



**WEST WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA**

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the West Wittering Parish Council at 7.00pm on Thursday 5th March 2026, in The Pavilion, Rookwood Road, West Wittering, PO20 8LT.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the meeting held on February 5th, 2026 (copy available in the Library and at www.westwitteringparishcouncil.gov.uk).
4. **Presentation: Saltmarsh Regeneration Project**
A presentation from Peter Hughes, Chichester Harbour Conservancy and Jennifer Pollitt, Southern Water.
5. Reports from County and District Councillors.
The Chair will open the meeting to allow members of the public present to ask questions of the County and District Councillors
6. To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25 February 2026.
7. To discuss and agree the approach for reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2029 and to appoint a steering group to oversee the process.
8. To consider a response to the Manhood Peninsula Partnership consultation.
9. To consider a report on the establishment of a Community Land Trust.
10. To consider a request from the West Wittering Cricket Club to hold a fireworks event on Millenium Meadow.
11. To discuss and agree the S137 grant application for Youth Dream delayed due to a change in staffing.
12. To approve payments for March 2026.

13. Reports from Working Parties and from representatives on other bodies:

	Topic	Agenda item
13.1	Environment and Green Spaces	To receive updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sewage and drainage• Pothole repairs• Village Green• Tennis Club lighting
13.2	Community Liaison	To receive verbal updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affordable housing initiative at Church Road• Stockbridge Road gas mains work
13.3	Parish Projects	To receive verbal updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The closure of the playground and replacement of playground equipment• The solar panels project
13.4	Parish Administration	To receive the budget monitoring statement for February 2026
13.5	Communication and engagement	To receive an update on the spring newsletter
13.6	Representation on other bodies	Councillors to report back on any meeting attended to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDALC Chair's meeting 24.02.26• CDALC Minutes 10.02.26• CDC Planning Training 10.02.26• CHC Report 10.02.26• Home Start visit 10.02.26

14. Open Forum – including questions from members of the public which the Council will consider. No decisions can be made against this item, but a future agenda item may be agreed as a result of the discussion.

15. Items for future agendas

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BUT MAY NOT SPEAK AT THE MEETING UNLESS INVITED TO DO SO BY THE CHAIRMAN. THANK YOU.

Mrs S Hawker, Clerk, February 27th 2026.

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WEST WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Thursday 5 February 2026, at 7pm in the Pavilion, Rookwood Road, West Wittering
[Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para 15]

WEST WITTERING PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT -

CLLR N PIKE (CHAIR), CLLR L HANDFORD, CLLR A HICKMAN, CLLR B HUTTON, CLLR K MARTIN, CLLR H PATEL, CLLR I WESTERN, CLLR B WRIGHT

IN ATTENDANCE -

CDC COUNCILLORS PRESENT: CLLR E HAMILTON

SUE HAWKER (CLERK), PASHA DELAHUNTY (DEPUTY CLERK) / MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 5

156/26 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr B Buckland. The Council sent best wishes to Cllr Buckland. Cllr P Montyn (WSSC) and Cllr M Chilton (CDC) were unable to attend the meeting.

157/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT –

Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 due to location of his house which may be affected by the tennis court lighting. Cllr Hickman declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 8 and Agenda Item 10 as he is the manager of the Rookwood Lawn Tennis Club.

158/26 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING –

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 January 2026, were agreed as a true and fair record and were approved by all. They were signed by the Chair.

159/26 - REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Cllr Hamilton shared that she had recently attended the All-Parishes Meeting where the local government reform and changes to renters' legislation were discussed. The new food waste collection service was highlighted and a member of the public explained that the initiative hopes to reduce residual waste while promoting sustainable waste management practices. Cllr Hamilton also confirmed that potential names for the new district had been circulated to local councillors for voting.

160/26 - PLANNING MINUTES – The Planning Minutes for 28 January 2026 were noted.

161/26 – TO ADOPT REVISED TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY – The Clerk confirmed that while this policy had already been adopted by the Council, however following advice from the qualification body training for volunteers and councillors have been added. It will be reviewed annually and will be published on the Council website.

162/26 – TO AGREE REPAIRS TO PUBLIC CONVENIENCES ROOF – Cllr Hutton highlighted the details of the report and drew attention to the differing timescales of each quote, confirming both options were

based on the same product (tile). Sample tiles will be available to view and consider before the order is placed to ensure that the colour is in keeping with the surrounding conservation area.

It was **RESOLVED** that Contractor B should be approached to carry out the work on the public conveniences roof. [*Public Health Act 1936, s.87*]

163/26 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNICATION FROM CDC – Details of the report and update were circulated before the meeting. The Council were delighted that from April 2026 affordable homes would be available to people in West Wittering. A great deal of work has gone into ensuring that this came to fruition at the Church Road development.

The Council discussed that there was an urgency to communicate with the local community as on only those who are eligible and on the housing register with CDC can be considered for the housing. People with a local connection (in Bands A, B or C) may have first preference. A flyer will be drafted and a distribution list of locations in the village will be produced to help publicise the information. The homes are not modified but were built in line with the Lifetime Home Standards and should be suitable for some individuals with mobility issues.

164/26 – TO APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2026 – Payments of £2121.40 were **APPROVED** and are listed below as Appendix 1. An additional payment of £450.00 for CiLCA training for the Deputy Clerk was also **APPROVED**. [*Local Government Act 1972, s. 111*]

ACTION POINT – The Clerk agreed to bring a tally of the footpath project costs to the next meeting.

The trees being planted along the footpath have been funded by Defra via CDC and need to be planted by mid-February. The Council thanked Jane Reeve for her work on this project.

165/26 – AGREE ACTIONS TO STOP ILLEGAL PARKING WITHIN THE VILLAGE GREEN – It was **RESOLVED**, to move this matter to Part 2 to consider legal advice. [*Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960*]

166/26 – TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ROOKWOOD LAWN TENNIS CLUB TO INSTALL LIGHTS ON THE TENNIS COURTS – The Rookwood Lawn Tennis Club compiled a report on their proposal which was circulation prior to the meeting. There will be no cost to the Parish Council for the installation of the lights as The F.G. Woodger Trust have agreed to fund the project, should the project be supported of the Council.

Children and working people would benefits from the lights as play could continue in the late afternoon/evenings during the winter months. Control of the lights would be via an App and the restrictions on hours and days would align with the football club. New modern lights are more tailored which results in less of a flood of lights in the area.

While the suggestion was made to widen the usage hours, it has not yet been confirmed if planning permission is required and the group agreed that the light timing constraints could be revisited if demand was high and permissions allowed. Some time ago, an electrical fault did result in a complaint about the football lights from the neighbouring cottages, but this was a technical issue and promptly resolved.

Representative from the Club agreed to work closely with the Council on the project and a separate electric supply and meter was suggested. The terms of use for the lighting would be set out in an agreement with the Club.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the tennis court lighting project in principle. Confirmation of permissions and a formal agreement would be needed before works could proceed. Cllr Martin abstained with other Councillors in agreement. [*Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1975, s19. Parish Councils Act 1957, s 3*]

167/26 – CONSIDER COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW APPLICATION TO CDC – Details of the proposal were set out in the report circulated with the meeting agenda. It was noted that the contribution of people outside of the council to working parties was beneficial. The Clerk raised that there may be a need to delegate some tasks formally which could only be done through a committee or sub-committees and in the past there had been issues with being quorate. The group agreed that the figures presented in the report did little to support or dissuade the argument for one new councillor. The Council agreed to postpone the matter until after May 2026. The Clerk can informally investigate the process.

168/26 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WORKING PARTIES

(1) Environment and Green Spaces –

West Wittering Cricket Club – Cllr Hutton was thanked for meeting with the fencing companies on site at the Cricket Club to help progress this matter. One quote had been received with a further expected. The CC has indicated that as the fence belongs to the Council, they should be responsible for the repairs however the nuisance of the wayward balls stems from the CC activity. There is an urgency to resolve this matter, and under the terms of their agreement with the Council the CC must not cause a nuisance.

Councillors expressed concerns over the logistics of extending the fence with additional panels and questioned if further extensions would be needed subsequent years. Other netting options should be explored and this matter will need to be revisited by the Council.

(2) Community Liaison –

Stockbridge Gas Main Works Update - There are regular online updates on these works which the Clerk will circulate to Councillors.

Ellanore Lane and The Pavillion entrance resurfacing – Details of late quotes have been received for fixing the potholes along the lane outside of the allotments as well as the tarmac at the entrance The Pavillion car park were shared with Councillors. Communications have also been taking place with the owner of Ellanore Farm about the condition of Ellanore Lane given the increase in lorry traffic relating to the building work taking place at the farmhouse.

It was noted that the owner of Ellanore Farm paid for the previous repairs of the road including the area adjacent to the allotments which are part of Council land. Councillors expressed concerns about investing funds for repairs as the building work is ongoing. The suggestion was that the minimum level of work should take place now to ensure the area was safe to drive and walk. Cllr Hutton warned that the quote may be subject to change if work to both areas did not coincide.

