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Milland Parish Council Minutes – May 2026

Minutes of the meeting of Milland Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th May in Milland Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs, Mrs L Myles (in the chair), Mrs G Morton, Mr N Oldham, Mr J Parker, Mrs S Hoar, Mr M Dumas and Mrs R Denby (clerk). Members of the public: 2 (one district Cllr).

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr A Farley, Mr J Wassenberg.

2. Election of Chairman 2026-27

Mrs L Myles elected, N Oldham proposed, Mrs S Hoar seconded and all voted in favour

3. Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman

Office accepted and declaration signed.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman

J Wassenberg elected, Mrs L Myles proposed, Mr J Parker seconded, all voted in favour

5. Declaration of Interests

NONE.

6. Appointment of members to serve on committees for 2026-27

(Chairman ex-officio on all committees)

Finance & General Purposes – Messrs Parker, Farley, Oldham, Dumas and the Clerk (Chair ex officio)

Planning – Messrs Parker (Chair), Farley, Wassenberg, Dumas

Environment & Amenities – Mrs Hoar, Mrs Morton, Vacancy – not to be filled

7. Appointment of representatives to local groups and organisations

Milland Memorial Hall – J Parker – nb wife is a trustee

Borden Village Hall – Mrs Morton

Milland Bonfire Group – Mr Parker

Milland Tennis Club – Mr Farley

Milland Stores – Mr Oldham

Sports Club – Vacancy tbc

Hollycombe School – Mrs Hoar

8. Areas of responsibility (nb Rob Findlay has offered assistance here)

Milland Lane North/B2070 - Jeremy Parker

Wheatsheaf/Foley/Forest Mere/Ripsley – Louise Myles

Cartersland/Fernhurst Road/Strettons – Sue Hoar

Millvale Meadows, Drakeleys Field/Pennels Close/West Meade – Nigel Oldham (R Findlay to send quote for tree work then clerk to check with residents)

Hollycombe/Wardley/Lambourne - Alastair Farley

Rake Rd – Johannes Wassenberg

Pennels Bridge / Cooks Pond Road /Borden and Rondle Wood – Gillian Morton

Action: Clerk

9. Dates and times of ordinary meetings 2026-27

- 2026 - July 8th, September 9th, November 11th

- 2027 January 13th, March 10th, April 14th **Annual Parish Meeting**, May 12th **Annual Statutory Meeting**

AGREED.

10. Confirm and sign the Minutes of 11th March 2026
AGREED AND SIGNED.

11. Report from the County & District Councillors Cllr E Newbery present from district

District

Planning

Parking

Environmental Projects

Other Projects

Finances and Taxes

Devolution

County – (April report)

Local Government Reorg

County Elections

Midhurst Building Fire Damage

Town of Culture

Resident Issues

12. Public Participation

Climate change was raised with district Cllr. Clerk to draft a letter to County and cc District / County Cllr's re road and ditch issue as resident has been digging section to take out the water (clerk to confirm exact location with JP and RF, landowner is already doing what they can before the ditches. West Sussex Riparian ownership contact – find out who. County council Highways can write to landowner if needed. Also raised was the Milland Lane closure for so long is causing concern and the big lorries are a further concern. Clerk to again write to highways re Milland Lane, in view of damage done by lorries being fixed by them is there any way we can ban larger lorries. Also, clerk to write to local companies regarding lorry routes.

Action: Clerk

13. Matters arising from the Minutes – not included in the agenda

NONE

14. Other Administration

a) Milland Valley Memorial Hall Heads of Agreement

To be part of Business Plan to meet with Hall, previous survey quote received was £795

b) Padel Court

To consider in the community plan item remove from agenda

c) Emergency Planning – Winter and Resilience

JP - Emergency current plan in place to keep roads clear of snow, but equipment has since become unusable as used too infrequent, RF has a serviceable plough that could be used if needed but previously funds could not be claimed back from county if agreement not signed by plough operator, clerk to check rules around this. Now addition of resilience planning for cyber / utilities loss / attack. Two levels to look at 1. Personal preparedness for shorter time limits, 2. then for extended periods becomes a community issue. JP to talk to local residents who own appropriate kit that could be needed / used. Identify community hubs / safe spaces, e.g. village halls, shop. pub and local assets such as generators/tractors. How we publicise. Shop List of vulnerable people.

Action: Clerk / NO / JP

d) Business Plan

Parish plan scope widened to involve all in the community, separate meeting about this to be held. Fix a special meeting outside of council for this.

Action: Clerk

e) Parish Clusters

To be included in the business plan.

