

EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 7.00pm

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

Members of the public: 6 members of the public were present.

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Open Forum – Cat Middleditch attended to explain the need for the current planning application at *High Nature*. A Neighbour to *High Nature* expressed objections to current planning application.

District and County Councillor reports – JB updated the Cllrs on matters concerning SHDC and DCC. SHDC – 12,000 trees to be planted to form community woodland at Charleton. Volunteers required to help with autumn planting. DCC – Council has effectively made financial savings focussing on improving efficiency rather than cutting services. Second Children’s Commissioners’ report shows improvements to services. Cllrs asked JB to continue to campaign for bridleway to Fisherman’s to be repaired/alternative access to be provided; public concern is increasing regarding restricted access to the beach for the second summer season. Concern raised to JB regarding speed in which farming contractors are driving on the lanes.

699. Apologies – Nichola Craven (NC),

700. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th May 2026 were approved.

701. Declarations of interest – JM requested RP to chair today’s meeting in view of a personal objection to *High Nature* Planning application.

702. Planning & planning matters –

For consideration 1232/26/CLP The High Nature Centre – comments can be viewed at <https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/1232/26/CLP>

To Note: 0533/26/HHO Harbour Watch; 3686/26/VAR West Prawle House; 0744/26/HHO Way Park; 0831/26/HHO 2 West Waterhead; and 0884/26/HHP Thalassa were all approved.

703. Matters for discussion

- a) Flooding and drainage clearance – No update to carry forward to next agenda.
- b) Public Conveniences at Ferry steps – No further update at this time.
- c) First Responder – Tim Johnson is standing down as first responder. Sean Jeffery is currently being trained for the position. The First responder car will no longer be required – awaiting further information from Chivelstone PC regarding the future of the car.

704. Councillors’ areas of special responsibility

- Foreshore owners’ liaison (NC) – None.
- Footpaths & hedgerows (JH) – LS to request schedule for footpath clearing as was very late last year.
- Highways (JT) – Parent and child sign at top and bottom of East Portlemouth hill proposed to highlight pedestrians walking on road to drivers.
- Dog matters (RP) – None
- Parking (JM) — Discussions continue between new owners of Gara Rock Hotel and non-residents car park landowner.
- Trees (TF) – Cllrs informed of forthcoming events.

705. Finance

- a) Payments of £93 to L Stacey; £229.94 to Roseland Furniture.
- b) Cash at bank before payments above noted as £32,498.96

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7pm

Signed:.....
Chairman