

## Clerks Report – Annual Statutory Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

- 11 i Code of Conduct** – All references to “he/she” amended to “they” and “him/her” amended to “them”
- 11 ii Model Standing Orders** - NALC have updated [Model Standing Order \(England\) 18](#) to comply with new procurement legislation and ensure consistency with the [Model Financial Regulations](#). The changes are to 18.a.v, 18.c, 18.d, and 18.f. They've also updated [Model Standing Order \(England\) 14](#) to better reflect Code of Conduct requirements. 14.a, 14.b, and 14.c have been removed. They have also changed the language in the document to gender-neutral terms to align with their policy and the [Civility and Respect Project](#).
- 11 iii Financial Regulations Changes** - NALC have issued updated Model Financial Regulations to accommodate The Procurement Act 2023 and The Procurement Regulation 2024, which came into effect recently. The changes are to Model Financial Regulations 5.4, 5.7 and 5.11. Additionally, 5.6 sum is now suggested at £60,000
- 11 iv IT Policy** – new policy to comply with 2025/26 AGAR requirements
- 12 All Terms of Reference** – annual review – no changes
- 20 Planning Matters – All Decisions**

Planning Decisions	LDC Decision	RPC Decision
<b>LW/25/0100/CD - Land to the South of The Broyle, Ringmer</b> Discharge of Condition 16 (Archaeological Works) of Planning Appeal Decision APP/P1425/W/23/3319706 (Refused Application LW/22/0282)	Approved (02/04/25)	Not considered
<b>LW/25/0065 - 1 Church Hill, Ringmer. BN8 5JX</b> Single storey side extension with a pitched roof and skylights, expansion of the rear cottage dormers to form one rear dormer	Refused (04/04/25)	Objected
<b>LW/25/0059 - 68 Harrisons Lane, Ringmer. BN8 5LL</b> Demolition of existing conservatory and side extension and construction of single storey rear and side extension	Approved (07/04/25)	No objection
<b>LW/25/0053/CD - Averys Nurseries Uckfield Road Ringmer. BN8 5RU</b> Discharge of Conditions 4 (Play Areas), and 5 (Secured by Design) in relation to the approval of LW/24/0343	Approved (03/04/25)	No comment
<b>LW/25/0012 - 6 Gote Lane Ringmer. BN8 5HP</b> Single storey side extension to provide mobility/wheelchair accessible wet room	Approved (24/03/25)	No objection

### 21.1 ESCC public consultation on the draft East Sussex Freight Strategy

Following Cllr. O'Brien's petition to introduce a lorry route network similar to the one in West Sussex, so that HGVs are redirected away from narrow local roads in our villages, ESCC is now consulting on their draft Freight Strategy from 6<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Link below:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roads-transport/transport-planning/local-transport-plan/local-transport-plan-4/freight-rail-strategies>

### Other general updates

- i. **Benches:** The bench at the junction of Springett Avenue and Harvard Road is scheduled to be repainted shortly. The bench has been installed in the bus shelter at Goldsborough Hall – next to the Scout Hut.
- ii. **Emergency Plan update** – AW is working on the draft document, and a meeting has been arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> May, with LG, AH, SP, GS and AW to review.
- iii. **A Provisional TPO** has been arranged for an Oak (*Quercus Robur*) on the western edge of the entrance to a footpath on Broyle Lane, to protect the tree due to the potential development at Howell's Bank Farm.
- iv. **Year End Accounts** – There are no changes required to the year-end accounts signed at the April meeting following the Internal Audit.
- v. **Allotments: Composting Toilet** – UKPN have been chased for a response, still no reply. Feedback from other PC's using composting toilets on their allotments was positive. The average cost to supply and install appeared to be in the region of £12k for the lower maintenance units, which still need regular attendance for interior cleaning and topping-up toilet rolls etc. This seemed to be a task undertaken by those with an 'Allotment Holders Association'.