

Report to	<b>Findon Parish Council</b>
Meeting Date	<b>1 December 2025</b>
From	<b>Fiona MacLeod, Clerk</b>
Title of Report	<b>Clerk report</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>For information and consideration</b>

**1. For information/action**

- 1.1 The Wayleave Agreement with UK Power Networks has been signed off in connection with a Condition made by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) on the Soldiers Field House application. Councillors have had sight of the relevant documentation and I will advise further when I have a date for the works, expected in the New Year.
- 1.2 Sean Smith has been asked to take on the role of MC for the Xmas Lights switch on event as Clive Ball is stepping down. This will be Sean's 'shadow year'.
- 1.3 The FPC Notice Boards outside the Village Shop are letting in water and condensation makes it difficult to read notices in all of the three boards. The Boards were custom made in 2014 following the irreparable damage to the Notice Board on Pond Green and are really showing signs of deterioration.
- 1.4 As councillors will be aware, a young resident has asked for the refurbishment or replacement of the goal post and netting near Nepcote Green Pond that has fallen into disrepair.
- 1.5 A suggestion has been made by a resident as a result of the FPC Traffic Survey School Hill one way proposals to utilise the cemetery car park as a drop off/pick up point for the St John the Baptist School students.
- 1.6 Local Government Reorganisation Proposal update. Consultations on two proposals from principal councils in West Sussex and East Sussex were announced by government on 20 November 2025:
  1. West Sussex County Council submitted a proposal for one unitary council.
  2. Arun District Council, Adur District Council, Chichester District Council, Crawley Borough Council, Horsham District Council, Mid-Sussex District Council and Worthing Borough Council submitted a proposal for two unitary councils.

The consultation can viewed vis the following link [Proposals for local government reorganisation in East Sussex and Brighton and Hove, and West Sussex - GOV.UK](#) and are open until 11 January 2026.

- 1.7 The Safer Arun Partnership has reviewed its strategic priorities as part of setting the new partnership plan for 2026-28. Alongside continuing to tackle antisocial behaviour and violent crime, the partnership is also keen to improve the overall feeling of safety in the district. Amongst the strands of this particular piece of work is to build community cohesion. Community cohesion within a community safety context is about creating a sense of belonging, trust, and mutual respect among all groups in our communities, whilst reducing tensions and reducing

crime and ASB. It is about creating societies who feel safe, valued, and connected to the services around them. Arun District Council would very much welcome the opportunity to work with parishes to develop this. As a starter, they would like to invite all parish and town clerks to discuss this further, to share experiences from your areas, and collaborate on a shared vision that we all believe can help strengthen the resilience of communities across the district. I have tentatively accepted to attend the in person event on 23 January 2026 at Arun Civic Centre.

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

2.1 Does FPC wish to:

2.2 Consider replacing the Notice Boards as detailed in para 1.3 of the report in the 2026/27 financial year and allocate a provisional budget accordingly?

2.3 Consider refurbishment/replacement of the equipment as detailed in para 1.4 of the report in the 2026/27 financial year and allocate a provisional budget accordingly?

2.4 Consider the suggestion detailed in para 1.5 of the report and refer to the Roads and Parking Working Group?

2.5 Consider a response to the consultation in para 1.6 of the report?

2.6 Provide the Clerk with guidance on any issues/experiences for useful discussion at the event detailed in para 1.7 of the report?