

fThe Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of Lavant Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7:00pm in the Green Room, Memorial Hall, Pook Lane, Lavant.

72. Election of Chairman

Cllr Goldsmith proposed, and Cllr Tucker seconded, the re-election of Tim Aldridge as Chairman.

Cllr Tim Aldridge was unanimously re-elected as Chairman.

73. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Aldridge proposed, and Cllr Tucker seconded, the re-election of Chris Turner as Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Chris Turner was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

74. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Brookes-Harmer.

75. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests.

a) None.

b) None.

c) None.

76. Public Session.

Two reports were previously circulated to the Council from Nick Reynolds, who was unable to attend the meeting (attached Appendix A + B). The Council confirmed they had received and read the reports.

A member of the public raised the issue of flooding on the new A286 St. Nicholas pedestrian crossing, which will be raised with CLLR Lovejoy once he is more settled in his new role. Cllr Aldridge recommended that the WSCC website has a section dedicated to reporting such issues and stated this as the best course of action.

77. To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 were unanimously APPROVED.

78. Brief Q&A from County Councillor on his report affecting this Parish.

Cllr Lovejoy was in attendance. Cllr Aldridge welcomed him to the Council and the Parish. It was noted that HGV movements in East Lavant had been raised with him during his election campaign, as a particular concern.

The issue is to be addressed at item 86.

79. Brief Q&A from District Councillor on his report affecting this Parish.

Cllr Brookes-Harmer was not in attendance, but previously circulated his report with the Council, as attached at Appendix C.

80. Chairman's Report.

Bridge project

The Council was informed that weldmesh screens would be installed on both sides of the bridge to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements. This option is considered more cost-effective than timber and is not expected to detract significantly from the

appearance of the bridge. A quote will be obtained for the installation of a security fence and gate to replace a single panel of the existing chain-link fence at the approach to the bridge.

School Car Park

No further progress. The Council are still awaiting the quote from Hamilton.

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No further application will be made until the current Community Highways application process is concluded.

Operation Watershed applications

The Council is still waiting to hear from Landbuild to get a schedule of works and a timeframe. It is anticipated that a further site meeting will be needed.

St Nicholas Road bus shelter

The Council is still waiting for a start date; it is anticipated this will be in late May.

Football Pitch

George Sports Services have carried out the majority of the renovation works. The pitch and the Green have been verti-drained and the pitch has had 40 tons of top dressing applied together with a granular fertiliser. It has been reseeded and once that has taken, in about two weeks, a selective herbicide will be applied to control the weeds.

A quote has also been received to apply a selective herbicide to the Green.

Cllr Quest questioned whether the Green required de-weeding, noting that, as Lavant is situated on an aquifer, any substances applied to the ground could potentially enter the river system. It was suggested that maintaining the grass at an appropriate height may be sufficient and that de-weeding may not be necessary.

Cllr Turner noted that the chemicals proposed for use are highly mobile and that research data suggests they *can* enter groundwater.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the matter would not be pursued at this time and that alternative methods of controlling the weeds could be investigated.

Raughmere development

No update.

Trees

Village Green: Chichester Trees are currently on site and are expected to continue works into tomorrow. A substantial amount of dead wood has been removed from the Turkey Oak in the car park area, and works are continuing around the green.

Paul Cordle was unable to deliver the additional lime tree; this will now be deferred until autumn or early spring.

LMH Car Park Lighting

The Council is awaiting further quotes, however the decision rests with the LMH Committee. Cllr Aldridge is to make contact with Rupert Burton.

