

Report to	Findon Parish Council
Meeting Date	15 September 2025
From	Fiona MacLeod, Clerk
Title of Report	Clerk Report
Purpose of Report	For information and consideration

1. For information/action

- 1.1 The dates for the 2026 full Council and Planning Committee meetings have been booked in Nepcote Hall, and the Annual Parish Meeting has been booked in Chanctonbury Hall. The meeting dates are attached as Appendix 1 to this report for your diaries now and will be published on the FPC website/placed in the Notice Boards in December 2025.
- 1.2 West Sussex councils have reached a significant milestone in the journey towards reshaping local government. A business case for local government reorganisation has now been completed and will be presented at council meetings across the county, districts, and boroughs towards the end of September. You can find the papers for this meeting here: [\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Full Council, 24/09/2025 18:00](#) . Councils will submit a letter to central government on 26 September proposing their preferred option for local government in West Sussex. Following this, the government will carry out stakeholder consultation and a final decision from government is anticipated in spring 2026.
- 1.3 Arun District Council (ADC) is inviting residents, families, and visitors to take part in an important consultation about memorials within its cemeteries, including Findon. Memorials are deeply personal. They reflect love, loss, heritage, and the stories of those who shaped our communities. As custodians of these spaces, ADC want to ensure that its approach to memorials is respectful, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of all who visit. ADC is also looking closely at how memorials relate to the wider landscape, ensuring safe access for those with mobility difficulties, and protecting habitats that support local wildlife. These spaces serve many purposes: remembrance, quiet reflection, and connection with nature. The online consultation is open until **21st September**, with the possibility of extension depending on engagement levels.
<https://tinyurl.com/ms4xswmv>
- 1.4 Residents and communities in Arun are being asked to share their views on crime, community safety and the ongoing plans to tackle persistent anti-social behaviour. The more residents that complete these surveys, the better the oversight ADC will have to understand what's working and what needs improvement.

ADC is running two concurrent surveys from Monday **8 September 2025 until Sunday 12 October 2025**. Details are available to view on the FPC website www.findonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Safer Arun Partnership community safety survey is keen to understand more about the issues that most affect residents. As the partnership is currently reviewing its strategic plan, it's a critical time for the voices of residents to be heard so a robust plan can be put in place.

<https://forms.office.com/e/hNM8ysAKcJ>.

The second survey is asking residents, businesses, and visitors for their views on the Council's anti-social behaviour related Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). Local authorities can implement a PSPO to combat persistent anti-social behaviour and activities in areas where it's having a detrimental effect on the local community. Restrictions imposed by a PSPO apply to everyone who uses the relevant area and so must be fair and proportionate to the level of nuisance being caused. <https://forms.office.com/e/Z9NmWrb1gK>. This Order is due to expire at the end of March 2026.

- 1.5 Police & Government Cyber Crime Support for Local Organisations. The Police Cyber Resilience Centre for the South East (SECRC) is a Home Office and policing initiative set up to help organisations protect themselves from fraud and cyber crime. To support local organisations, SECRC is offering practical tools, guidance, and resources to help identify and reduce vulnerabilities. The support is aimed at organisations that use email, websites, social media, or internet-connected devices, including parish councils, charities, and small businesses. Users gain immediate access to funded security awareness training that helps meet ICO guidance on data protection, regular threat updates, actionable guidance, and a direct link to police cyber security expertise. www.secrc.police.uk. Details will be published on the FPC and Community websites. Please feel free to share this information as appropriate.

2. Issues for consideration/ratification by full Council

- 2.1 None.