EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Nichola Craven (NC), Judith Hilditch (JH), Ann Jones (AJ, Vice Chair), John Miller (JM), Robin Piggott (RP), John Taylor (JT), Lulu Stacey (LS, Parish Clerk) and Julian Brazil (JB, DCC).
Members of the public: 11 members of the public were present.

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Open Forum – Three members of the public spoke regarding the High Nature planning agenda item: one member supporting the application; one member objecting the application; and the applicant. The applicant for the West Prawle caravan planning agenda item spoke regarding their application.
District and County Councillor reports – JB updated the councillors on matters concerning the district and county councils. NHS struggling across the area. Improvements continue to be seen in Children's services, recent inspection of children's social care is good. SEND services need improving. Focus on improving roads, investing in road infrastructure to save in the long run. LGR discussions continue – county not happy with proposals.
JB informed "Give Way' road markings at the junction next to Prawle water tower have worn away and sign is obstructed by vegetation – LS to contact highways. Double yellow lines requested on corner below bus stop in East Portlemouth – Traffic Regulation Order consultation required – LS to add to next month's agenda.
713. Apologies – Tim Fisher (TF)
714. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th July 2026 were approved.
715. Declarations of interest – None
716. Planning & planning matters –
For consideration 1630/26 High Nature Centre – Object, comments can be viewed at https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/1630/26/FUL; **2147/26/FUL** West Prawle Farm – No objection, comments can be viewed at https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2147/26/FUL
717. Chair's report South Hams and West Devon Joint Local Plan is open for consultation. Councillors and residents encouraged to complete survey before it closes on 24.09.2026 at https://shwdlocalplan.commonplace.is/en-GB/
718. Matters for discussion - None
719. Councillors' areas of special responsibility

- Foreshore owners' liaison (NC) – None.
- Footpaths & hedgerows (JH) – Footpaths remain in good condition. Tree on steps leading up Ferry Hill looking precarious – needs removing.
- Highways (JT) – Vinivers Cross will be closed on 10 September to investigate leak. Holset lane will be closed from 2-30 November for repairs.
- Dog matters (RP) – None, situation not improved.
- Parking (JM) –– No further update on Gara Rock non-residents carpark.
- Trees (TF) – None.

720. Finance

a) Payments of £93 to L Stacey
b) Cash at bank before payments above noted as £27,220.57

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 7pm

Signed:……..
Chairman