81. Agree representatives of outside bodies

The following representative were confirmed:

- a) Memorial Hall- *CLLR Tucker*
- b) Fete Committee – *CLLR Quest*
- c) Allotment Association- *CLLR Goldsmith*
- d) Goodwood Motor Circuit – *CLLR Mayhead*
- e) Goodwood Aerodrome -*CLLR Mayhead*
- f) West Sussex Association Local Councils (WSALC) – *CLLR Aldridge & CLLR Turner*
- g) Chichester District Association Local Councils (CDALC) – *CLLR Aldridge & CLLR Turner*
- h) Eastmead- *CLLR Turner & CLLR Quest*
- i) Planning – *CLLR Tucker*
- j) Environment – *CLLR Quest, Goldsmith, Whincop & Tucker.*
- k) Heritage – *CLLR Whincop*
- l) Communications – *CLLR Mayhead & CLLR Finley*
- m) Playground – *CLLR Quest*
- n) Lavant Volunteers – *CLLR Aldridge & CLLR Turner*
- o) Police liaison – *CLLR Goldsmith*
- p) Footpaths – *CLLR Aldridge*
- q) Traffic (to include Community Speedwatch) – *CLLR Tucker*
- r) SDNPA – *CLLR Aldridge & CLLR Turner*

82. To approve by resolution the following documents:

The following policies were unanimously APPROVED:

- a) Lavant Parish Council Financial Regulations
- b) Lavant Parish Council Standing Orders
- c) Lavant Parish Council IT Policy
- d) Lavant Parish Council Risk Assessment
- e) Lavant Parish Council Grievance and Disciplinary/Appeal Policies
- f) Lavant Data Protection Policy
- g) Lavant Data Breach Policy
- h) Lavant Complaints Policy
- i) Lavant Vexatious Complaints Policy
- j) All other policies and Code of Conduct.

83. GDPR

It was confirmed that all Councillors have reviewed the annual GDPR training.

84. Fixed Asset Register

The updates to the Fixed Asset Register were APPROVED - subject to the addition of the interpretation boards across the village, which had not been previously included.

85. Traffic management

a) To provide updates on progress made

An edited email, based on the original letter from Nick Reynolds, was sent to West Sussex County Council Highways. A response was received, although views on the value of the response varied.

It is anticipated that the following proposals may be implemented:

- Introduction of a 20mph speed limit through the village;
- Relining of a number of junctions;

- Installation of white lines on the bridge to create the appearance of a narrower carriageway;
- Potential extension of the pavement at the Sheepwash Lane/Pook Lane junction.
- Tree planting as a means of obscuring visibility and encouraging drivers to reduce speed.

It was mentioned that under Operation Crackdown, a report was submitted regarding a lorry travelling along Pook Lane which hit two cars. A response was received stating that the incident was deemed a 'collision' rather than 'irresponsible road use'. However, the Council challenged this response, following which images were requested and subsequently provided. No response has been received, as of yet.

It was noted that the pedestrian crossing outside Lavant Memorial Hall remains an ongoing matter for discussion.

b) To APPROVE the purchase of two speed indicator devices from Elan City at a total cost of £ 5615.98 (incl. VAT).

The purchase of two speed indicator devices from ElanCity was APPROVED – with locations yet to be determined. It was noted that there are restrictions regarding where the devices may be installed.

It was suggested that West Stoke Road, on the approach to the school, would be a useful location. As the devices are mobile, multiple locations can be identified and the units moved as required.

86. Finance.

- a) CLLR Aldridge signed the bank statement (of the previous month) and bank reconciliation from the online accounting package.
- b) The previously circulated payments list, as attached at Appendix D, was APPROVED.

87. Internal Audit

The Council RECEIVED the Internal Audit from Mulberry & Co.

88. Annual Governance and Accountability Returns

- a) The Council unanimously APPROVED the annual governance statement and the Chair signed the AGAR document.
- b) The Council unanimously APPROVED the annual accounting statement and the Chair signed the AGAR document.

89. Planning

a) Planning Authority decisions received

SDNP/26/00422/TCA

Proposal: Notification of intention to fell 2 no. Pittosporum trees (T2), 1 no. Golden Chain (Laburnum) tree (T3), 6 no. Leyland Cypress trees (T4 to T9) and 2 no. Holly trees (T10 and T11).