Cllr Martin proposed that the Council should approach the owner of Ellanore Farm to share equally in the costs to repair the potholes identified alongside the allotments (£2795 which be at a cost of £1397 to the Council). The motion was seconded by Cllr Western. The Council **RESOLVED** to spend £1397 to repair Ellanore Lane potholes if the owner of Ellanore Farm were amenable to sharing the costs of the repairs. [*Highways Act 1980, s. 41*]

(3) Parish Projects –

Replacement playground update – The work is scheduled to start on 27 April 2026.

Solar panels project update – Waiting for revised quotations however the cost of panels has decreased.

Snowhill Chains – Cllr Wright was thanked for conducting an audit of the vessels on the parish chains with an update to the report circulated to Councillors at the meeting. Five kayaks were identified as being non-compliant with the conditions of use for the site. The poor condition of one vessel was noted and a previously identified boat was no longer on the chains. The current terms do not reference the condition of vessels on the chains, only the need for a current CHC plaque to be displayed.

A discussion with most of the Councillors in support of regularising the use of chains which could include maintaining a register of users, charging a fee, and strengthening the conditions of use.

Councillors opposed to a formal management approach raised concerns about the time and costs that would be needed to manage the site as a commercial venture and suggested that as the sailing club is often involved with maintaining the site it would be prudent to discuss change with them.

Cllr Western, declared an interest as a user of the public chains but was in support of a more formal management system and fee for the use of the chains.

Action Point – The Clerks agreed to investigate options and would look at drafting a policy for the public chains to present at the April 2026 meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that a formal notice should be attached to the vessels who are not in compliance with the conditions of Snowhill chains. [*Open Spaces Act 1906, s 15*]

(4) Parish Administration –

(i) The Budget Monitor for December 2025 was received and noted.

(5) **Communication and Engagement** – It was **RESOLVED** that the next edition of the Parish Council newsletter should be in advance of the Annual Meeting in May. A deadline for articles submission was set for the end of March, with an April publication date. [*Local Government Act 1972, s 142*]

(6) **Representation on other bodies** – Cllr Handford shared that she had attended a twinning meeting and that 20 more people had expressed an interest in the trip planned for June 2026. Cllr Patel attended the All-Parish Meeting with updates already given by Cllr Hamilton. Cllr Martin attended the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) briefing which highlighted the need to review the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to ensure it remains effective. The Clerk confirmed that a review of the NP is already planned to coincide with the 6-month mark since the adoption of the Local Plan in late 2025. The West Wittering NP sets out housing criteria instead of allocations which puts the parish in an advantageous position. The Deputy Clerk shared that part of the local government reform could result in a 5-year term at the next parish elections to allow the process to realign with the county.

(7) **169/26 OPEN FORUM** – A member of the public suggested that the Birdham housing development adjacent to the shop may not proceed as numerous issues have been identified with the site. Cllr Hamilton who sits on the Birdham Parish Council was not aware of this potential development.

A letter had been received from Cllr Barrett which raised concerns about the sewage at Pound Road. It had been previously suggested that the school could escalate action via the Department of Education (DfE) as children were needing to walk through sewage to get to school.

Action Point – The Clerk will contact the Headteacher at West Wittering School to encourage them to log a formal complaint to the DfE about the sewage problem at Pound Lane and how it is affecting pupils. The Chair will respond to Cllr Barrett.

170/26 Private session (Agenda Item 8)

AGREE ACTIONS TO STOP ILLEGAL PARKING WITHIN THE VILLAGE GREEN – It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with direct action against the illegal parking on private land via a third-party enforcement provider.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed:
Chair

Date:

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Appendix 1 - Payments for approval January 2026

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

January 2026

PAYEE	DESCRIPTON	AMOUNT £
A T Hickman	Health & Safety & maintenance	100.00
	Public toilet meter reading. Let the twinning association in for meeting on a Friday evening and show them the locking up procedure and hand over the keys. Remove an awful lot of firework debris from the sports field after new years eve. Remove all the ivy which was covering the sign in the pavilion carpark	45.00
	Litter picking	75.00
Arbtechnic Ltd	Delivery of woodchip for the East West Cycle path hedge project	210.00
CDC	Weekly emptying of the 1100 litre bin	84.00
English Gardens	Pavilion Garden	55.00
JNR Computer services	IT Support for October	217.20
MD Contracting	Village Green maintenance contract	156.00
Barry Napper	Further repairs to posts and rails on the cycle path fence prior to planting of trees.	90.00
Scribe Support	Allotment and Accounts packages subscription	124.80
Travis Perkins	Materials for the cycle path fence repairs	15.32
Office supplies ltd	Printer ink and paper	161.32
WSALC	New Clerks training and planning training	£138.00
Wicks Farm	Hedge cut and leaf blow cycle path ditch	382.80
Bank payments		
Mailchimp	Parish mailing list communications	11.67
RAMAR	Payroll Services	12.98
Website Success	Website support	214.25

PAYEE	DESCRIPTON	AMOUNT £
Vodafone Ltd	Parish Council mobile	12.47
Zoom	WWPC license	15.59
Total payments		2121.40
Additional Payment agreed by Council:		
Celia Price Consultancy	Deputy Clerk CiLCA training	450.00
Total payments		2571.40



WEST WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Wednesday 25 February 2026, at 10.30am in The Pavilion, Rookwood Road, West Wittering.

PRESENT: CLLR B HUTTON (DEPUTY CHAIR), CLLR B WRIGHT, CLLR L HANFORD, CLLR N PIKE, CLLR B BUCKLAND, S HAWKER (CLERK), P DELAHUNTY (DEPUTY CLERK)

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** - Cllr K Martin. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Hutton.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** - The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 January 2026, were approved as a true and fair record and were agreed by all. They were signed by the Chair.
- 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** - The decisions of the Council were as follows:

WW/25/02847/DOM – White Horses, West Strand

Alterations to the existing roof; replacement of windows and external doors; an extension to the existing rear balcony and new external staircase; side extension.

No Objection – The Committee noted the increase in bulk to the dwelling and raised concerns for unneighbourly behaviour by the addition of the balcony and external staircase. No objections were raised subject to Neighbourhood Plan policies WW3 and WW11. Landscaping should include native species of plants and all surfacing to be permeable.

WW/25/02658/DOM – Trees, 10 The Crescent

Retrospective s73a for the erection of screening panels to the rear of garden.

No objection – No objections were raised however the Committee suggested that the local authority visit the site to determine if the boundary had been breached when the panels were installed.

WW/26/00080/FUL – Windward, West Strand

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement property with outbuildings and associated works.

A deputation was made by Natalie McKellar acting as agent from Smith Simmons and Partners. She shared details of the background of the development and shared details of the sighting of the dwelling which has been brought back and the roofline lowered in response to pre-planning advice. To overcome the flood risk, there will be an incline up to the house. The design and size of the dwelling is aligned with other homes on the street, and the site is large enough to accommodate the proposed development.

No objection – The Committee noted that there was a significant increase in bulk and mass of the dwelling which diminished the spacing between properties. No objections were raised subject to Neighbourhood Plan policy WW11 and the Committee asked that permeable hardstanding and native plants be used.

WW/26/00138/DOM – Jordans, Cakeham Road

Demolition of existing single storey conservatory and garage and replacement with single storey kitchen. One doorway at first floor to link two bedrooms.

No Objection – The Committee raised no objections.

WW/26/00154/OBG – Land to the west of Church Road, Church Road

Discharge of schedule 1, paragraph 3.1 of section 106 agreement from permission WW/20/02491/OUT (APP/L3815/W/21/3286315) regarding the landscape management plan and play area specification.

No Objection – The Committee considered this application and raised no objections, however the Council highlighted that despite numerous reports filed, the development does not appear to be complying with elements of their own landscape management plan. Policy WW11 of the WWPC Neighbourhood Plan requires developments to achieve a minimum level of biodiversity net-gain and sets out that developments should retain and support enhancement of sites. WWPC has raised concerns previously of the removal of roadside hedging and asks that this, and other landscaping should be reinstated with native planting to ensure it will survive and thrive.

WW/26/00206/PLD – 10 Marine Close

Use of land to station a mobile home for use as annexe incidental to the main dwelling.

Objection – The Committee raised the following objections:

- The size of the proposal is out of keeping as ancillary to the main building as is not subservient.
- The proposed building does not appear to be mobile and would be a permanent fixture and may therefore require planning permission.
- The height of the proposed building and its close proximity to the neighbouring boundary may also require planning permission.

If the Local Planning Authority were mindful to agree to this application, the Committee asks that the following be considered:

- S106 agreed to ensure that it remain in use for domestic purposes only and no business can operate from the site including AirBnB or any similar letting arrangements.
- West Wittering Neighbourhood Plan policy WW11 to be adhered to.

5. To receive local planning decisions of interest -

Seven local authority decisions presented, three of which conflicted with WWPC comments. The Committee discussed that while they had not raised objections to a demolition and replacement dwelling at Berry Barn, East Strand, the local planning authority had refused the application and referenced the neighbourhood and the need to retain character and open spaces between buildings.