Action: LM / MD / Clerk

- f) Martyn's Law
JP - organisers of large events to consider terror threat, low level 200-799 and advance above 800, Bonfire event may well fall into this. We need more clarity on what is required from the guidance, possibly briefing volunteer helpers on how to evacuate the event. Impact on bonfire committee. **Action: JP**
 - g) Milland Tennis Club
Repainting due to start this week.
 - h) Parish Finger Posts
Awaiting quote from Ralph Restorations and obtain additional quote from Milland Joinery. **Action: Clerk**
 - i) Councillor Vacancy
Leave advertised
 - j) Adding value to the Parish
 - i. Milland Meet Up
10/06/26 next meeting, advertised on website
- 15. Planning**
- a) Applications and Decisions
JP - Fairly Quiet, Hatch Farm ongoing works. Land next to Veralan latest plan does address concerns raised in original objection. JP to produce response for council around affordable housing. **Action: JP**

New Planning Applications

SDNP/26/00900/OHL

Electricity Act 1989 by falling within the Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 - Notification of intention to replace 2 x 33 Kv wooden electricity poles (1 structure - H Pole) on the LANC-FERN (Black) - 33 Kv circuit (ref: NL/P39219).

Land West of Robins Cottage, Wardley Lane, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7LX

SDNP/26/01447/HOUS 1 no. garden outbuilding and decking area. **Durrants Cottage, Fernhurst Road, Milland, West Sussex, GU30 7LU**

Planning Decisions

NONE

16. Environment & Amenities and Highways matters

- a. Traffic Calming
 - i. Wardley Lane
no update – to chase **Action: MD**
 - ii. Milland Crossroads/Lane
Request Traffic Data be shared to suggest imposing 40mph limit extension **Action: JP**
- b. Hollycombe SID
GM - In place and working and has been rotated, currently working with school PTA for them to take over responsibility, requested funds for additional mounted plate at approx. £135 – APPROVED
- c. Harting Coombe Crossroads
Not Milland, email to Rogate, remove from agenda. **Action: Clerk**
- d. Community Speed Watch
Starts Friday 15/05/26 with training, advertising in place.
- e. Durrants Pond –
now owned by Hollycombe estate confirmed by JP, will be raised at community meeting **Action: JP**

17. Finance - Responsible Finance Officer- DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED PRIOR TO MEETING

- a) Statement of Accounts
APPROVED
- b) Payments for approval
APPROVED
- c) End of Year Accounts
APPROVED
- d) Internal audit
Points discussed raised by Tracey IA, clerk to follow up.
- e) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)
APPROVED
- f) Insurance Renewal Approval
APPROVED and pursue further 3 yr FRA
- g) PWL Application Update
NO circulated info, await decision and decide if to draw down then, shop now ok
- h) Annual Policy Review - Clerk to review and update where necessary for next interim IA
 - i. Financial Regulations
 - ii. Standing Orders
 - iii. Risk Assessment
 - iv. Risk Management Policy

Action: Clerk

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18. AOB

Issue raised on request received for a memorial Bench to be placed in Parish and clerk to write short policy on why we are not accepting these requests (concerns around HSE and maintenance) and that we will look at commemoration alternatives as part of business plan, draft response to Caroline Powe re Mr Friend.

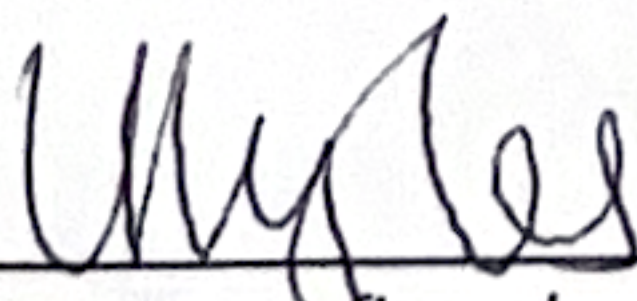
Action: Clerk / MD

Meeting closed 19:57pm

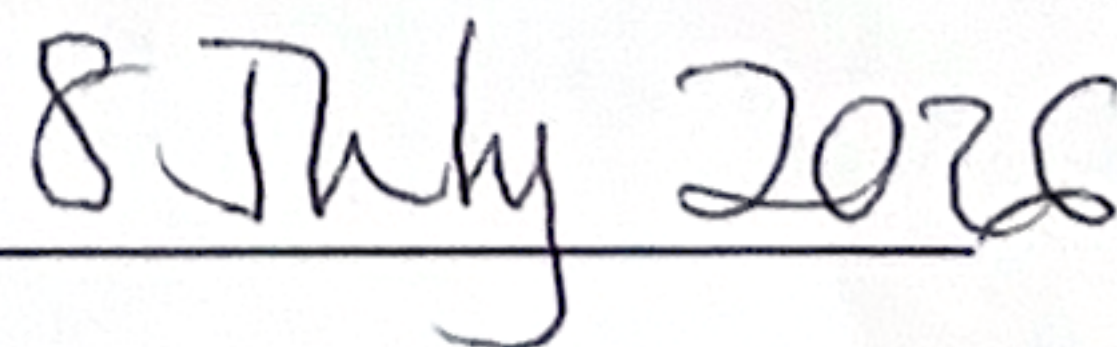
Date of next meeting – 08 July 2026

Rebecca Denby, Clerk to the Council, 21 May 2026

Chairman:



Date:



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