Location: Flint Lodge , A286 Sheepwash Lane To West Stoke Road, Mid Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0BH

RAISE NO OBJECTION

SDNP/26/00417/TCA

Proposal: Notification of intention to reduce height by 33% on 1 no. Pittosporum (A), 1 no. Silver Birch tree (B), 1 no. Prunus tree (D) and 1 no. Hawthorn tree (E). Remove 3 no. branches at a height of 3.5m (above ground level) on north sector on 1 no. Prunus 'Mount Fuji' tree (C).

Location: Sussex Cottage, Lower Road, East Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0AQ

RAISE NO OBJECTION

SDNP/25/04236/HOUS

Proposal: Proposed detached garage with garden store.

Location: Riverside, A286 Sheepwash Lane To West Stoke Road, Mid Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0BJ

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

SDNP/26/00192/HOUS

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension.

Location: 51 Springfield Close, Mid Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0AZ

APPROVED

SDNP/26/00513/LIS

Proposal: Removal of internal wall.

Location: 78 Langford Cottages, Chilgrove Road, Lavant, West Sussex, PO18 9HL

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

SDNP/26/00668/HOUS

Proposal: Loft conversion including dormer windows to North, South, West and East, and flat roof terrace on the second floor.

Location: The Rubbing House, Town Lane, Singleton, West Sussex, PO18 0SP

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

b) Planning Applications for confirmation or consideration

LV/26/00169/TPA

Proposal: Fell 1 no. Ash tree (5). Crown reduce by up to 3m (all round) on 1 no. Sycamore tree (3). Reduce 1 no. limb on north sector at 4m (above ground level) by up to 4m (from top) on 1 no. Sycamore tree (4). All 3 no. trees within Area, A10 subject to CC/74/00636/TPO.

Address: Land North Of Summersdale Court, Lavant Road, Chichester, West Sussex

This application was SUPPORTED.

SDNP/26/01296/LIS + SDNP/26/01329/HOUS

Proposal: Convert carport to home office, garage to bedroom (internal changes only) and installation of electric charging point.

Location: Rooks Hill , A286 Oldwick Meadows To Sheepwash Lane, Lavant, West Sussex, PO18 0BQ

This application was SUPPORTED

SDNP/26/01367/LIS + SDNP/26/00059/HOUS

Location: Goodwood Cottage, 51 Lavant Road, Mid Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO180BQ

Application: Proposed single detached garage and minor alterations to host dwelling. Resurfaced driveway and parking area

This application was SUPPORTED

SDNP/26/01461/PA16

Applicant: Cornerstone, Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited

Proposal: Removal and replacement of existing 20.75m monopole supporting 3no. antennas and 1no.0.3m dish with 22.90m monopole supporting 3no. antennas, 1no. 0.6m dish, and 1no. relocated 0.3m dish, and ancillary development.

Location: Telecommunications Mast, Lavant Pumping Station, Lavant Down Road, Mid Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0DD

This application was SUPPORTED

LV/26/00801/FUL - Minor Dev - Retail/Dstrbtn/Services

Proposal: 1 no. farm office and welfare building.

Location: Hunters Race Farm, Hunters Race, Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 5UD

This application was SUPPORTED.

90. Clerk's Correspondence

- a) The request for the Lavant Players to use the Village Green on Monday 15th June from 6pm-9pm for their annual AGM and BBQ was APPROVED.
- b) The request for a memorial bench on the Village Green by Mrs May was APPROVED.
- c) The request for a memorial bench on the Village Green by Mr Bailey was APPROVED.
- d) The request to use the Green (alongside hire of the Lavant Memorial Hall) for a child's birthday party, with a bouncy castle, on Sunday 19th July was APPROVED.
- e) The request from Lavant Primary School to use the Village Green following their school performance at Lavant Memorial Hall on Thursday 16th July was APPROVED – it was agreed that the £25 suggested donation be waived for this usage.
- f) The request from Lavant Horticultural Society to plant a variety of spring bulbs around her husband's memorial Spindle tree near to the war memorial, in memory of Pauline Wiliams and her commitment to the society, was APPROVED.