6. Enforcement, licensing and correspondence -

No updates were discussed.

Action Point – The Committee asked for updates on the Church Road development, bunding and change of access to Ellanore Farm, and change of use of land on Ellanore Lane where wooden gates lead to a waste centre and where a line of tall hedging have been planted to section the land.

7. Government Consultation on revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) –

The Committee concluded that it would be ineffective and unnecessary for the parish to respond as Chichester District Council where best placed to comment.

8. Date of the next meeting –

The next meeting of the WWPC Planning Committee will take place on 25 March 2026.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting closed at 11:15 am.

Signed:
Chair

Date.....

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The Manhood Peninsula Partnership (MPP) Terms of Reference

The Manhood Peninsula Partnership (MPP) is a Standing Conference for the Manhood Peninsula. Its aim is to promote, develop and support initiatives that deliver economic, social and environmental benefits to the coastal communities on the Manhood Peninsula.

The Partnership has forged a new way of working together for the benefit of the peninsula and its people; it has helped create a wider understanding of local issues; it has promoted forward thinking. As a community led initiative, it provides a representative local forum and brings together key organisations: local groups, local and national government agencies, and other bodies.

Sustainable transport, surface water management and a sustainable coast are essential in maintaining well-functioning communities on the peninsula. Complementing this is a sustainable economy of which the visitor economy is the main driver.

The Partnership has a proven track record of project delivery. Its success relies on its ability to promote a multi-agency approach that fosters trust and cooperation and brings together different funding schemes, including giving access to funding denied to local councils or small organisations. The achievements of the MPP are recognised locally, nationally and internationally.

Objectives of the MPP:

The MPP wishes to reflect what community consultation says the Manhood Peninsula should continue to be:

'low key, tranquil, relatively unspoilt and undeveloped, isolated, semi-rural, sustainable (in its widest sense, economic, social and environmental), and, whilst maintaining unique qualities, providing economic security and an important link between the South Downs and the sea'

The following principle was identified as an important part of creating a sustainable vision *"Safety from flooding, economic security and maintenance of the unique qualities of the area."*

The Partnership will seek meaningful and practical results for these key objectives:

Environmental management - enhancing the strong sense of place through the renewal of local historic and landscape character, sustainable water quality, a well-managed coast including the marine environment and coastal risk management, biodiversity, and facilitating adaptation to climate change.

Social wellbeing – community engagement, trust, co-operation and participation in local governance; and promotion of inspiration and enjoyment of the area through enhancing access, interpretation and understanding of the local environment.

Economic regeneration - sustainable economic development and regeneration - enabling businesses to grow, promoting successful business sectors and new business opportunities and providing high quality employment opportunities.

Working practices and aims

The Partnership seeks to obtain consensus on issues between all organisations through open discussion. It meets quarterly and aims to:

- to ensure the sustainable development of the peninsula for the benefit of future generations and to consider long-term issues, including climate change.
- to improve and promote inter-sectoral integration, co-ordination, communication and understanding between those involved in the Manhood Peninsula.
- to provide opportunities for wider community participation and interaction.
- to adopt a proactive approach to addressing the effects of climate change.
- the development and implementation, or assistance with the implementation, of guidelines, strategies and action plans.
- the exploration and research of different options and the need to learn from other areas.
- Include and celebrate project contributions by volunteers

The work that has been delivered to date through the Partnership has helped to:

- Raise awareness of climate change throughout the community
- Allow residents to understand some of the pressures facing local authorities
- Encourage greater dialogue and cohesion between the numerous agencies and stakeholders in the area.
- Increased understanding of the issues affecting the Peninsula.
- Put the Manhood “on the map” through its positive approach to climate change.

The Partnership forms working groups as required and invites persons outside its membership to contribute as appropriate. At present there are three working groups – Green Links across the Manhood (**GLaM**); Surface Water Issues and Solutions (**SWISH**); Crustaceans, Habitat And Sediment Movement (**CHASM**).

The partnership meets online to reduce the collective carbon footprint of the group by reducing car journeys. Opportunities for external funding have been and will continue to be sought, particularly for project implementation.

The MPP will not take views on individual domestic and business planning applications. However shared responses in the form of Key Policy Statements agreed by all partners, and comments on local and national government consultations that affect the Peninsula will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Action programme

The MPP aims to continue its work through pursuing projects and ensuring matters of significance to the peninsula are discussed and actioned by Partners. Ensuring the peninsula is increasingly resilient socially, economically and environmentally in the face of flooding and climate change, is a significant ambition for the peninsula. Actions include securing opportunities for economic regeneration, including managed ecotourism, and realising the full potential of the Medmerry Managed Realignment scheme by improving physical links to adjacent towns and businesses to the east and west of Medmerry.

Achievements and Future Direction

The Partnership has a proven track record of project delivery and has itself implemented or enabled projects on the Manhood Peninsula worth over £1,000,000. Major achievements, financial and non financial, include:

Membership

The Peninsula area includes the following parishes councils: Apuldram, Birdham, Donnington, Earnley, East Wittering and Bracklesham, Hunston, North Mundham, Selsey, Sidlesham, West Itchenor and West Wittering. The Partnership consists of representatives from Parish Councils, local groups and from organisations with statutory responsibilities on the Manhood Peninsula. The following organisations are currently members of the Partnership:

- Chichester Canal Trust
- Chichester District Council (including MPP Secretariat)
- Chichester Harbour Conservancy
- Environment Agency
- Manhood Wildlife & Heritage Group
- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- National Trust
- Natural England
- Parish Councils on the Manhood Peninsula as above.
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
- Selsey Town Council
- Sussex Association of Local Councils
- Sustrans Volunteers
- The Great Sussex Way
- West Sussex County Council
- Wittering Estate

Resources

The Partnership, including the MPP Project Officer, is supported financially by Chichester District Council and the town and parish councils on the peninsula.

The Partnership is currently chaired by Joan Foster and supported by three Project Leaders, Carolyn Cobbold, Paul Bedford and Jane Cunningham. The chairman is elected annually in June. A Vice Chairman is also elected.

The Partnership Project Officer, Jane Cunningham, is hosted by the District Council. Her role includes:

- Initiating, developing and managing/delivering project work
- Co-ordinating and supporting the Manhood Peninsula Partnership
- Supporting the MPP sub-groups GLaM and SWISh
- Leading the MPP sub-group CHASM
- Providing a first point of contact for the public and the media
- Seeking and administering funding
- Publicising and promoting relevant events and information.

Origins of the MPP

The Peninsula lies south of Chichester, West Sussex. It has significant open coast, beaches and three environmentally important areas – Chichester and Pagham Harbours, and the Medmerry Managed Realignment Scheme. In common with many areas in southeast England and northwest Europe, it faces significant land-use pressures likely to be exacerbated by climate change.

In March 2001, an intensive five-day workshop – “Going Dutch on the Manhood Peninsula” - brought together local people and specialists from the Netherlands and the UK to look at future options. Participants examined conflicting problems including water management; coastal defence; pressure for development; ecological, environmental and infrastructure issues;

agriculture, industry and leisure/ tourism issues; maintaining sustainable communities and increasing community awareness and participation.

The desired outcomes - safety from flooding, economic security and maintenance of the unique qualities of the area - led participants to establish the Manhood Peninsula Partnership in 2002.

Further information about the **Manhood Peninsula Partnership** can be found at:

<http://peninsulapartnership.org.uk/>

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Committee: Full Council**Report of:** Deputy Clerk**Date:** 5 March 2026**Subject:** To receive a report on the steps needed to establish a Community Land Trust in West Wittering and agree to appoint a CLT Working Party to progress this project.**FOR DECISION**

Recommendation -

That, West Wittering Parish Council (WWPC) agreed to establish and appoint the members to a Working Party (proposed members listed in this report) to investigate and progress the establishment of a Community Land Trust (CLT) in the village.

Summary -

WWPC agreed in principle to pursue the establishment of a CLT as agreed by the Council on 4 December 2025 (minutes 133/25 refers). This report sets out background details on how CLTs can be developed, offers insight into what steps need to be taken, and where further information can be found, including government backed funding options. To advance this project, the suggestion is that a CLT Working Party be formed and individuals who have expressed an interest in contributing to this group have been listed below.

Research –**Background:**

West Wittering is a beautiful coastal village and a desirable and sought after area to live and holiday which has led to an increase in housing prices in the area and a shortage of affordable housing options. This affects long-term residents or even those with generational links to the area as well as new residents who may be essential in supporting the economy of the village.

The issue of affordable housing was considered of such significance in the village that it was included in the West Wittering Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2029 (Policy WW3). Establishing a Community Land Trust (CLT) in West Wittering would ensure that housing remained affordable and preference to people with local connections could be assured when allocating housing.

The CLT itself would be a corporate body and act as the custodians of the development. The purpose of a CLT is to further “*the social, economic and environmental*

*interests...and to provide a benefit to the local community”*¹. The assets of the Trust (i.e. the housing) would be protected from unwanted development and while the Trust would function as a non-profit (which would enable the housing to remain genuinely affordable in perpetuity), any proceeds from CLT activities would be put back to benefit the local community making the process cyclically beneficial.

