



WEST HOATHLY PARISH COUNCIL

representing Highbrook, Selsfield, Sharpthorne, Tyes Cross and West Hoathly

West Hoathly Parish Council Clerks Report June 2023

Actions Taken and points of information not on the agenda

- West Hoathly Parish Council's response to the Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation has been submitted.
- All Register of Interest forms have been submitted to the Monitoring Officer at MSDC and have been updated on the Parish Council Website.
- All meeting dates have been added to the Parish Council website, and the committee membership details have been updated.
- The forms have been submitted to Unity Trust to remove Kevin Gould as a signatory from both bank accounts.
- The forms have been completed to add Cllr Bob Darvill and Cllr Claire Hilton as signatories, the Clerk is just awaiting signatures before these can be sent off.
- All policies have been updated as agreed last month and are all available to view on the website.

Information for items on the agenda-

Item 11- Insurance

The 3-year insurance agreement with Zurich comes to an end on the 30th June.

3 quotes have been received for comparison.

Zurich	BHIB	Gallagher
£1,631.22 (1 year)	£1,962.67 (1 year)	£4,085.40 (1 year)
	£1,839.69 (3 year agreement)	

The recommendation is to continue with Zurich as they have provided the most competitive quote, having offered a 10% discount on the policy for a 1 year agreement.

Item 12- Mid Sussex District Council Standards Committee

Standards Committee

The Committee comprises of six District Councillors and four Town and Parish Councillors. The role is for a four-year term until April 2027.

Three Independent Persons are also in attendance at committee meetings.

The Committee meets approximately twice a year, with meetings normally held in the evenings at 7.00pm at the Mid Sussex District Council Chamber in Haywards Heath.

The first Standards Committee meeting will be held on Monday 11 September 2023 at 7pm.

What does the role entail?

We are seeking Town and Parish Members to provide representation from across the District.

The role requires an ability to act with integrity and impartiality. The Council's Standards Committee has a number of duties relating to:

- the promotion of high standards of conduct by Councillors,
- reviewing and monitoring complaints under the Council's Complaints Procedure and
- monitoring the operation of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.
- Should a complaint against a Councillor require assessment, you may be required to sit on an Assessment Sub Committee and Hearings Panel. This would be on an ad-hoc basis and would comprise 3 members of the Standards Committee.

Item 13- Information circulated via email

Item 14- Weald to Waves - [Gardens & Greenspaces | Weald To Waves](#)

Newsletter from Weald to Waves providing information on the Greenspace Network

As spring now takes hold and we look forward to summer, we can start to embrace the joys and activities that warmer weather brings - especially when it comes to our gardens and outdoor spaces.

While a garden or playground may seem like a small dot on a map, together they make up the largest single land block in the Weald to Waves corridor. **Our gardens alone represent 7% of the Sussex landscape** and they play a crucial role in nature recovery. So we're thrilled to announce the [launch of our new Gardens & Greenspaces network](#). This will bring our gardens and graveyards, parks and playgrounds, balconies and bowling greens, verges and village greens, allotments and orchards into the corridor.

By **registering your garden or greenspace**, you'll have the opportunity to join forces with other nature enthusiasts along the corridor. Together, we can create a network of green spaces that will provide a safe haven for wildlife and help ensure connectivity for all the amazing creatures that call Sussex home.

Find out what's in store in our blog and get inspiration from one of our **new Gardens' Ambassadors**, wildlife gardening expert, writer and broadcaster, **Kate Bradbury**.

This month we've also launched the fantastic [new Weald to Waves website](#). Our

new platform includes **interactive maps**, a postcode checker and a new pledge tool, making it easier for everyone to learn about and get involved in the corridor.

Join us and become a part of one of the largest citizen-led landscape projects in the country. A community of like-minded people of all ages committed to protecting our natural world, to take action and make a positive impact on the world around us. Time is running out but we have a world of opportunities for action at our feet. Together, we can create a brighter, greener future for Sussex and beyond.

Amy Hurn

Gardens & Greenspaces Coordinator, Knepp Wildland Foundation
on behalf of the **Weald to Waves** Network

PS: We'd love to receive your stories and photos of your actions and nature encounters along the corridor, so please do share them via info@wealdtowaves.co.uk.