91. Recreation Ground funds

The Clerk explained that, as the Parish Council is now responsible for maintaining the Lavant Parish Recreation Trust funds, the internal auditor had advised that a 'Memorandum of Understanding' be drawn up to transfer full responsibility for the Recreation Ground to the Council. The Council AGREED that the Clerk obtain a quote for this work from Irwin Mitchell.

92. Drinks party

It was suggested that a drinks party be held to thank Jeremy Hunt for his service. Cllr Aldridge will circulate dates.

93. Lavant Memorial Hall correspondence

- a) Responsibility for the textiles bin has been transferred to Lavant Memorial Hall. A location has been agreed adjacent to the brick wall at the rear of the cricket pavilion. It was noted that the same company is used as at the primary school.
- b) It was reported that Lavant Memorial Hall continues to receive comments and queries regarding the car park lighting. Cllr Aldridge agreed to pursue the matter and make contact with Rupert Burton.
- c) It was noted that the clocks require changing and that the key safe had not been updated during the month.

94. Items for inclusion on next agenda

None

95. Date of next Lavant Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 9th June. In the absence of Cllr Aldridge, Vice-Chair Turner will Chair the meeting. September meeting: Cllr Turner will Chair and Cllr Goldsmith will record the minutes.

The meeting closed at: 20:00pm.

Appendix A

Comments from Nick Reynolds regarding the bridge and footpath.

History

The new bridge was a component of our work in 2016/17 that resulted in the making of the LNPD. It provides a new safe footpath from mid Lavant to the village green. 2 years ago I undertook gratis an architectural design and documentation that formed a planning application by LPC. Following approval from SDNPA (and the grant of some funding) engineering design options were prepared. Subsequently, after further Value Engineering options the bridge has been constructed. LPC retrospectively obtained structural advice for the revised design which suggested some minor modifications to the balustrading.

So, after many months there is an now understandable frustration and disbelief by those who I have met and are using the bridge (via a tortuous route along the bank outside the playground area) as to why secure access through the playground has not yet been provided enabling the bridge to be properly used.

My comments below are intended to help LPC make 2 simple decisions at the 12/May meeting (not to be deferred again) to demonstrate such projects for the village can be delivered..

Guarding on the new Footbridge

Whilst the river bridge in Pook Lane alongside the road, the bridleway bridge in Binderton and the bridge west of Fordwater along the new footpath and many others do not appear to have found guarding necessary.... belt and braces may prevail to comply with Building Regs. in which case the weldmesh infill panel solution referred to below is a 'light touch', readily available and cost effective solution.

I could not recommend vertical wooden palisades as has been suggested to me.

- The resulting 'solid' appearance would fundamentally change the design concept and thereby almost certainly require a planning application to change the design.
- A review of the imposed wind loading should also be sought from the engineer.

Thus, to retain the bridge design concept for which planning approval and grant funding has been obtained (and to obviate the need to make a further planning application to SDNPA), prefabricated galvanised weldmesh panels could be fixed to the inside face of the balustrading. This would maintain the architectural expression of the balustrade construction.

The link to F H Brundle (<https://www.fhbrundle.co.uk/mesh//welded-mesh-framed-panels>) shows the options for prefabricated weld mesh infill panels that could fixed to the internal face of the horizontal rails with no cutting or specials required. Subject to check measurements I am suggesting galvanised panels 1082w x 972h x 10g with 8mm frame such that there is no snagging with cut metal sheets. I recommend that the sizes of the voids should be 50x50 but with a max size of 100 x 100 to comply with Building Regs.