Since 2008, CLTs have been defined in law² and must:

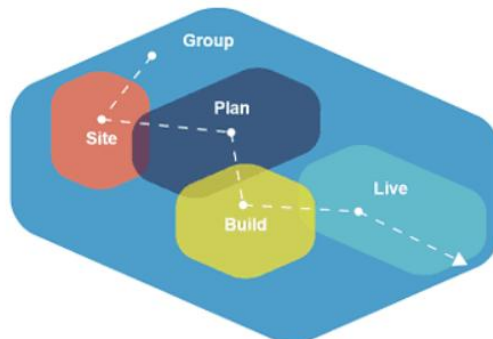
- be set up to benefit a defined local community,
- be not-for-profit,
- allow local people to join as members, and
- those members must have a controlling vote.

The initial focus of the Trust might be for a small residential development; there could also be options to increase the amount of housing or even expand the Trust area. There are numerous other types of assets are also suitable for a CLT including workspaces, agricultural spaces, commercial shops, or community amenities. In some ways, WWPC already acts as a community land trust, as trustees and stewards of the community spaces at Snow Hill and the Sports Field at Rookwood Road however this has been achieved through charity status.

Next Steps:

While the process of establishing a CLT can differ, there are generally five stages³. These include:

1. Group
2. Site
3. Plan
4. Build
5. Live



At this early initial stage, the focus of the Working Group will be on gathering information and laying the foundations needed to incorporate the Trust. This will include setting up the structure, governance and membership.

The bulk of the work will clearly be during the planning and building stages where options for development would be explored and relevant permissions and infrastructure requirements identified.

Funding options:

¹ *Community Land Trusts, Briefing Paper, Number 4903, 13 June 2017*

² *Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Act 2022, s 2, para 7A*

³ *Community Land Trusts, Start a CLT, online guidance*

There are funding options available to progress this development including Homes England's Home Building Fund⁴ which seeks to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SME). Loans are from £250k for sites of 5 or more homes and support for infrastructure costs to prepare land may also be sought from this source. A new Accelerated Loan product for SMEs was recently announced and could also be explored.

Help and guidance:

The *Community Land Trust Network* has been established as an industry leader and has a wealth of resources to help guide communities through the process of establishing a CLT. The Network is also part of the Community Led Homes Partnership⁵ which can also offer technical advice as the development progresses. Membership benefits and options for joining these organisations could be explored by the Working Group.

Successful CLTs have been established locally in Westbourne⁶ and in the neighbouring district at Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate (ABE⁷) and Ford⁸. Valuable insight from these trusts alongside guidance from the Chichester District Council (CDC) will be essential in navigating the process with contact already established with Mark Bristow, the Principal Affordable Housing Delivery Officer at CDC. The Parish Council is also fortunate to have a housing expert on the council who has first hand experience of setting up a CLT.

As The F.G. Woodger Trust currently provides housing in the area, they have a unique insight into the housing need in the village and might be interested in participating in the initial discussions around establishing the CLT. Therefore, the suggestion is to extend an invitation for one of their trustees to join the CLT Working Group.

Proposed CLT Working Group -

Several people have shown an interest in contributing to the development of the CLT in the village. It is proposed that these individuals be invited to form the WWPC CLT Working Group:

- Cllr Nicolette Pike
- Cllr Ivan Western
- Cllr Bob Hutton
- Cllr Aidan Hickman
- Bill Craven
- Jim Lines
- Richard Pike
- Alan Rymer
- Maya Patel

⁴ [The Home Building Fund — lending and investments to support housebuilding - GOV.UK](#)

⁵ [Community Led Homes - MyCommunity](#)

⁶ [WCT - Westbourne Community Trust](#)

⁷ [Land Trust | ABE Community Land Trust | Aldingbourne](#)

⁸ [About Us | Ford Community Land Trust | Ford](#)

Committee: Full Council
Report of: Deputy Clerk
Date: 26 February 2026
Subject: West Wittering Cricket Club Fireworks

TO CONSIDER

Dear Councillors of West Wittering,

I am writing on behalf of West Wittering Cricket Club to enquire about obtaining the appropriate licence and overall permission to hold a fireworks evening at the Club, on Millennium Meadow.

This event is our principal annual fundraiser and is vital in supporting the ongoing development and sustainability of the Club. We are currently in the early planning stages and wanted to approach the Parish Council before confirming any bookings or formal arrangements.

We have a comprehensive action plan in place for the evening, along with a designated reserve date should circumstances require it. Our proposed plan follows the same structure as our previous events in 2017 and the two years prior, all of which ran successfully and without issue. The Club benefits from a strong base of experienced volunteers who are accustomed to organising and delivering large-scale community events safely and responsibly.

We intend to canvas neighbouring residents surrounding Millennium Meadow in advance, providing clear information regarding the date, timings, and event details. The fireworks display itself would be limited to a maximum duration of 18 minutes, scheduled for approximately 20:00 hours.

Our proposed date is Saturday 24th October, with a reserve date of Saturday 31st October, aligning with the half-term period.

I would be grateful if you could advise on the necessary permissions, licensing requirements, and any associated fees. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or on my mobile number 07787 158000.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Kevin Allsobrook
On behalf of West Wittering Cricket Club

WEST WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

Grant Application Form

West Wittering Parish Council is able to consider application for financial assistance of a one off nature from Clubs, Societies, and organisations that operate within the Parish or provide support to its parishioners.

To permit such applications to be properly considered by the Council as much information as possible should be provided in support. The following is a guide in the preparation of such an application. The completed form and any supplementary information must be completed and returned to the Clerk by 16th November each year.

1. Name of Organisation :- Youth Dream

2. Name, address and contact email address and telephone number of official coordinating application:- Mandy Connor,

*mandyconnor@youthdream.co.uk
Bracklesham Barn
Beech Road
Bracklesham
PO20 8HQ
07388260101*

3. Purpose for which funding is sought with dates and deadlines relating to its use

The swimming project that has been very successful previous years for children within the Witterings area.

Participating schools will be West Wittering Parochial Church of England School and East Wittering Primary School.

There will be 32 children participating and will give the opportunity to improve their swimming proficiency and water safety confidence through targeted development and education, crucial for children that live within this coastline area.

The programme will run after half term week in May for six weeks, leading up to the summer holidays.

West Wittering – one session a week on a Thursday each one 45 minutes long.

- 15:30 to 16:15 8 students
- 16:20 to 17:05 8 students

4. Total cost of project (if application does not cover total cost, anticipated source of balance.

Total cost of project for both schools, which include the swimming instructors from Mulberry Marine Experiences, Youth Dream staffing and admin cost etc = £3100
We have been promised some funding from Woodger Trust and we will be applying to East Wittering Parish to support the students within this area.

We are asking the Parish if they could kindly contribute £300 towards the cost please.

5. Confirmation that sum will be used for the benefit of West Wittering residents.

There will be sixteen students that attend West Witterings Primary School, with the school's pool being used.

6. Please enter payment details below:-

Bank details for BACS payment:



Applications together with any supporting documents should be sent to The Clerk, The Pavilion, Rookwood Road, West Wittering, PO20 8LT.

Additional information to assist organisations in making grant applications

The be eligible for consideration for grant from West Wittering Parish Council your application must fulfill the following criteria:

- *Provide the latest set of accounts available including an income and expenditure statement and a balance sheet, or a business plan/financial projection if a new organisation*
- *Provide information regarding the cost of the project that grant is being applied for or details of why the grant is necessary for running costs*
- *Confirmation that the grant will be used by the organisation to specifically benefit West Wittering residents, which can be substantiated if requested.*
- *In the event that the grant is not used for the purpose it must be returned to West Wittering Parish Council*
- *Grants will be considered in December of each year and must be submitted by the 16th November of each year.*

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

MARCH PC MEETING 2026

PAYEE	DESCRIPTON	AMOUNT £
A T Hickman	Health & Safety & maintenance	100.00
	Litter picking	75.00
Arbtechnic Ltd	Agreed tree works on the village green	1860.00
CDC	Weekly emptying of the 1100 litre bin	84.00
Castle Water	Water supply to the Allotments	61.23
Cloudy IT	SharePoint webinar for clerks	78.00
Elektromos	Replace the touch free flush controller in ladies public conveniences	424.80
English Gardens	Pavilion Garden	55.00
Mr Bob Hutton	Expenses – toilet rolls	13.25
JNR Computer services	IT Support for October	217.20
MJ Rose	Clear blockage in public conveniences	84.00
Barry Napper	Further repairs to posts and rails on the cycle path fence prior to planting of trees.	90.00
PSM Servicing and Line Marking Ltd	Ellanore Lane outside the allotment site	2795.00
	Rookwood Road car park entrance	1430.00
SSE	Electricity supply to the Pavilion	84.58
	Street lighting/furniture various locations	396.03
Scribe Support	Allotment and Accounts packages subscription	124.80
Travis Perkins	Materials for the cycle path fence repairs	13.84
WSSC	Contribution towards the cost of the Mobile Waste Service 2025-26	11415.05
West Sussex Drains	Jet through public conveniences to clear blockages and then sanitise x2	356.40

PAYEE	DESCRIPTON	AMOUNT £
Bank payments		
British Gas	October-January Pavilion	541.45
British Telecom	Broadband services	85.36
Mailchimp	Parish mailing list communications	14.80
RAMAR	Payroll Services	12.98
Website Success	Website support	214.25
Vodafone Ltd	Parish Council mobile	12.47
Zoom	WWPC license	15.59
Total payments		20,655.08

Committee: Full Council

Report of: Cllr Pike

Date: 26 February 2026

Subject: Email thread of complaints to Southern Water about wastewater issues at West Wittering and complaints response from Southern Water

TO NOTE

From: Nicolette Pike

Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:02 PM

To: Nicole McNab - Southern Water

Subject: FW: Wastewater issues at West Wittering, Chichester

Dear Nicole,

I am writing again before hearing from you further as today I was speaking to two engineers who were studying our drains in Pound Road where I live. They were there to look at the monitors that have been installed in the drains because of the sewerage overflows. It is not unusual to see some kind of contractor or SW employee looking at our drains, not to mention the pumping lorries which are also regular visitors. This must all be costing your company significant sums.

