

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held at Randwick Village Hall on Thursday September 17th 2026.

Present

Councillors

Rob Davies (Chairman)
Jo Boldero
Nick Lythgoe

Glenn Dooley
Barry Chapman
Elisabeth Newman

County Cllr John Patient & District Cllr Jon Edmunds

Minutes taken by Cllr Boldero

1/9/26 **Apologies:** Cllr Alun Davies. Reasons for absence accepted.

2/9/26 **Public Forum:** County Cllr Patient and District Cllr Edmunds: no other members of the public were present.

3/9/26 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.

4/9/26 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on August 20th 2026 were approved and signed by the chairman.

5/9/26 **Casual Vacancy:** To date there had been no applicants for co-option.

6/9/26 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the clerk's report. There were no problems now with the council's email service apart from Cllr Lythgoe not being able to send emails. Cllrs noted the application of the national pay award for clerks.

7/9/26 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence in the clerk's report.

Cllrs discussed SDC's Parish & Town Council's Charter and decided again against adopting the charter.

Cllrs considered a letter from RVH&PFC with the Committee's response to suggestions for providing public toilets or another disabled parking space, and information about a ROSPA safety report on the play area

Action: The clerk to contact the company that provided play equipment for their advice about the report.

8/9/26 **Questions from Councillors:** None.

9/9/26 **District and County Councillors' reports:** District Cllr Jon Edmunds had sent written reports for July and August. County Cllr Patient had sent his written report for September. Both cllrs commented on their reports. Cllr Patient asked if there were any areas at risk of flooding: in the parish the only risk was from blocked drains.

10/9/26 **Lease for Randwick Playing Fields:** The clerk had sent a copy of Cllr Rob Davies's draft lease to RVH&PFC, but had not yet received a response.

Cllrs had made some suggestions and recommended some changes to Cllr Rob Davies's draft.

The clerk had also asked Zurich Insurance for information about insuring the building.

11/9/26 **Randwick Charities:** The council nominates three trustees to The Randwick Charities to serve for four years. Emma Cunningham and Franca Giampa had been appointed to serve until October 21st 2026. Cllrs recorded their thanks to them for their service.

Resolved: To appoint Emma Cunningham to serve as a trustee of the Charity for four years from October 22nd 2026 to October 21st 2030.

Action: The clerk to inform the secretary of the charity of Emma Cunningham's reappointment and to ask the trustees to appoint someone as a parish council representative.

12/9/26 **Planning:**

a) **Planning applications:**

S.26/1548/HHOLD 1Perry Orchard Single storey side and rear extension – No comment.

S.26/1506/FUL - Far Westrip Farm – erection of an agricultural barn – No comment.

S.26/1623/TCA – 1 Yew Tree Cottages - Yew tree - Cut back by up to 1.5m. Trim remainder to tidy and contain. – No comment.

b) **Assets of Community Value:** The clerk had applied to the planning authority for land at Randwick Playing Field reserved for a new school to be re-registered as an asset of community value.

c) **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr Alun Davies had sent a report: The Speedwatch group had monitored traffic between 09.10 and 11.10 at Court Lodge on September 11th. 209 cars had passed in the two hours. 21 cars were at or in excess of 25mph, of which the group correctly identified 18 and submitted a report on them the fastest speed was 31 mph followed by the same car 18 minutes later at 30mph.

d) **Proposals for safety improvements at Cashes Green:** GCC Traffic Engineering Team had put forward proposals for reducing unsafe and obstructive parking near the entrances to Cashes Green School by implementing additional parking restrictions. Cllrs considered the proposals and the chairman recorded the council's submission to the consultation for the clerk to forward.

The parish council supported the objective of improving safety around Cashes Green Primary School but had significant concerns as to whether this proposal would achieve that objective or simply displace parking and traffic into surrounding residential roads. The council asked GCC to publish evidence supporting the scheme, including parking-occupancy surveys, traffic and pedestrian counts, accident/near-miss data, the number of parking spaces being removed

and the number of vehicles currently using those spaces and whether an assessment had been made of the impact on surrounding residential streets and nearby junctions?

The council noted that the School Crossing Patrol needed to manage pedestrians safely while maintaining traffic flow. Displacing parking could instead increase the number of vehicles circulating, turning or doubling back in search of spaces, creating additional congestion and potentially making nearby junctions more hazardous at precisely the time pedestrian activity is highest.

The council wanted GCC to demonstrate that:

- the amount and destination of displaced parking had been properly assessed;*
- surrounding roads could safely accommodate any additional vehicles;*
- the impact of additional circulating traffic on nearby junctions has been assessed;*
- the proposals formed part of an effective school traffic-management strategy, including the operation of the School Crossing Patrol; and*
- the proposed restriction periods were proportionate to the actual periods of identified risk.*

The council suggested that the objective should be safer access to Cashes Green Primary School as a whole, not simply transferring congestion and parking pressure from the school frontage to neighbouring roads and residents.

13/9/26 Finance:

a) Bank reconciliation: Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for August. Closing balance at August 30th was £43,567.08.

b) Internal Audit: The internal audit had been completed. The Internal Auditor's report had been sent to all councillors. No matters were raised.

c) Quarterly review: Cllrs considered the review to August 30th. Expenditure was as planned except for lower mowing costs, expenditure on parking signs and work to trees at Finn's Way.

d) Investment: A fixed rate bond was due to mature in November. Cllrs considered options for re-investment.

Resolved: To reinvest with Cambridge and Counties Bank.

e) Cabinet for parcel delivery collections: Cllr Chapman had written two articles for The Randwick Runner to gauge support for his suggestion for installing a parcel delivery cabinet in Randwick. There had been seven responses to date. Cllrs decided to defer any decision to the next meeting.

14/9/26 Environment:

a) Biodiversity: Cllr Boldero had nothing further to report.

b) Work to trees at Finn's Way: The tree surgeon had recommended work to some of the trees at Finn's. Way and had sent a quotation for the work he had recommended. Cllrs would consider the recommendations at the next meeting

*c) **Kissing gates:** Cllrs decided to ask GCC to install kissing gates to replace stiles at the SW and SE corners of Randwick Playing Fields. Neighbouring landowners had been consulted and had no issues with these replacements. Cllrs intended to replace two stiles with kissing gates each year.*

***Resolved:** To ask GCC to install two gates.*

*d) **Wap storage container:** Cllrs hoped that two redundant picnic tables given to the Wap would be burnt on the proposed Wap Fire in the Autumn.*

***Action:** The clerk to write to the Wap Committee asking for reassurance that the Wap Committee had public liability insurance that covered the fire and any possible damage, and that the fire would be set in a way that prevented damage to the grass and that the grass would be reinstated and that any damage would be repaired.*

***Action:** The clerk to check the council's public liability insurance.*

*15/9/26 **Items delegated to the clerk and items for the next agenda:** As above.*

*16/9/26 **Orders for payment:***

X-Net (Services Ltd) email accounts

Hawkins Groundcare Ltd mowing

C Curtis September monthly contract payment

B Parsons September salary plus back pay from April less tax

HMRC Tax due in the second quarter

Tesco Mobile September phone bill

*17/9/26 **Next meeting:** Thursday October 15th at Cashes Green School.*

The meeting closed at 20.10 pm.

Signed:

Date: