



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**28 July 2025**  
**19:15 East Woodhay Village Hall**

**Chairman:** Cllr Hurst (Chair)

**Present:** Cllrs M Rand, T Titcomb, D Dick, D Blakeway, R Donoghue, S Cooper, C Roots

**Clerk:** M Rand

**Also present:** Cllr Sam Carr

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**Item 1: 39/25 Apologies**

Received from Amy White.

**Item 2: 40/25 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**Item 3: 41/25 To approve Meeting Minutes of 30 June 2025**

The Meeting Minutes of 30 June 2025 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Hurst.

**Item 4: 42/25 Actions from Meeting of 30 June 2025**

Item	Action	Owner
64/24	Community Emergency Plan/Risk Assessment: Cllr Donoghue, Cllr Hurst and Cllr Dick will form a working party to assess the current North Hants plan and action any required updates. <b>To bring to September meeting.</b>	Cllr Donoghue, Hurst & Dick
65/24	All councillors owning statements or SOPs to work with the Clerk to confirm they are held centrally, and for the Clerk structure this documentation for ease of future access. A spreadsheet listing the documents will be generated. Statement documentation may be more complex as it will need to link with appropriate legal documents. The owners of the statement documents need to highlight these legal links. <b>To bring to September meeting.</b>	All Cllrs, Clerk
31/25	Clerk to share St Thomas nursery provision consultation document with local parish councils. <b>Actioned and taken to HCC</b>	Clerk

<b>33/25</b>	All councillors to migrate emails one by one over the next few weeks. <b>Actioned</b>	<b>All cllrs</b>
<b>36/25</b>	Clerk to accept quote of £690 for replacement finger posts in Woolton Hill from A1 Ultimate Signs. <b>Actioned</b>	<b>Clerk</b>

#### **Item 5: 43/25 Public Participation**

None

#### **Item 6: 44/25 Borough and County Councillor Reports**

Regarding the HCC unitary restructure there it is planned there will be a consultation from the government in November which will be completed by New Year. Ministerial decision expected in March 2026.

No progress in Local Plan.

In many places solar farms on agricultural land have been given approval and concern about loss of farming.

Major solar schemes will not be approved by BDBC council on land within National Landscapes which includes majority of East Woodhay.

EWPC have not heard back from Cllr Thacker regarding the likelihood of #7 bus route ending after the end of August due to funding ceasing from HCC to Stagecoach who operate the service. Cllr Carr offered to find out further information from Cllr Thacker.

#### **Item 7: 45/25 Parish Council succession planning and improvement focus**

Cllr Titcomb led the open discussion.

Key points to consider going forward:

- copying for example, Hamble parish council, introduce Community Awards, as a way of engaging more people.
- need to shorten meetings / focus on key issues rather than covering material already shared.
- possible need for mentor / induction for new councillors (noting special thanks for her support to the Parish Clerk)
- possible focus on nature (or any other specific topic) to gain engagement from other people - organise 'Beating the Bounds' (parish walk)
- survey residents to gain active engagement - get them to advise on what they see as key issues and what to do about them (could start with Meadowbrook and /or Vivid tenants as a separate group.)
- learning from the 'welcome to Woolton Hill' meeting run some 8 years ago for people new to the area, should we offer to run a special meeting just for residents of say one area, with a view to engaging them in two-way discussion / participation. Focus on one area at a time.
- image - if we want to change perception of Parish Council, then we need to change its image - focus more on social media, especially videos, and raise awareness of what we actually do rather than what people think we do. Show it is engaging, interesting and has a positive impact.

- need to change the image associated with name of "parish council" which is ~~outdated~~ and although is the formal title has an old-fashioned connotation - perhaps we should have a forename of 'Community Action' or some such name.
- how do the tractor run people gain so much enthusiastic support?

**Action:** Cllr Blakeway to make contact with tractor run team to determine whether EWPC could engage with them.

**Action:** Cllr Hurst and Cllr Titcomb to decide to focus first on either the survey idea or image issue at the next meeting.\*

**Action:** Cllr Hurst and Cllr Titcomb to meet with Clerk to discuss next steps.

\*Image issue (on social media) will require a template of key items which can be published frequently, rather than periodically, focussing on videos and photos rather than words - to be decided on.

\*Survey idea - will need to be kept to a small area initially e.g. Meadowbrook where there are young families whom we would like to draw in. Can be moved onto another area later (e.g. North End, East End, Tile Barn). Survey focus should aim on drawing out issues and encouraging residents to come forward to help resolve those issues themselves.....remind them we have funds to spend / engage them with how those funds might be spent.

#### **Item 8: 46/25 Email migration to HugoFox 'Spacemail'**

Cllr Rand reported that all councillors have now successfully migrated to Spacemail. This means only eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk email accounts will now be used for future communication and not previous gmail.com accounts. Reminders on cyber security process have been issued to all councillors.

**Action:** Cllr Rand to work with Clerk regarding appropriate access to Dropbox from eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk accounts.

#### **Item 9: 47/25 Planning Update**

Please see most recent Planning Minutes on the EWPC website.

Bewley Homes have communicated that they intend to undertake all of Watermill Bridge (phase 2) at the same time rather than in two separate phases.

#### **Item 10: 48/25 Amenities Update**

The Amenities committee have not met since the last EWPC meeting.

The Parish Field has been cut for hay and, during the time machinery was in the field, the permissive path and field was closed for safety reasons.

#### **Item 11: 49/25 Highways**

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

**Action:** Cllr Dick to draft a note regarding a note to Vivid regarding the visible impact of certain areas administered by them around Copnor for the Clerk to issue.

#### **Item 12: 50/25 Finance Update**

Bank reconciliation 30 June 2025:

**Natwest: £23589.80**

**Redwood: £24439.09**

**TOTAL: £48028.89**

**a. Accounts for payment:**

The Clerk had presented the accounts for payment to the Finance Committee prior to the meeting - see end of Minutes for list.

Payments requiring approval over the August break will be agreed by the finance committee and confirmed at the September meeting.

**Item 13: 51/25 Items to carry forward to subsequent meeting**

- Follow-up improvement focus discussion
- Any appropriate policies to be formally approved

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