The standard fixings need to be looked at but I believe this is a cost effective (at ?£19+VAT per panel + fixings+ delivery) solution. It would be visually unobtrusive and appropriate. It may be unnecessary to infill the small triangular shapes at either end and therefore standard rectilinear components could be obtained.. Weldmesh infill panels are a 'light touch', readily available and cost effective solution.

Playground Safety

To prevent unaccompanied children from accessing the bridge and the riverside on their own the existing fencing panel could be removed and a gate and posts set within lower fencing similar to that already in use into the smaller play area (see photo). There is no obvious need for any more extensive intrusion of fencing across the river bank. However security of the playground occupants is the responsibility of councillors.

EA matters

If and when the EA demonstrate that any damage to the river bed has been caused by the construction of the bridge any agreed remedial works will not be impacted by the above.

I hope that my comments prove to be a catalyst to close out the residual construction matters and enable the bridge to be safely used and formally opened. These comments are made in good faith with a view to unlocking the issues referred to above. I am not retained in any professional or other capacity and LPC will need to obtain whatever further advice they require.

Appendix B

Letter from Nick Reynolds regarding Traffic Management

I am writing regarding the recent exchange of letters between LPC (April 2026)and WSCC Highways – Nick De Sousa (response dated May 01 2026)

Once again, a step back has been taken in the progress towards real action and change for traffic issues in Lavant.

This backward step has occurred due to the lack of communication and real collaboration between LPC Councillors and residents (myself et al) who are promoting an initiative to get some progress in connection with the legal obligations of WSCC in relation to highways.

A draft of an LPC letter referred to above was submitted by myself and another experienced Lavant resident to LPC.

The purpose of this draft was very clear. To act as a catalyst to enable LPC to understand the WSCC status of the recommended improvements in the LHIP application.

I have no need to go over the considerable and lengthy process we have already gone through. WSCC Highways has all the evidence they need in the report that LPC submitted in July 2025 all of which align with WSCC key assessment criteria.

Unfortunately, the actual LPC letter sent to WSCC Highways (April 2026) took an entirely different approach and invited the frustrating and unconstructive response. This WSCC response was patronising, inaccurate in part and leads back into a familiar loop. As a consequence, LPC remains stuck.

It is very important that LPC communication occurs both ways. Giving myself and the other Lavant resident sight of the final draft before sending would not only have been a recognition of our knowledge and experience but would have ensured that the primary purpose of the letter was clear to both LPC and WSCC . The LPC letter was so '*objectively developed*'* .. that the object was lost in translation. (*Phrase taken from LPC Minutes)

We can't keep going on this way. We must find a way to work more effectively and efficiently in order to push WSCC Highways into action rather than another procrastinating response and another pointless meeting which goes over their reasons why remedial measures cannot be implemented in a known timeframe.

We must get WSCC to state what they *can and will do* based on all the work we have done and the Report which they accepted back in July 2025. It is all taking too long!

I hope that the above can be addressed during your meeting tomorrow under item 87 Traffic Management update

Appendix C

Lavant Parish council ward report
May 2026

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Welcome to the May edition of my ward report. There have been many different projects happening across the council and district over the past month. LGR and food waste and the 2026/27 budget plans form the largest percentage of the report for this month.

The handy guide to meetings that are scheduled for this month can be found at the end of my report.

Local Government reorganisation:

The government has delayed its decision on Local Government Reorganisation in Sussex, and will be consulting on two variations on the proposals already submitted.

The first proposed modification is moving Chichester District Council into a unitary with Crawley Borough Council, Horsham District Council and Mid Sussex District Council. Leaving a second unitary in West Sussex which would include Arun District Council, Adur District Council and Worthing District Council. The second modification would see boundary changes moving wards in Peacehaven and Saltdean from Lewes District Council in East Sussex to Brighton & Hove City Council. The consultation will take place after the elections - and a final decision is expected in the summer.