The engineers confirmed what Mr Barrett has been telling your company for many years. The only way to solve the regular blockages and overflows is to enlarge the pipes. Our existing drainage system is too small. The road need to be dug up and bigger pipes installed. Sending endless engineers to stare down the drains and then leave is no longer re-assurance or acceptable. The engineers this morning were so helpful, worried that my dogs were kept away from the drain because of ecoli. What has to happen before something serious is done and SW deal with this problem ? If my dogs were at risk of ecoli this means that everyone forced to use the footpath or the village green is also at risk.

All our school children, their pets and our residents most of whom are elderly are walking through the sewerage to get out of their houses. The lady in 2 Springwell is almost 80 and in poor health. She has to walk through toilet paper etc and has constant worries. Our problems are not just in the winter. As I have written before, a large party held at the school created a blockage which resulted in your tanker lorry sent to unblock the sewer being stuck for three days in peak August on the only road to the beach. This is a tourism disaster as when our drains overflow the waste ends up in the sea

If the only reason your company will not deal with this is money then please tell us how much it would cost to get the work done and why your company is not prepared to fund the work in this prime tourist area so close to the sea.

FYI the housing development at Bracklesham Bay for 100 houses that we discussed at the meeting on 28th November has houses sold ready to occupy but cannot get a sewerage connection and now has been told (confirming what you told us) that it cannot use attenuation tanks as an alternative system! The implications are far reaching. The matter should have been secured before the development was started and not left until occupation.

Kind regards,

Nicolette Pike

From: Nicolette Pike

Sent: 20 February 2026 15:01

To: McNab, Nicole - Southern Water

Subject: RE: Wastewater issues at West Wittering, Chichester

Dear Nicole

I have received a reply from the customer team. Unfortunately it does not give any hope that our overflowing drains are going to be fixed in the foreseeable future.

One can only wonder why these very unacceptable spillages of sewerage into people's homes and streets are considered acceptable by SW who cannot even give its customers some future hope that this long-term problem will ever be resolved

At least they are no longer denying that complaints have been made. I will forward the reply for information to those on the circulation list.

Perhaps you can give us some advice on how to remedy a drainage system that is too small please

Yours sincerely

Nicolette Pike

Response received from SW to confirm the DfE funding process and offer a link for complaints

From: Nicolette Pike

Sent: 19 February 2026 16:46

To: McNab, Nicole - Southern Water

Subject: FW: Wastewater issues at West Wittering, Chichester

Dear Nicole and Christina,

I am emailing further to my email to Nicole below with some photos of the state of the children's path to school through the waste water. I am also introducing Nicole to Christina who is the headmistress of the west wittering primary school. The primary school is situated just out of shot of the attached photos. Southern Water has been aware of the issue of overflowing waste water and waste water ingress into the properties in this immediate area for many years.

Christina is our new headmistress and perhaps is not aware of the possibility of getting help to stop the children having to walk to school through sewerage or on the busy road. I understand from Nicole that it is possible to get special priority through the DoE to have the serious problem resolved quickly.

The photos show the two manholes at the top of Pound Road, the first regularly overflows and runs across the road onto the pavement and then onto the village green. Mr Barrett's house is seen behind, he has sewerage ingressions onto his property. The second manhole shown overflows and runs down to Springwell cottages shown in the photos. Again this causes persistent problems for the occupants. Ms Mundy who lives in No 2 has been complaining for many years and has now given up.

I also attach a video taken by my husband this morning showing toilet paper and other waste on the pavement from the drain. This is not the first time it has been seen and it is exactly where the children have to walk

This really is not acceptable at any time and it has just been allowed to continue for years despite SW knowing that the drains are not big enough.

In the summer they block due to overuse. In August 2025 after a big party at the school run by the sailing club with hundreds of people plus all the houses used for Airbnb and second homes in occupation our drains were blocked for three days with a tanker in situ stuck on the only road to the beach. This is not a good advert for our tourism industry.

When we met on the 28th November we were assured that SW was now taking the problem of overflowing sewerage seriously. Please may we hear from you about what can be done by SW to avoid this disgusting situation.

Yours sincerely,

Nicolette Pike

From: Nicolette Pike

Sent: 14 February 2026 16:23

To: McNab, Nicole - Southern Water

Subject: FW: Wastewater issues at West Wittering, Chichester

Dear Nicole,

I wrote to you last by email dated 4th December below. I am writing again to inform you that still our school children are walking through waste water to get to school in Pound Road West Wittering. To avoid this situation they are encouraged to walk in the road as there are no pavements other than the one flooded with sewerage. This is dangerous. Still various residents including those in Cakeham Road, Berry Cottage, Berry Barn Cottage and Magnolia Cottage and in Pound Road Ms Mundy in Springwell Cottages are all suffering waste water ingressions and are unable to use their facilities as a result. In the most recent flooding more residents are contacting the Parish Council as they do not know where to turn. Some are lucky enough to have non return valves. This protects them from flooding, but means they are unable to use their drainage system. This situation has continued for many days. Your tankers have been in the area pumping out and in particular Berry Barn Cottage has had a serious ingressions. Your tankers were at that property for several days. I know that the properties mentioned are not the only properties suffering in this way.

The reason for writing to you again is to ask that something is done. You did state that I would expect to hear from your Customer team and that there would be a review of the many complaints made in the past but then lost or denied by SW. This does not seem to have happened which is very disappointing.

It is obvious that the drains in this area are too small and cannot cope even on dry summer days when there is a lot of Airbnb useage. This wet winter has brought misery for large areas of the country. Southern Water is responsible to ensure that the network is fit for purpose, which it clearly is not. Mr Barrett at Magnolia cottage has complained to you on many occasions as he has sewerage in his garage which is part of his dwelling and used for various domestic purposes. Further he and his wife are unable to get to their front door without walking through sewerage during wet periods. Again this is not acceptable.

Please will SW acknowledge that this situation has been brought to your attention over many years and that it is unacceptable. Further that something is going to be done to rectify the inadequate nature of the system and the undersized pipework.

Kind regards,

Nicolette Pike

Response received from SW to to confirm that customer and networks teams had been engaged to provide a response to questions.

From: Nicolette Pike

Sent: 02 December 2025 17:23

To: McNab, Nicole

Subject: FW: Wastewater issues at West Wittering, Chichester

Dear Nicole,

Thank you and Luke for taking the time to come and talk to us last Friday 28th November. I was sitting opposite you. You mentioned that you would personally take up the issue of school children walking through overflowing waste water in both West Wittering and East Wittering. You mentioned that SW records have not always been perfect and that you preferred that residents deal with SW complaints department. You will see below that I have already written back to SW following our meeting.

Our school is West Wittering Primary School, Pound Road West Wittering. It does not have a car park so the children have to walk from the Wittering Pub car park on Rookwood/Cakeham Road and walk across the junction of Pound Road or across the Village Green (VG). I live opposite the VG and can easily see the manhole on the junction which overflows across the road and onto the VG. It is difficult for the children to avoid. You mentioned that there was a scheme with the Department of Education and you would investigate if we provided the name of the school.

I have copied in both the clerks from East and West Wittering as this problem is repeated at the Primary school in East Wittering. Tracey asked me to write on behalf of both Parishes which I am happy to do. Please could you look into both matters without delay.

You also mentioned that SW would react positively to residents who are experiencing sewerage ingress into their homes. You will see below that I have taken this matter up with your complaints department on behalf of Mr Barrett and Ms Mundy. Anything you can do to help would be much appreciated

Personally I felt much more positive about SW after you had met with us. Please do what you can to justify this positive feeling.

We look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards,

Nicolette Pike

From: Nicolette Pike

Sent: 01 December 2025 11:10

To: 'Internal Director Complaints'

Subject: RE: Wastewater issues at West Wittering, Chichester

Dear Ms Oliver,

Thank you for your reply, the contents of which were extremely disappointing. I waited to respond until I had attended a meeting with two Southern Water officers which took place last Friday 28th November.

