



MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL
28 September 2026
19:15 East Woodhay Village Hall

Chairman: Cllr Hurst (Chair)

Present: Cllrs M Rand, A Midwinter, C Roots, G Dick, D Blakeway

Clerk: Amy White

Item 1: 42/26 Apologies

Cllrs Donoghue, Cooper and Titcomb sent their apologies.

Item 2: 43/26 Declarations of Interest

None.

Item 3: 44/26 To approve Meeting Minutes of 20 July 2026

The Meeting Minutes of 20 July 2026 were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Hurst.

Item 4: 45/26 Actions from Meeting of 20 July 2026

Item	Action	Owner
35/26	Cllr Dick to amend the current Emergency Plan needs to 'Community Resilience Plan'- on hold until the BDBC meeting on community resilience on 02 November 2026.	Cllr Dick
37/26	Clerk and Cllr Donoghue to research recreation ground use policies. In action - the Clerk and Cllr Donoghue have a draft which will go back to the Amenities Committee for approval at the committee's subsequent meeting in October.	Clerk & Cllr Donoghue
38/26	Cllr Dick will pursue liaison with Hampshire Highways, East End Village representation and St Martin's school. Actioned - Brian Cainey has responded to Cllr Dick that no measures have been identified as being necessary apart from some regulatory signage that needs to be clearer. All works are prioritised on safety considerations. EWPC will not pursue this further.	Cllr Dick

Item 5: 46/26 Public Participation

None.

Item 6: 47/26 Borough and County Councillor Reports

No borough/county councillors were present.

Cllr Hurst has spoken to MP Kit Malthouse regarding consultation on the Clere school. Mr Malthouse is actively involved in discussions with governors and parents.

Item 7: 48/26 2027 Volunteer session

EWPC will host a community session in late Feb/ early March 2027 (this was planned for September 2026 but had to be cancelled). A provisional date of 13th March was discussed.

This is in line with EWPC's councillor succession planning.

Item 8: 49/26 Planning update

Please see the most recent Planning Minutes on the EWPC website.

Item 9: 50/26 Amenities update

Please see the most recent Amenities Minutes on the EWPC website.

Item 10: 51/26 Highways

Cllr Dick's report and current issues log are on the Highways section of the website.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Blakeway, Cllr Rand to advertise the Handybus on Facebook/website/Spectrum etc.

Item 11: 52/26 Legal update- costs so far

Meadowbrook/ Hardwood Paddock: £927.17 (professional fees)

Heath End: £2483 (voluntary first registration and professional fees)

Woolton Hill: £1606.50 (professional fees)

Total spend on legal costs so far (September 2026): £5016.67

Item 12: 53/26 Request received from St Martin's School for purchase of defibrillator batteries and pads- to decide whether to fund

The Clerk has received a request from the headteacher to fund the replacement batteries and pads required for the defibrillator. The cost would be approximately £250-300. The council asked the Clerk to seek further clarification from St Martin's Guild, which funded the defibrillator, on why they are unable to provide ongoing funding for this community asset. In principle, the council agreed it would fund the replacements if St Martin's Guild refused to support the asset, as the defibrillator is on an outside accessible wall.

Action: Clerk to seek clarification from St Martin's Guild on the funding of replacement battery and pads for defibrillator at St Martin's school.

Item 13: 54/26 Finance Update

Bank reconciliation 31 August 2026:

Natwest: £26891.13

Redwood: £25266.82

TOTAL: £52157.95

Accounts for payment:

The Clerk presented the accounts for payment. These were checked in advance by Cllr Rand on Scribe. See end of the Minutes for a full list.

The second tranche of precept has been received.

External audit: The external audit is now complete and all documents are on the website.

Cllr Hurst asked councillors to consider budgetary considerations within committees for initial budget planning in November.

Item 14: 55/26 EW Charities Trustee representative

Sarah Garland has confirmed she is happy to continue in this role.

Item 15: 56/26 Visit from BDBC PCSOs

The council was delighted to receive a surprise visit from our local PCSOs. They gave the following brief report on activities/ issues logged in the East Woodhay vicinity:

Suspect vehicle reported 'lamping' in the area.

2 x criminal damage (church grounds, neighbourly dispute)

ASB- drug dealing in WH play area

3 x Road Traffic Collision (low impact)

1 x fraud

Misc: concern for welfare, mental health, rogue traders, nuisance calls.

Item 15: 57/26 Items to carry forward to subsequent meeting

Budget considerations.

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51/26	Clerk, Cllr Blakeway, Cllr Rand to advertise the Handybus on Facebook/website/Spectrum etc.	Clerk, Cllrs Blakeway, Rand
53/26	Clerk to seek clarification from St Martin's Guild on the funding of replacement battery and pads for defibrillator at St Martin's school.	Clerk