



Note: numbers correspond with agenda item numbers

9) Downland School Federation – to consider grant request towards their school meal transformation project – Governor to attend meeting

As part of the Downland Valley Schools Federation, a group of three rural primary schools in West Sussex, they are launching a bold and much-needed food transformation project this October 2025.

They aim to radically improve the quality, nutrition, and educational value of school meals. Partnering with the charity Chefs in Schools, they will move away from reheating food from an outsourced caterer and instead prepare fresh meals daily from scratch, using local and seasonal produce, and embedding food into the curriculum.

The menus will be co-designed with children, parents, and staff. They are aiming for uptake of school meals to rise from 25% to 85% in order to make the project financially sustainable within a year.

They have already raised funds via our PTAs towards the capital costs of essential kitchen equipment required to cook the meals from scratch (£5,000), and are now seeking funding to support the core operating costs for the first year (£65,000).

Fundraising for the year 1 core operating costs is crucial to de-risk the transition: the schools cannot absorb the financial impact if uptake is slow to grow. External support will allow us to launch responsibly and protect school budgets during this start-up phase. With this foundation in place, they will deliver a financially sustainable model with long-term benefits — and a blueprint that could be replicated beyond our Federation.

This project is about much more than food — it is about health, community, education, and sustainability. Anticipated outcomes include:

- *Improved concentration, behaviour, and wellbeing in the classroom*
- *Children experience a wide variety of fresh, nutritious food every day*
- *Children deepen their understanding of how food is grown and produced, and its impact on the body and the planet*
- *Strengthened local relationships with growers and producers*
- *Strengthening community connections through food events (such as a regular community lunch)*

10) Rogate village 20mph Community Highways Scheme – Having considered three quotes (Glasdon, Street Furnishings and JACS), price, specification and WSCC requirements 4 ornate village gateways have been ordered from J.A.C.S. UK Ltd.

11) Land registry title documents – change of registered address for all PC owned land is now complete and all are registered to our address at the Village Hall and the Clerks email address.

12) Western Rivers Trust - River Rother Communities & Parishes Event - Tuesday October 7th 2025 6.00-9.00pm in Midhurst – volunteer to attend?

13) All Parishes meeting 13 October 2025 at 5.00pm in CDC Offices - volunteer to attend?

17b) Open Spaces – we have applied to WSCC Highways for permission to site the new grit bin on Parsonage Estate – they need to accept for it to be included in the refilling list.

21) Correspondence

- AC received a request for an additional SID on the Hillbrow Road – he responded explaining why Highways would not permit it.
- A concerned MOP contacted the Council about drones flying over private gardens and is going to raise the matter with the police. The council are not aware of any other issues.