You state that there are no records of previous complaints about the problems with overflowing sewerage in Pound Road. I can assure you that your records must be faulty as there have been numerous written complaints dating back to 2012. This history not only is recorded in email traffic, but also meetings have been held and letters written. My email below sets out briefly the problems that have existed since 2012. I have seen records of meetings held between SW and our then District Councillor Susan Taylor, Graeme Barrett, copied in, has emailed you and met with you regularly since 2012, his records clearly better than yours.

Our current county councillor (who attended the meeting on Friday) regularly has contact with your officers. My neighbours Ms Mundy in Springwell cottages (has non return valves due to sewerage ingress into her house) has given up on you. Colonel Beveridge, who lived on the junction of Pound Road wrote to you complaining about the problem some years ago. I have complained in the past and regularly speak to the tanker drivers who are sent to clear the drains. The residents here feel that historically SW has not listened and does not respond in a positive way and eventually people just give up.

At the meeting on Friday Nicole McNab and Luke Hyttner came to East Wittering Parish Council, I went for West Wittering PC along with Cllr Montyn from West Sussex County Council. Both officers were positive about the new energy and commitment that SW was adopting to dealing with the many infrastructure problems. In particular SW was working with Department of Education with a scheme to repair drainage systems which affected school children. We were promised that if we provided the names of the schools then something would be done. I set the

problem out when I wrote last time. West Wittering Primary School is in Pound Road, the overflow crosses the path of the children walking from the car park at the pub and lands on the village green. When it overflows children, pushchairs, dogs and adults are all forced to walk through the waste water. I understand that a similar issue occurs at the primary school in East Wittering. Please can you explain how SW can fix this under the DoEd scheme?

We were told that there was a scheme to fix ground water infiltration into sewers. We also discussed waste attenuation tanks, which we understand SW do not consider a sustainable solution, yet it was agreed as a solution to the overloading of the sewer as a result of new housing development in North Field off Sommerfield Road (the tank has never been installed). It is also being recommended for the problems of non-connection to the main sewer of new housing in Clappers Lane Earnley. Yet these solutions are expensive, temporary and unsustainable

The problems have existed for many years and are not reducing. It is no wonder your customers have no confidence in your organisation. Please do what you can to reduce the problems in our area.

We note that SW consider garages to be outside buildings, which is rather disingenuous as many residents use garages for storage, utility areas etc. Sewerage ingress into any part of a domestic dwelling is not acceptable.

Yours sincerely,

Nicolette Pike

Response received from internal complaints with addition information attached.

From: Nicolette Pike

Sent: 30 October 2025 16:07

To: Internal Director Complaints

Subject: RE: Wastewater flooding at Magnolia Cottage, Cakeham Road, West Wittering, PO20 8AD (Case Ref: JB04150)

Dear Sirs,

I have tried to contact you in the past through your website without any success at all. I live almost on the junction of Pound Road and Rookwood Road outside is the manhole for the sewer which is so frequently the subject of your attentions pumping out and unblocking, this is done more often than in the past and now takes place all the year round, no longer a winter activity. This manhole regularly overflows and waste pours across the road onto the Village Green. It is not uncommon to see school children wading through the waste to get to and from school by the only and most direct route. This is not acceptable. It can only be described as Third world at best.

This year during the first week of August our sewer was subject to pumping and unblocking with the lorry getting stuck and staying in the middle of the road to the beach for several days. We know that even a small amount of increased usage either due to weather or the arrival of holiday let occupants that the drain blocks. The cottages along the road are all period and small, they are

mostly now used for short holiday lets often taking more people than normal all using the same sewer. It seems that sometimes these people are not as respectful of the sewer system and it blocks even during the driest of summers as in 2025. How long is your company going to continue to ignore the urgent need for an upgrade to the sewer? They are amazed to find flashing lights going outside late in the evening. People who do not live here and pay high fees to stay are shocked by the fact that our drains are not fit for purpose and they have to put up with the nuisance that the tankers cause.

There is a pumping station on Pound Road, it too is pumped out by tankers year in and year out, often queuing outside our houses through the night . This pumping station takes all the sewerage from the beach (3,500 cars max). The beach has just put in a new and very large block of toilets and showers all adding to the pressure on the system. I understand that even houses on the Strand were experiencing backing up in their drainage system during the summer. In short, the system is not fit for purpose and it cannot continue to take more waste than it has capacity for. A new house in Rookwood Road with six bathrooms has just been permitted by Chichester District Council. This will no doubt become a holiday let sleeping large numbers and draining into the same system. The Parish Council raises concerns about the lack of sewerage capacity, but are ignored. Your company continues to ignore its legal obligations

We had heavy rain this week with flooding on the roads and in people's houses. Springwell Cottages Pound Road has been experiencing backing up in the toilets and showers for years. No 2 is lived in permanently by an elderly lady Sheila Mundy who confirmed this week that the levels in her toilet had risen as a result of the drains being blocked. She stated that she had given up complaining as nobody ever does anything. Really this situation is shameful.

I know that our councillors spend large amounts of their time trying to negotiate with your officers to try and resolve these issues, but get nowhere. Your company has a terrible reputation and I wonder how much longer you are going to let this continue before an upgrade is undertaken. What has to happen before your company gives some priority to our children and residents and holiday makers?

I look forward to hearing something positive from you so that Miss Mundy and the other residents can regain confidence in a company that continues to fail the people who pay it and yet are constantly ignored.

Yours faithfully,

Nicolette Pike

RESPONSE FROM SOUTHERN WATER

From: Internal Director Complaints

Re: Wastewater issues at West Wittering, Chichester

Dear Ms Pike,

Thank you for your recent contact received on 01 December 2025. Please accept my apologies for the delay in getting back to you. We are currently receiving high contact volumes and working hard to respond to all enquiries as quickly as possible.

Work being completed in Cakeham Road

I can advise we have completed CCTV surveys on the sewer in Cakeham Road, and a follow on task to clean the sewer has been requested and approved. I will provide a further update when this has been completed.

I have also spoken with our Customer County Manager for the area and they have advised the reason for tankers in the area is due to current high groundwater levels, and they are supporting the managing of flows.

One of the properties you have mentioned is in contact with us regarding internal flooding and the next steps for their property. Due to General Data Protection Regulations, I am unable to confirm which property this is, but I wish to provide reassurance we are aware of this issue.

How we support schools

The Department for Education (DfE) have a SuDS for Schools programme, providing part/match funding to organisations to assist in installing sustainable drainage on or around schools; this is with the aim to prevent flooding ([Sustainable drainage systems for schools – environmentally friendly flood prevention – Buying for Schools](#)). Local Lead Flood Authorities, the Environment Agency or Water Companies, can apply for funding each year. Southern Water have been working with the DfE in recent years to reduce flooding on school sites and prevent surface water overwhelming the wastewater network (which leads to storm overflow releases). Applications open annually, with applications for delivery in 2026/27 financial year now closed. If the DfE continue to run the programme, the window for applications usually opens in the summer and closes late Autumn, for delivery the following financial year – for instance, to deliver schemes in 2027, applications will likely open in August/September 2026, applications close around October/November 2026 and funding decision made February/March 2027. Thank you for providing the names of the schools in West Wittering and the wider area which experience flooding. While these are not in areas where we are investing to reduce storm overflows, we will review these schools when we look to apply for future DfE funding.

Infiltration reduction plan

There is an Infiltration Reduction Plan for the wider area, which the Network Team have confirmed will be actioned on our Asset Maintenance Program (AMP). There are plans to seal 20% of the Sidlesham catchment during AMP8 but there are no start dates yet for this work.

Reporting issues

If any of our customers have experienced internal or external flooding, it is recommended they contact our Operational Customer Service Centre on 0330 303 3068. They are open 24 hours a day 365 days a year. This will prompt us to investigate any such issues and if it is found to be a Southern Water asset issue, they can apply for a Guaranteed Standards of Service (GSS) payment.

I will be back in contact following completion of the works on the sewer. In the meantime, if you have additional questions or would like further advice, please do not hesitate to get back in touch. Our contact details are below and if you include my name, then I will make sure I continue to oversee your query.

Yours sincerely,

Executive Review Team

Call the Customer Relations Team on 0330 303 1271. Phone lines are open 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday.

Email: ExecDirectors@southernwater.co.uk

Rookwood Lawn Tennis Club

Proposed LTA approved lighting - Courts 1&2

Summary update as at Thursday 26th February, 2026

Potential Lighting Suppliers

All 3 no. potential suppliers have been contacted and asked to provide detailed written estimates.

Some of the suppliers want to visit the site in order to provide a written estimate.

Once these have been received it is proposed that they will be discussed with the WWPC Sports Field working party.

The use of solar power/battery storage will also be investigated.

Funding

A request has been submitted to the Woodger Trust to meet up to discuss/firm up on funding proposals. It is understood that WWPC has already had contact with the Woodger Trust.

Planning Permission

A request has been submitted to Chichester District Council for a pre-planning consultation meeting.

