Report to Findon Parish Council

Meeting Date 28 July 2025

From Fiona MacLeod, Clerk

Title of Report Clerk Report

Purpose of Report For information and consideration

## 1. For information/action

- 1.1 The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has now reached an agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The pay award for my pay scale is £0.61 per hour before tax and will equate to an additional £42.70 per month before tax. As a result, I will apply the backdated award amount for the months of April, May, and June to my July 2025 salary.
- 1.2 An email has been received from Arun District Council (ADC) following a complaint from a resident regarding the chiming of the School Clock and I will be contacting ADC this week. I understand from the School that the Clock does not chime during the school holiday period. Councillors may recall a similar occurrence in 2023 and I will provide an update on the current complaint following discussion with ADC. The statutory 'noise nuisance' legislation (Noise and Statutory Nuisance 1993) states that the noise which is the cause of the complaint must be (or is likely to be) either detrimental to a person's health and/or it is interfering (or is likely to interfere) with a person's own enjoyment of their own property and land
- 1.3 A resident has emailed me regarding the number of house/burglar alarms that have been going off in the village. I have not been contacted by any other residents on this matter.
- 1.4 As Councillors are aware, The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is running a consultation until 1 August 2025 on the draft Partnership Management Plan (PMP). No comments were received on the draft PMP received following my email with a Comments Log on 16 July 2025
- 1.5 The Data (Use and Access) Act (DUAA) received Royal Assent on 19 June 2025. All this will take time, however the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has advised that it will provide updates on progress through a dedicated DUAA newsletter announcing when the new laws commence and when FPC can expect new guidance and support from the ICO.
- 1.6 West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service (WSFRS) has launched a public consultation on its proposals for its next Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2026-2030. The CRMP is the fire service's business plan setting out how it will keep the communities of West Sussex safe over the next four years, building on the priorities laid down in the service's CRMP 2022 2026. The Consultation closes on 22 September 2025. Details can be found at Community Risk Management Plan 2026-2030 | Your Voice West Sussex and have been published on the FPC web site.

## 2. Issues for consideration/ratification by full Council

- 2.1 Does FPC wish to make any comment on the Consultation at para 1.4 to this report ?
- 2.1 Does FPC wish to consider the CRMP as detailed in para 1.6 to this report at its meeting on 15 September 20025 ?