

EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Nichola Craven (NC), Judith Hilditch (JH), Ann Jones (AJ, Vice Chair), John Miller (JM, Chair), Robin Piggott (RP), and Lulu Stacey (LS, Parish Clerk).

Members of the public: Two members of the public attended.

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678. Open Forum – Imogen and Martin raised concern regarding flooding under the road from the corner of the churchyard across Rickham lane. John Taylor explained the rationale for the Village Farm licence application and was available to answer questions.

679. District & County Councillor reports – None.

680. Apologies – Tim Fisher (TF), John Taylor (JT), Julian Brazil (JB, DCC).

681. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd March 2025 were approved.

682. Declarations of interest – JT – Village Farm license application.

683. Planning & planning matters –

For consideration at Interim planning meeting held 17th March 2026 (Present: JH, AJ, JM, RP): **3686/25/VAR** West Prawle House – no comment; **0533/26/VAR** Harbour Watch – Object. Comments can be viewed at <https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0533/26/VAR>

For consideration on 7th April 2026: **0744/26/HHO** Waypark - Object. Comments can be viewed at <https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0744/26/HHO>; 0831/26/HHO 2 West Waterhead – Support.

To Note: Enforcements were not discussed.

684. Chair's report – JM has corresponded with owners of Mill Bay beach café regarding planning conditions.

685. Matters for Discussion

- a) Flooding and drainage clearance – Discussions continue with farm owners re: mitigating future flooding of village. Drain at Harbour Watch has been cleared by DCC.
- b) Village Farm opening hours and alcohol licence – Village Farm has applied for a licence for on and off sales of alcohol. Opening hours not affected by licence. No objections.
- c) Public Conveniences at Ferry steps - SHDC concerned with maintenance costs with year-round maintenance. Discussions ongoing.
- d) DALC membership – Agreed to renew.

686. Councillors' areas of special responsibility

- Foreshore owners' liaison (NC) – None.
- Footpaths & hedgerows (JH) – None.
- Highways (JT) – Holset sign in need of repair.
- Dog matters (RP) – None
- Parking (JM) — Discussions continue between new owners of Gara Rock Hotel and non-residents car park landowner.
- Trees (TF) – None.

687. Finance

- a) Payments of £90 to L Stacey.
- b) Accounts approved for independent examination.
- c) Cash at bank before payments above noted as £24,743.17

688. Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7pm

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Chairman