All of the potential lighting suppliers are able to offer a planning application service. If planning is required then this would avoid any potential mis-communication.

The outcome of the pre-planning consultation meeting will be discussed with the WWPC Sports Field working party before any planning application is prepared/submitted.

Communication(s)

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It is proposed that a short monthly progress update will be prepared and submitted to the WWPC.

Committee: Full Council

Report of: Cllr Pike

Date: 26 February 2026

Subject: Reports from CDALC Chair's meeting held on 24 February 2026

TO NOTE

The following are summary points from the meeting:

- This was a joint WSALC and ESALC meeting with 96 parishes in attendance.
- There are 266 WSALC parishes.
- Steve Tilbury gave a presentation on NPPF and did not expect that parish councils would need to contribute to the consultation as significant changes by government were unlikely. The new NPPF is more detailed than previous versions and parish councils may be more directly affected by the guidance. NPPF is expected to be published in April.
- There are changes to the way Local Plans are adopted and to the way the committee system operates. There will be a national scheme of delegation, and it will no longer be possible for a councillor to call in an application.
- Planning objections will need to be more thorough as these representations might be the only evidence used on appeal.
- SDNP will not be part of a unitary authority.
- Trevor Leggo stated that all parishes need a business plan and he has offered to help.
- PCs must aim to be more professional with target-based appraisals.
- There is a clerks meeting on 6th March and attendance is strongly encouraged.

CDALC Zoom meeting - February 10 2026

Chair: Cllr Andrew Shaxson (Harting PC)

Secretary: Susannah Finch

Email: dalc@wsalc.co.uk

Minutes of a meeting of Chichester District Association of Local Councils held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10 February 2026 by Zoom.

Present:

Apuldram Parish Meeting
 Bepton PC
 Birdham PC
 Boxgrove PC
 Chichester City Council
 Chidham and Hambrook PC
 Cocking PC
 Compton PC
 Easebourne PC
 Ebernoe PC
 Elsted and Treyford PC
 Fernhurst PC
 Fishbourne PC
 Graffham PC
 Harting PC

Lodsworth PC
 Loxwood PC
 Milland PC
 North Mundham PC
 Plaistow and Ifold PC
 Sidlesham PC
 Singleton and Charlton PC
 Trotton with Chithurst PC
 West Itchenor PC
 West Wittering PC
 Westhampnett PC

Trevor Leggo, West Sussex Association of Local Councils, CEO
 Susannah Finch, DALC Secretary

Key Takeaways

- **Chichester Harbour Conservancy faces financial risk** after Hampshire County Council withheld funds. To ensure continuous representation, CDALC appointed Cllr Chris Mead-Briggs as Deputy Rep, following the established process of selecting the second-place candidate from the last election.
- **Local government reorganisation is uncertain**, with three competing proposals submitted to the government. A concern is that parish councils will bear the full cost of standalone elections (est. £3.20/elector) if their election cycle isn't aligned with the new unitary authorities.
- **A new Chichester District Council (CDC) "call for sites" is imminent** to find 20% more housing land, a consequence of the complex 5-year housing land supply calculation. This will likely impact parishes.
- **Emergency resilience planning is a critical priority** due to rising cyber threats. WSALC has a trusted associate who can provide templates and connect parishes with skilled volunteers to develop or audit plans.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and apologised for the late circulation of documents in the lead up to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Alun Alesbury and Ivan Western as well as Heyshott PC, Lavant PC, Midhurst TC, Petworth TC, Southbourne PC and Wisborough Green PC.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The previous minutes were approved.

3. Update from WSALC - Trevor Leggo

The Joint WSALC / ESALC Chairs Forum is being held online on 24th February, bringing chairs of approximately 250 councils up to date on the latest developments. Steve Tilbury will present his report on the NPPF.

There is a clerk's networking day on 6th March, taking place in person in Billingshurst.

4. South Downs National Park (SDNP)

Cllr Andrew Shaxson shared the main points from the SDNP report circulated by Cllr Alun Alesbury:

- It covered the launch of the Partnership Management Plan, which is the SDNP's statutory plan outlining their aims and aspirations.
- The SDNP is working towards the Reg 19 consultation on the latest version of their local plan. Cllr Shaxson noted he has a very large 958-page agenda document to review related to this.
- The SDNP is also having to consider the new National Planning Policy Framework.

Cllr Shaxson mentioned there is an upcoming SDNP parishes meeting scheduled for March 4th at 6:30pm that parishes are encouraged to attend. He also noted the SDNP's ongoing Farmers Breakfast Meetings as a way to communicate with land managers and farmers.

5. Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC)

Following the report circulated by Cllr Ivan Western, Cllr Nicolette Pike raised concerns about the CHC's financial situation, noting that Hampshire County Council has refused to pay their share of the Conservancy's funding. Cllr Pike suggested the group should consider appointing a deputy to the CHC to ensure consistent representation, as they had not appointed a deputy at last year's election.

After discussion, the group agreed to appoint the runner-up, Cllr Chris Mead-Briggs, as the deputy representative to the Chichester Harbour Conservancy.

6. Chichester DC meeting feedback

A meeting was held for parishes by Chichester DC on 2nd February, with papers given by Diane Shepherd, Chief Executive of Chichester District Council, and Leigh Whitehouse, Chief Executive of West Sussex County Council. Focuses of the meeting included:

- **Local government reform**, although mainly to reiterate that nobody knows outcomes yet. Cllr Shaxson mentioned that one of the devolution proposals is for Brighton & Hove to form a unitary authority combined with Wealden District from East Sussex and Mid-Sussex District from West Sussex. There was uncertainty expressed about whether Chichester and other West Sussex councils would be expected to provide financial support to make this proposed unitary authority viable, even though it would not directly benefit their own residents.
- **Renters' Rights Act**, noted by Cllr Shaxson as the largest change to rental housing in 40 years. It aims to address "unreasonable behavior of some landlords" and includes ways to check the condition of rental properties. The Decent Homes Standard was noted as already applying to social housing. However, it was pointed out that some social housing landlords are struggling to get their properties up to this standard and are choosing to sell rather than invest in upgrading them. For private landlords, there were concerns raised that they may face challenges in getting their rental properties to meet the new Decent Homes Standard, as many may be difficult or costly to upgrade. This could lead to some private landlords simply selling those properties rather than making the required improvements.
- **Food waste collection service**, to be introduced between March and May of this year. Parish councils were informed that residents will be receiving information about the new food waste collection program during this time period. No further details were provided about the specifics of how the food waste collection will be implemented or rolled out.

Cllr Shaxson expressed disappointment there was no opportunity for general questions from attendees, as parish councils often have specific local issues they would like to raise and get feedback on. Cllr Ann Tyrrell echoed this sentiment, stating that she felt the meeting was more about being "talked at" rather than having a genuine discussion. She felt the council representatives were simply informing parishes of decisions, rather than soliciting input.

7. Update on devolution and unitary authority proposals

Three proposals for West Sussex are with the government. A decision is expected around March 16:

1. **WSCC**: Single unitary authority.
2. **District Councils**: Two unitary authorities.
3. **Brighton & Hove**: Five unitaries across East and West Sussex.

The mayoral election has been delayed to May 2028. This delays the creation of a regional spatial strategy, which is a mayoral function.

8. Emergency and Resilience Planning in your community

Trevor stressed the importance of Emergency and Resilience planning for all councils. National security alerts and local crises require parishes to be self-reliant, as Category 1/2 responders are overstretched. Councils need a practical, tested emergency plan for local response, including:

- Evacuation procedures and safe locations.
- Resource lists (e.g., chainsaws, generators).
- Key holder contact information.

SALC works with a trusted associate, Dee Thornton, who for a cost can provide plan templates and connect parishes with expert volunteers (eg. retired military/emergency services). West Sussex County Council is also piloting a Community Emergency Training program.

9. Matters of concern to your council

Heritage fingerposts: A driver accidentally caused damage to a heritage fingerpost in Harting and reported it to the County Council. However, the County Council responded by saying they are no longer responsible for maintaining the fingerposts, and that the parish would need to deal with it including the cost. Cllr Andrew Shaxson suggested there may be a "groundswell" of parishes who feel the County Council should either be taking more responsibility for the fingerposts, or pass them entirely to parishes in an asset transfer. The group felt it would be worthwhile to approach the County Council and push them to reconsider their stance on the fingerposts. Cllr Shaxson confirmed that he will make this approach.

Affordable Housing Dispute: Cllr Nicolette Pike mentioned that West Wittering Parish Council had been fighting against a 70-house development by Dandara. The District Council had been willing to relax the need for 21 affordable housing units in this development. However, after the parish council's persistence, they were able to secure the 21 affordable housing units. Cllr Pike noted that people from the Witterings will get preference for these affordable homes.

Local Plan and 5-Year Land Supply: Cllr Pike attended a Chichester District Council training session on the local plan and 5-year land supply, noting that it was poorly attended by parishes. She explained that due to changes, CDC now needs to find an additional 20% in housing sites beyond what's already in the local plan, which will likely result in more housing sites being proposed in parishes. Cllr Pike wanted to make parishes aware of this upcoming "call for sites" so they aren't caught off guard by potentially more housing being allocated to their areas.

