

## EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held in the Village Hall on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Councillors Tim Fisher (TF), Judith Hilditch (JH), Ann Jones (AJ, Vice Chair), John Miller (JM, Chair), Robin Piggott (RP), John Taylor (JT) and Julian Brazil (JB, DCC) and Lulu Stacey (Parish Clerk)

**Members of the public:** None.

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**645. Open Forum** – None

**646. District & County Councillor reports** – JB updated the Cllrs on District and County matters. Budget processing complete – public services will not be cut; County and District working together to tackle homelessness; Libraries out to consultation. Slapton Line Partnership meetings continue.

**647. Apologies** – Nichola Craven (NC)

**648. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025** were approved.

**649. Declarations of interest** – none.

**650. Planning & planning matters** – **For consideration: 3589/25/CLE** Land adjacent to Rickham Farm – comments can be viewed at: <https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3589/25/CLE>; **3728/25/ARC** Longshore – No objection.

**To Note: 2509/25/FUL** Village Farm – Approved; **2836/25/VAR** The Venus Café – Approved; **2975/25/HHO** Thalassa – Approved; **3004/25/VAR** Harbour Watch – withdrawn.

**651. Chair's report** – Covered below.

**652. Matters for Discussion**

- a) Flooding and drainage clearance – Sandbags have been effective at diverting flow of rainwater into new soakaway at Village Farm. Gary Farleigh has cleared parish buddles.
- b) Tree Preservation orders – Nothing to report.
- c) Emergency Relief Plan – Nothing to report.
- d) Village Tennis Court – Pre-planning visit has been carried out.
- e) Sandbags – Stored at Village farm for the use of the parish.
- f) 16-18 travel subsidy policy – Agreed to increase maximum grant to £800 to reflect current cost of travel.

**653. Councillors' areas of special responsibility**

- Foreshore owners' liaison (NC) – None
- Footpaths & hedgerows (JH) – Deterioration of Ferry Steps highlighted to JB who will raise it with Salcombe Harbour Authority.
- Highways (JT) – Signs on Holset Lane are being observed.
- Dog matters (RP) – None
- Parking (JM) — See planning above
- Trees (TF) – None

**654. Finance**

- a) Agreed to hold precept at current amount.
- b) Payments of £90 to L Stacey; £14 Land Registry fees to JM; £250 Citizens Advice Bureau donation; £318 bench repair costs to M.Nolan; £800 16-18 travel grant; £500 graveyard maintenance.
- c) Cash at bank before payments above noted as £27, 334.54

**655. Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 7pm

Signed:.....  
Chairman