Link to overview:

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/east-sussex-brighton-and-hove-west-sussex>

Link with summary and documents:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-east-sussex-and-brighton-and-hove-and-west-sussex

Letter from government to West Sussex council leaders:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-reorganisation-letter-to-west-sussex-council-leaders>

Food Waste:

The brand-new weekly food waste recycling service is progressing well, to date, with over 75% of deliveries completed already. By the end of May, over 90% of roll-out will have been completed. Distribution of the new bins have completed now in the Lavant ward. For collections, please see the district council website under your usual waste collections.

This project is a huge undertaking, and I thank residents for their patience as we delivered caddies and bins to every individual property across more than 300 square miles. Implementing a new service like this requires meticulous planning, but we are really pleased with the progress made so far. From March, all councils in England that do not already offer a food waste collection service must have one in place. This will be a significant change and promises to bring substantial benefits to our district.

By collecting food waste separately, it can be recycled through Anaerobic Digestion – a process where food waste is broken down to produce biogas and bio-fertiliser and is a much more efficient and environmentally friendly way of processing. The new service is also expected to encourage residents to reduce their food waste, potentially saving around £20 per person per month. For tips on how to reduce your food waste please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/fightagainstfoodwaste.

Here's a quick reminder about the wide variety of food waste that can be placed in the bins:

all uneaten food and plate scrapings

raw meat and fish

cooked meat and fish

meat and fish bones

dairy products including cheese and eggs

tea bags and coffee grounds

rice, pasta and beans

bread, cakes and pastries

raw and cooked vegetables

vegetable peelings and cuttings

whole fruit

fruit stones

pet food; and,

mouldy and out-of-date food

The following items cannot be placed in the food waste bin:

any material that is not food waste

plastic carrier bags

packaging of any kind

liquids such as milk, oil or liquid fat

garden waste or flowers

compostable and biodegradable products (except liners); and,

animal waste and bedding.

Budget plans approved by Full Council:

In March, full council formally approved the 2026–27 budget, which sets out how we will continue protecting vital services while investing in projects that support our communities, local businesses, and the wider district economy. The budget includes a £5.74 annual increase for a Band D property – a 2.99% rise – bringing the average Band D council tax contribution to £197.80 per year, or around 54 pence a day, for more than 80 services delivered by the Council. This year’s spending plan focuses on targeted, high-impact initiatives that benefit residents, businesses, and local places. It maintains funding for the Supporting You service, which provides essential help to residents facing financial, housing, or wellbeing challenges. It also includes funding for the mandatory introduction of kerbside food waste collections; a top-up to the Housing Payments budget; funding for a county-wide Young People’s Supported Accommodation project; resources to help implement the Renters’ Rights Act; and additional support for a range of other services. The budget also includes a one-off commitment for 2026–27 to continue projects previously funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, including:

- Graffiti removal (£40,000) – Ongoing work to improve the appearance of public spaces.
- Events and evening/night-time economy support (£75,000) – to help deliver events that boost footfall and strengthen the night-time economy.
- Community cultural events (£30,000) – Continued investment in cultural activities that bring communities together.
- Business network building (£30,000) –to strengthen local business connections.
- Business grants (£150,000) – Funding to help businesses grow and innovate.

In addition, the budget allocates a further £250,000 for a small number of one-off strategic projects designed to strengthen community resilience and economic growth over the next financial year. Despite ongoing pressures from inflation, the cost-of-living crisis, and global uncertainty, the Council remains financially stable, debt-free, and able to deliver a balanced budget with a surplus. This stability allows continued investment in priority projects while protecting essential services. It is important to note that although the Council collects all council tax, only around 8% is retained by CDC. The remainder is distributed to West Sussex County Council, the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, and parish councils, each of which sets its own precept independently.

Energy-saving for homes:

Residents in the district who want to make their homes more energy efficient can now access a new website that allows them to develop a free personalised home improvement plan. Our free 'Energy Saving Plan Builder' website - <https://energysaving.planbuilder.co.uk> - enables residents to explore and customise the energy efficiency improvements that could be most

appropriate for their home and budget. Please do encourage residents to take a look at this new tool.