Apuldram Parish Meeting is considering becoming a parish council, but they are slightly short of the required 150 electors. She asked if any other parishes had been through the process of changing their boundaries and carrying out a community governance review. Apuldram may need to explore merging with a neighboring parish if they cannot reach that threshold on their own.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

Committee: Full Council

Report of: Cllr Pike

Date: 24 February 2026

Subject: Reports from CDC Planning Meeting 10th February 2026 at CDC offices 2pm

TO NOTE

This was an important and informative meeting for the Parishes. Hardly any Parishes attended. It was chaired by Tony Whitty and explained the situation with the newly adopted Local Plan and the 5YLS.

The provision of housing allocations for the next five years if calculated by the standard method would be 1,300 per annum. However, the Inspector agreed because of constraints (he did not recognise the A27 as a problem) that the annual provision could be reduced to 638 dwellings per annum over 14 years. That is almost half of what might have been required.

The housing is to be provided: 575 for first 5 years then 701 p/a for the remainder of the plan period (14 years). Last August the 5YLS was marginal. However, CDC has to find an additional 598. The Government is requiring an extra 20% housing provision by July 2026 as a buffer. Sites have to be identified by then. These are additional to existing allocations and have to be available. CDC want to identify the sites asap. The Inspector accepted that the over provision in earlier years could be counted to reduce housing allocations going forward. This is not always the case.

Several neighbouring authorities have a severe housing allocation shortage and cannot meet the Govt targets. This is causing serious pressures on other areas. CDC concerned that it cannot find 20% new sites but might only have 15%. This situation makes the district vulnerable to speculative appeals. Hence officers have been agreeing to grant pp on sites not in the plan e.g. North Mundham who did attend and were very upset.

Ffjola Stevens looked at the tilted balance in the NPPF (decision making when there is not a 5YLS) CDC was in danger of being put into special measures as it was losing more than 10% of appeals. She made it plain that the Stubcroft site off Church Lane was only just lost (in her opinion) there is an extant planning application for almost 300 houses which has been sitting in the planning department for well over a year. IF the flooding matter can be resolved then the officers seem to be prepared to let it go for development.

There is to be further Parish Council training in June.

Clare Potts from Policy stated that the HEELA is out of date and there are new government rules to look at land assessment. Asking Parishes to submit sites as there is a new call for sites. CDC has a new Housing Delivery Statement for criteria for new sites.

CDC publishing their comments to the new NPPF on 11th February. CDC officers keen to encourage parishes to make Neighbourhood Plans. We can contact Valerie Dobson to discuss WWPC review.

Committee: Full Council

Report of: Cllr Western

Date: 10 February 2026

Subject: Notes from Chichester Harbour Conservancy Advisory Board meeting: 17 November 2025, provided to the meeting on 10 February 2026

TO NOTE

Notes from the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Advisory Board Meeting: 17th November

1. **Chairmanship:** Simon Radford and David Foster will act as Chair and Vice Chair of the Board. Both sit on the Board as members of the Chichester Harbour Federation and thus primarily have marine related interests.
2. **Appointment to the Planning Committee:** it was agreed that both Jonathan Raper who represents Hampshire residents' interests (i.e. my opposite number) and myself would join the Planning Committee. The decision was too late for me change arrangements and attend the meeting on 1st December.
3. **Finance Matters:** there was a raft papers associated with the Conservancy's budget and a recent external audit. The overall picture is challenging. The Conservancy faces tight margins and is struggling to manage within the funding available to it. Its income from moorings, which is significant, is declining. Mostly it seems, from a changing pattern of boat ownership and use; more chartering and 'serviced boats', kept ashore with declining demand from swinging moorings. This is only partially offset by an increase in income from Harbour Dues. More critically Hampshire County Council has thus far refused to contribute its share its contribution to the budget. This is now playing out at a legal level with both sides relying on conflicting 'counsel's opinion'. The Conservancy funding model is based on a deficit funding arrangement whereby the two County Councils each contribute equally to make up a notional deficit in the Conservancy's income up to an agreed statutory threshold. The proposed budget provides for a deficit of £437k (equating to £218k per County) which represents 71% of the requestable maximum under the Conservancy Act 1971.
4. **Harbour Master's update:** The one major incident in the Harbour this year was the fire that took place in Chi Marina. This broke out on one boat and quickly spread to others. There were no injuries and swift action by agencies prevented pollution to the Harbour (gates were kept shut). Elsewhere there was a successful prosecution for speeding with fines levied. Recording of incidents between racing and leisure craft increased but this is thought to be a result of improved reporting arrangements, so not a mJORconce3rn. The new Conservancy jetty is being well used although teething problems with

electrical charging points remain. Concerns expressed by objectors to the proposals do not appear to have been born out in practice.

5. **Ella Nore Spit:** The Conservancy is being asked to approve a works licence to allow the owner of the Spit (who is the owner of Ellanore House) to recharge the spit by spreading 400 tonnes of shingle to the north end of the spit. This would then be allowed to work its way north to recharge the section where overtopping of the bank occurs quite regularly on high water springs. Ostensibly one reason for this is to protect the salt marshes although the Officers feel there is little evidence for this. A stronger motivation on the part of the landowner may be a perceived protection to the houses along the Rookwood shore. Officers would prefer to see the removal of the hard defences south of the spit which would, it feels, contribute to a natural process of recharge with longshore drift. Whilst sceptical of the application officers are recommending it be allowed with no expectation that this will be renewed in 5 + years' time.

6. **Creation of an Oyster Reef:** This involves a proposal for a works licence to re-establish a native oyster population in the Roman Transit Chalkdock area of the harbour. The Harbour used to host a significant oyster population which has all but disappeared. Oysters are important as they are active filter feeders, effectively cleaning the sea water of suspended particulate and improving water quality. Some anxiety has been expressed from marine users, but Officers feel that these issues have been largely overcome with some modest adjustments to the proposals.

7. **Management Plan 2025- 30**

This was the major item discussed and key points. The plan was originally published for consultation earlier this year and has now been significantly revised, partly reflecting the views expressed by stakeholders. The new Management Plan has four Policy Aims which are aligned with the functions of the Conservancy:

- Improvement of the Harbour
- Use of Pleasure craft and other vessels
- Leisure
- Conservation and Nature.

One of the points arising from the Consultation was the incorporation of planning guidance within the Plan. Consequently, seven Planning Principles have been included to help interpret the respective policies in the Local Plans in relation to the National Landscape. The Planning Principles included:

- Great Weight for a Nationally Important Landscape
- Safeguarding Marine Enterprise
- Residential & Householder Development
- New Tourist / Commercial / Agricultural Development within the Rural Area
- Dark Skies & Light Pollution
- Conversion of Buildings within the Rural Area
- Development Near the National Landscape Boundary

A suite of maps and infographics serve to provide visual aids to help readers understand the complexity of the Harbour. Certainly, it is a very attractive document!

The Management Plan will be accompanied by an annual delivery Plan which document how the Policy aims will be met over the life of the Plan, this will be reviewed on an annual basis and shared at the next Advisory Board. The Management Plan is now in the public domain and under consideration by the respective local authorities.

8. Confidential Items discussed: these included various lease proposals and extensions, an arrangement relating to Harbour Dues for members of Langstone SC and the potential extension of the Conservancy Jetty at Itchenor. Officers also confirmed the decision that the refusal of a new licence to allow Wildfowling on land managed by the Conservancy related only to land it manages and not to other sites within the Harbour e.g. areas owned by Manor of Bosham, WWE etc.

Planning Committee Business

Since December the Planning Committee has not met though decisions have been made to object and maintain objections to two contentious applications: a housing development at Rook Farm and a change of use at a marine business site. As both are in Hampshire they are not perhaps relevant to CDALC.

Advisory Board on 19th January

As previously indicated, I was on annual leave in South America from 10th-31st January and so missed attending this meeting and having just returned am not in a position to provide a report on the business discussed.

*Ivan Western
West Wittering Parish Council*

Committee: Full Council

Report of: Cllr Pike

Date: 26 February 2026

Subject: Reports visit to Home Start on 10 February 2026

TO NOTE

This very worthwhile charity meets at the Library in East Wittering on Tuesday mornings. Whilst I was there it was attended by 12 local families, some needing extra support but mostly just Mums with small children (0 to 4yrs). There was a wonderful atmosphere, and two new families came for the first time and were made extremely welcome. I spoke to many of the attendees who told me why this was such a vital resource for them, to socialise with other Mums and for children to play together whilst surrounded by books. Several of the families have no outdoor space and so appreciated a bigger area to play in.

There are other play groups in the area some of which have to be paid for. This one is free so truly available to all families and a snack and toys are provided by the charity. It is a shame it only comes to the Witterings once a week and is subject to the Library being available (which it is not for some time in March) Several Mums were interested in the leaflet concerning the Church Road Social housing and this was put on the Home Start Web site and to be circulated to their clients in the Witterings