

GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF GUESTLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2025 7PM AT THREE OAKS VILLAGE HALL

CLLRS: Cllr MARION ROBERTS Cllr GRAHAM FURNESS Cllr MARTIN GRIFFITHS

Cllr PETER KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN **PARISH CLERK:** BRYONY YOUNG Cllr CARL MAYNARD

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Cllr ANDREW MIER Cllr TIM GROHNE Cllr BEVERLEY COUPAR	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations of interest – Cllr Roberts - MCLT	
3	MINUTES RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Council is authorised to sign the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting (15 September 2025) and the Extraordinary Meeting amended minutes (11 August 2025)	
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Cllr C Maynard – Rother have had budget changes, bids for devolution are now in and are waiting for Government decision. Brighton & Hove had difference view to other areas (along with Wealden). Highways – normal checks are being carried out, CM can arrange a walk around with Steward if required Cllr Maynard left meeting 7.30PM Chair handed over to Vice Chair Cllr Furness 7.35pm Cllr Griffiths : Affordable Housing Group report – Met with Tom Warder (Action in Rural Sussex) and Nicholas Champkins (architect) same day as their meeting with Rother District Council (RDC). RDC have advised that the plans need to be redone to get a higher density of housing. Another public meeting is due in November 2025. More work is now needed to redesign. Architect has been asked for further information. In January 2023 the Marsham Land Trust (MLT) asked for the Parish Councils support for the project, questions were then put to the MLT that the Working Party required answers to before they could put their suggestions regards support to the Parish Council and the Working Party still feel that these have not been answered and that this should happen before they can move forward Vice Chair handed back meeting to Chair 7.30pm	
5	MATTERS ARISING OR UNRESOLVED NOT COVERED SEPARATELY IN AGENDA: Welcome to Guestling signs (Ivyhouse Lane and Watermill Lane) – Ivyhouse Lane turned down due to width of road at Parish boundary, Chair to speak to land owner reference possibility of sign on private land on other side, if agreed PC agree to go ahead immediately with sign (with cost signoff). Watermill Lane, Highways requested further information and agreement of landowner adjoining, cost of £1,200 agreed unanimously once licences are received, BY to obtain and pass on Marsham Meeting – Cllr Knatchbull-Hugessen and Cllr Roberts attended (Pett, Fairlight and Guestling represented), no minutes received yet, discussed floodwater issues and planning including affordable housing, the new Rother planning portal and issues with no information on enforcement. Local Government reorganisation was brought up but currently no further information to discuss Bowls Club Meeting – BY/MR to arrange meeting to update on entrance works Phone Box Refurbishment and Bus Stop Refurbishment – Cllr Griffiths requested a accounts and quote to be circulated before a decision on budget could be made. Due to wish to get works done an Extraordinary Meeting on 13 November was requested and agreed Emergency Plan – Requires update with any new/revised contacts	MR BY BY/MR ALL BY
6	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Cllr Griffiths has investigated and it is not currently viable for the Parish Council to embark on this as a project due to cost and resourcing	
7	RALC REPORT – DEVOLUTION & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - RALC AGM took place on 22 October 2025. New officers and Executive Committee elected: Chair: Keith Robertson	

