



Clerks report to the Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council Meeting dated 17th December 2025

6. Planning Matters

1. Neighbourhood Plan.

Drop in event 26th November 25.

Approx 30 people attended and comments left from 18 attendees.

The Working Group meeting to follow this meeting will recommend to Full Council in January 2026 for the Regulation 14 Consultation to be carried out across February and March 2026.

2. Foxfields

To note the recent correspondence sent to the PVT following discussions at the Full Council meeting on 12th November 25:

Dear Dean

Thank you again for your detailed update from the Plaistow Village Trust regarding the Football Field.

Following the Full Council meeting on 12th November, I can confirm that your email and the points raised were discussed at length. Councillors expressed appreciation for the efforts of the PVT and the community in securing the field and acknowledged the significance of the opportunity now presented.

However, several concerns and considerations were raised, which I summarise below for your awareness:

- **Community-wide Benefit:** Councillors reiterated the importance of ensuring that any future use of the field benefits the entire parish, not solely Plaistow. This will be a key factor in justifying any financial commitment from the Parish Council.
- **Covenant Clarity:** There was consensus that the covenant must be aligned with the long-term interests of the parish. The Council would welcome sight of a draft covenant at the earliest opportunity upon which to comment. Current arrangements for use of the field may not last into the future and it would be necessary that the use to which the field could be put was flexible whilst still being in everyone's best interests.
- **Finances:** Councillors noted the need for a clear breakdown of the total cost to the Parish Council, including your purchase price and any associated legal or administrative costs. It will be difficult for the Parish Council to justify anything above market value and a covenant could jeopardise the value of the field.
- **Referendum:** While the Council recognises the enthusiasm shown by the 58 households as mentioned before a referendum parish-wide would be required to show majority support from 30% of residents. This will require significant advertisement, engagement and therefore resources. Councillors wonder do you have a timeline?

At this stage, the Council remains in a position of consideration rather than commitment. Your continued engagement is appreciated, and we would welcome further dialogue as the covenant and costings become clearer.

Please do keep the Council informed of progress on your side.

Regards

7. Financial Matters:

2) Playground Inspection(Lady Hope and Kelsey Hall combined) Quotes for 1st February 2026 to 31st January 2027

Quote 1 £2060 – will carry out repairs

Quote 2 £1835 – will carry out repairs

Quote 3 £1350- no zip wire and do not carry out repairs.

3) Ground Maintenance Quotes for three years 2026 to 2028 inclusive

Quote 1 £18390 per year

Quote 2 £3769 **2026** £3869 **2027** £3958 **2028**

8. Traffic Calming

Shillinglee TRO 40mph application. See below correspondence exchange with WSCC Highways.

From: clerk <clerk@plaistowandifold-pc.gov.uk>

Sent: 28 October 2025 16:01

To: Oliver King <Oliver.King@westsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Shillinglee speed limit 622445

Dear Olly

With regard to the number of residents supporting this there was a fishing club included which has membership of about 40 but do they only count as one?

I can submit evidence for access problems which I experienced the other day when visiting a Shillinglee resident. The access would be dangerous even at 30mph.

With regard to funding if the PC offered support for this what would we need to budget?

Regards

Hi Jane,

Our ref: Traffic Regulation Order application – Shillinglee Road – Northchapel - 622445

Sorry for my delay in responding.

The stakeholder support for this scheme scored well, 11 points in this section. The access section of the SPACE assessment relates more to Traffic Regulation Order applications of which there is an evidenced access issues in terms of vehicle congestion or displacement of parking. Additionally funding contributions on their own don't contribute to overall scheme progression if the application hasn't scored sufficiently in other areas.

Ultimately for speed related TROs there is a lot of consideration taken into the average speed data and as previous advised this was inconclusive.

If there is anything else required on this or if the residents wish to contact me please let me know.

Kind regards,

Olly King

Traffic Engineer Western Area (Arun & Chichester)

Highways, Transport and Planning

9. Local Government Reorganisation

With regard to Devolution there will be a directly elected Mayor for the whole of Sussex including Brighton & Hove; elections are planned to take place in May 2028

The outcome of LGR is less certain at this stage and we're in a period of speculation and conjecture. The Government has announced consultations as follows:

East Sussex

- ESCC, Eastbourne, Hastings, Lewes, Rother and Wealden submitted a proposal for one unitary council on the current East Sussex footprint.
- Brighton & Hove have pitched for five unitary councils on a pan-Sussex basis, altering the district boundaries as we know them.

West Sussex

- WSCC submitted a proposal for one unitary council.
- The Districts and Boroughs proposed two unitaries - one for Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex; the other covering Adur, Worthing, Arun and Chichester.

The consultations can be found [here](#) and are open until 11 January. An announcement is expected in the spring.

Elections to the 'Shadow UAs' will take place in May 2027; those new unitaries come into existence in April 2028 when County, District and Borough Councils will cease to exist.

CDC made their choice as it makes sense from:

- Geographical and economic perspective i.e. land geography and transport links business centres and links
- Also 2 unitaries are better than one from a local representation point of view as there would be more Cllrs and more representation to the combined mayoral authority.
- it works financially.

To support CDC we have to answer 8 questions across the four proposals range of answers from Strongly agree to disagree. There is also a text box but any views have to be supported with evidence.

The District Councillors may be able to further enlighten but my proposal would be to strongly agree CDCs choice and Disagree across other consultations.

10. Tree Works

Quotes for works recommended in the aerial survey:

Quote 1 £1188

Quote 2 £1850

Quote 3 £700