigation, it was found that it is indeed an offence to cycle on the pavement unless there are extenuating circumstances.

WHITE LINES ON THE B2284. The Clerk together with several residents had written to WSCC Highways asking if we could re paint the white lines along the B2284, with broken central lines instead of the double unbroken white lines they are intending to re paint. This was refused.

5. FINANCE. The Clerk reported that the current account stands at £3849.97, and the savings account at £2037.48. We have had the second half of our precept paid in October. The Clerk is still investigating an account for the small savings where it could accrue some interest.
6. PLANNING. There were no new planning applications of note.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 5th, 2026.