



MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL
26 January 2026
19:15 East Woodhay Village Hall

Chairman: Cllr Hurst (Chair)

Present: Cllrs G Dick, S Cooper, M Rand, D Blakeway

Clerk: Amy White

Item 1: 118/25 Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllrs Titcomb, Donoghue and Roots.

Item 2: 119/25 Declarations of Interest

None.

Item 3: 120/25 To approve Meeting Minutes of 08 December 2025

The Meeting Minutes of 08 December 2025 were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Hurst.

Item 4: 121/25 Actions from Meeting of 08 December 2025

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61/25	Action: Cllrs Titcomb and Roots will put together a planting costing proposal for EWWH (for CIL funding use). Carry forward to February meeting.	Cllr Titcomb, Cllr Roots
90/25	Clerk and Cllr Titcomb to find a contact/facilities manager for the BT building to discuss hedge screening opportunities. Carry forward to February meeting.	Clerk & Cllr Titcomb
101/25	Cllr Titcomb to organise for the planning committee to meet in January to respond to the Local Plan Regulation 18- Actioned.	Cllr Titcomb
102/25	Clerk to send the revised version of the Harwood Paddock/Meadowbrook Head of Terms to BDBC for agreement- Actioned. Cllr Donoghue to send recreation ground boundary information to surveyors- Actioned.	Clerk Cllr Donoghue
104/25	Clerk to accept A1 Ultimate Sign quote for improvement of fingerpost in East End- Actioned.	Clerk
105/25	Clerk and Cllr Hurst to post most recent bus update to the community- Actioned.	Clerk/Cllr Hurst

Item 5: 122/25 Public Participation

None.

Item 6: 123/25 Borough and County Councillor Reports

No one was present. Cllrs John Izett, Jo Perry and Sam Carr have written a joint letter in support for Highclere and East Woodhay's submissions on the Regulation 18 consultation.

Item 7: 124/25 Finance Update

Bank reconciliation 31 December 2025:

Natwest: £27316.38

Redwood: £24439.09

TOTAL: £51755.47

a. Accounts for payment:

The Clerk presented the accounts for payment. See end of the Minutes for a full list.

b. Budget third draft:

The Clerk shared the latest 26/27 budget to correlate with the precept recommendation from the Finance committee (see Minutes on the website). EWPC is on track with the budget with careful management and financial oversight.

c. Precept decision:

Council agreed to request a precept of £49005. This is an increase from the current year's precept (£44550).

On a band D property, this request equates to **£35.34** for 2026/27, a rise of **£3.23** from the current year (£32.11).

Action: Clerk to request precept from BDBC.

Action: Cllr Rand to write a communication on the precept for Spectrum/Facebook/website.

d. The council agreed to use Eleanor Greene (Do The Numbers) for the 25/26 internal audit (03 June 2026).

Item 8: 125/25 Planning Update

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

The Clerk has submitted two documents on behalf of EWPC for the BDBC Local Plan Draft Spatial Strategy Regulation 18 consultation.

Item 9: 126/25 Legal Matter

There is no further update.

Item 10: 127/25 Amenities Update

The next Amenities Meeting will be held 09 February 2026. Since the previous meeting, Cllr Rand has successfully obtained a grant from the Hampshire Forest Partnership for five elm trees and a 90m line of hedging (a variety of 450 native plants) by the doctor's surgery end. These have been planted in the parish field. St Thomas' Infant School brought a few children to assist with the planting of the trees in the field.

Item 11: 128/25 Highways

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

The Clerk has received an email from a parishioner requesting that a school crossing patrol officer be placed at the Woolton Hill Junior School. EWPC will refer this back to the school, referencing a previous request received in 2025.

The potholes are particularly bad along Church Road and Tile Barn Row at the moment.

Action: Clerk to respond to parishioner on the subject of a school crossing patrol officer, referring them back to Woolton Hill Junior School.

Action: Cllr Dick to write a report for Spectrum/website on the speed indicator, its use, what it records etc.

Action: Cllr Dick to report as many potholes as possible in WH area.

Item 12: 129/25 Items to carry forward to subsequent meeting

Usual items, Legal Update, project ideas/priorities for 26/27, Annual Meeting, emergency plan.

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