



MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL
23 February 2026
19:15 East Woodhay Village Hall

Chairman: Cllr Hurst (Chair)

Present: Cllrs G Dick, D Blakeway, K Titcomb, R Donoghue, C Roots

Clerk: Amy White

In attendance: One member of the public; Cllr Sam Carr (until 7:45pm)

Item 1: 130/25 Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllr Rand and Cllr Cooper.

Item 2: 131/25 Declarations of Interest

None.

Item 3: 132/25 To approve Meeting Minutes of 26 January 2026

The Meeting Minutes of 26 January 2026 were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Hurst.

Item 4: 133/25 Actions from Meeting of 26 January 2026

Item	Action	Owner
61/25	Action: Cllrs Titcomb and Roots will put together a planting costing proposal for EWVH (for CIL funding use). Added to project item 7.	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. Clerk to write note and post at BT building.	Clerk & Cllr Titcomb
124/25	Clerk to request precept from BDBC- Actioned. Cllr Rand to write a communication on the precept for Spectrum/Facebook/website- Actioned.	Clerk Cllr Rand
128/25	Clerk to respond to parishioner on the subject of a school crossing patrol officer, referring them back to Woolton Hill Junior School- Actioned. Cllr Dick to write a report for Spectrum/website on the speed indicator, its use, what it records etc. Cllr Dick to report as many potholes as possible in WH area- Actioned.	Clerk Cllr Dick Cllr Dick

Item 5: 134/25 Public Participation

None.

Item 6: 135/25 Borough and County Councillor Reports

Local Government Reorganisation: Cllr Carr will report back when an update is available (likely early March).

Local Plan: There has been an overwhelming number of submissions to BDBC's regulation 18. In light of the government moving forward with national planning policies, it is likely that BDBC will have to do another consultation on the policy section of the Local Plan. This may delay Regulation 19, constraining the timing and delivery of housing numbers within the borough. Today, the Clerk received a letter from Cllr Andy Konieczko regarding the new government centralised planning policies and the potential for Neighbourhood Plans to be given much less weight in planning decisions. There is a consultation on this, which EWPC will respond to. Cllr Hurst questioned what would happen to the CIL uplift, which is a significant financial factor for EWPC.

Action: Cllr Carr will find out about CIL in the context of the recent letter from Cllr Konieczko on national planning policies and report back to EWPC.

Action: Planning Committee will respond to the consultation from BDBC on the government's changes to NPPF and its effects on the Local Plan.

Cllr Carr is also supporting EWPC on an enforcement issue in the parish.

At the BDBC budget setting meeting next week, Cllr Carr will raise the continuing issue of public transport. EWPC expressed its continuing dissatisfaction at the current taxishare service provision.

Cllr Carr confirmed he would be standing for re-election in May 2026.

Item 7: 136/25 Priorities for 26/27

Suggestions provided in the December 2025 meeting included: Village signs which incl North Wessex Downs National Landscape; street furniture improvements incl signposts (parish image); improving the outward appearance of the BT building with hedging; boardwalk improvement (the section that was not included in the recent improvement off Trade St, and the path from Fullers to Heath End (fp10)); reprinting of the local walk booklets; consideration of ageing recreational assets incl play areas, tennis courts (potential to upgrade/improve the HE court); Meadowbrook play area; recreation ground car park; Extending the new boardwalk further to the Fullers Lane end.

Heath End recreation ground/Scribbsen project- this is being led by the Amenities committee with input from Cllrs Roots and Titcomb.

Action: Cllr Titcomb will prioritise the list of suggested EWPC projects and share it with the council.

Item 8: 137/25 Annual Parish Meeting and other community events 2026: to agree themes

APM Ideas: Target new parishioners, to showcase what clubs/societies are available the area.

Community events: The Village Market has asked whether EWPC/HPC might want to have a stall to promote the parish councils and to update on local issues. Other fetes could include a parish council (s) table to encourage volunteers and awareness.

Item 9: 138/25 Finance Update

Bank reconciliation 31 January 2026:

Natwest: £22049.20

Redwood: £24439.09

TOTAL: £46488.29

a. Accounts for payment:

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

Item 10: 139/25 Planning Update

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

Item 11: 140/25 Legal Matter

The Clerk has chased BDBC for an update on the Meadowbrook handover- at this point EWPC is waiting for BDBC to advertise the legal sale of the land.

Recreation grounds- Cllr Donoghue is drafting emails to the solicitors to confirm East Woodhay is the owner of the lands.

Action: Cllr Donoghue to finalise emails to send to solicitors regarding EWPC ownership of the recreation grounds.

Item 12: 141/25 Amenities Update

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

Item 13: 142/25 Highways

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

Item 14: 143/25 Items to carry forward to subsequent meeting

Usual items, Legal Update, Annual Parish Meeting, emergency plan.

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