The online tool is designed to support residents in taking the first step towards healthier, more comfortable homes that are cheaper to run and have a reduced carbon footprint. The personalised plan provides estimated costs and savings for each measure, which residents can use as a starting point before seeking professional advice. On the website, householders can type in their postcode and select their property. Once they've confirmed that their property information is correct, the Plan Builder tool will create a summary of energy improvement ideas for their home.

Citizen's advice bureau:

Please do not forget about the drop-in service that is available to anyone who may need help and advice, this is available from East Pallant House that operates Monday-Friday 10.00-4.30 (available for drop-ins 10am-1pm)

Reporting incidents:

Reporting Incidents

Reporting a crime to the Police

Is it an emergency?

Call 999 in emergency situations like these:

- there is an immediate danger to life.
- someone is using violence or is threatening to be violent.
- a crime is happening right now, like a house burglary or a theft.
 - the suspect is still at the scene.

If it's not an emergency

Complete the online form. The report will be sent direct to the control room. [Report a crime | Sussex Police](#). Alternatively, you can call the non-emergency number: 101.

Noise, nuisance, and pollution incidents can be reported to Chichester District Council online at: [Noise, nuisance and pollution - Chichester District Council](#). This includes:

- air quality
- contaminated land
- pollution control
- bonfire problem,
- noise, nuisance and antisocial behaviour
 - water quality

Environment Agency – Environment incident hotline (24-hour service). Tel: 0800 80 70 60.

Website: Environment Agency - GOV.UK

To note: It is important to always report incidents to the appropriate organisation. Not every incident will be actioned at the time of reporting, but it will always be recorded. In some instances, there may be a need for numerous reports to be received to establish a better understanding of the situation and the impact on the individual/community. But without the reports it will not be possible to establish this.

Meetings for this month:

Tuesday 12 May, 9.30am Cabinet

Wednesday 13 May, 9.30am Planning Committee

Tuesday 19 May, 6pm Annual Council

Wednesday 22 May, 9.30am Development Plan & Infrastructure Panel

Events this month:

Cross Market & More:

Ending the month of April, our popular Cross, Market & More event returns to Chichester city centre on Sunday 26 April, from 10am to 4pm in North Street and East Street.

The event offers an innovative and high-quality market experience that showcases the wealth of talented creatives we are so lucky to have in our district.

Our regular Chichester Farmers' Markets take place on Friday 1 May, and Friday 15 May, 9am to 2pm. This regular market in the city attracts locals and those from further away in the district with locally-sourced products, food and crafts on offer.

Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride:

Sunday 17 May, 10am to 4pm in Chichester city centre. Last year we welcomed over 200 'Distinguished' motorcyclists to the city at the finish of the charity ride. The ride organisers are so grateful for the support CDC gives to the event by arranging the 'dapper' market, ensuring their safe arrival. The display is a great spectacle and brings in many visitors to the city. Both visitors and city businesses get involved on the day and it's very much welcomed by all.

Cross and More- Sunday 26 April

We'll be curating and delivering our popular Cross Market and More events on Sunday 26 April; Sunday 5 July (which will be combined with the annual Summer Street Party), and Sunday 4 October.

The markets will run 10am - 4pm, with up to 45 traders attending. The Summer Street Party will also include parts of South Street, West Street, and use of the Cathedral Green! These popular events have welcomed thousands of visitors since being launched in 2021, offering an innovative and quality market for all tastes.

The markets offer an opportunity for local artisan creatives, designers and makers to showcase their work alongside delicious street food and drink vendors through the day. Visitors will be able to browse a variety of unique products, from textiles and jewellery to homemade prints, arts and crafts, and much more. The markets will also feature live entertainment from local musicians.

These events are part of our strategy to bring more varied markets to the city centre in response to public feedback.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Best wishes,
Joseph

