

**Minutes of the meeting of East Allington Parish Council held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.**

**Present** – Cllr. Soper (Chairman); Cllr. Hannaford; Cllr. Wotton; Cllr. Hogarth; Cllr. Weeks; 12 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk). County Cllr. Brazil. Cllr. Toorneini.

**1A) Alan Sydenham** – to update Council on the lease between Ken Luscombe and the Parish Council. Alan Sydenham advised that the previous 30 year old lease is illegal as it was not executed correctly. There would be no change to the lease just updated. A new lease will be sent through to the clerk and be checked by Council's solicitors.

**1) PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

An opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda, or any matter of interest to the parish. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes. (Standing Orders 3e and 3f).

Reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

Cllr. Weeks on behalf of a parishioner regarding the trees/shrubs in the SUDS encroaching her garden. Ed Lally is due to cut these back – Cllr. Hannaford to action.

**2) Apologies For Absence:** Cllr. McCoy. District Cllr. Lawford. Apologies accepted for the reasons given.

**3) Declarations Of Interest:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at South Hams District Council within 28 days of the change. Cllr. Hannaford agenda item 10:2

**4) Matters raised by the Chairman** (for information only) **none.**

**5) District and County Councillor Reports** (for information only)

County Cllr. Brazil reported that the County is all consumed by Local Government Reorganisation – there is a meeting in November to discuss this. Other councils within Devon will put their own proposals forward. All proposals have to be in by 28<sup>th</sup> November to Government followed by statutory consultation. May 2027 elections/2028 new unitary to commence in theory. Slapton Line meeting next week.

Cllr. Toorneini arrived at 7.40pm

**6) Minutes** –the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**7) Recreation Ground Shelter** – to resolve to agree monies to upgrade and improve the shelter so that it can be used. Estimated costs total £3,137.00. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr. Hogarth, seconded by Cllr. Hannaford, all in favour by show of hands.

**8) Waste/dog bins** – to consider a request for more bins in the school/pub area particularly to deal with dog waste. Discussion as to where a bin could be placed. Cllr. Hannaford stated that most people within the village are close to their own homes and could take their dog waste home. Clerk to check on the current emptying of the bins.

## 9) Open spaces –

- i. Hedges – as per Phil Chisholm’s email regarding the roadside hedge to the recreation field. The hedge has been laid on the inside – to let the outside grow a bit in order for it to be laid in the future.
- ii. Car park wall – to receive an update on the quotation received. Actions. Cllr. Hogarth
- iii. Community meeting regarding the playground – update. A drop-in session in the Parish Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 3.15 until 5pm. To display play equipment/wish list/questionnaire. Agenda for November for an update.

## 10) PLANNING

**Planning Applications** - South Hams District Council has asked for observations from the Parish Council on the following planning applications:

- i. 2139/25/FUL Change of use to a holiday static caravan park & ancillary infrastructure & landscaping, Mounts Farm Touring Park, Mounts Farm, East Allington – deadline 16/10/25  
In principle Council **support** this application but express concerns about light pollution from this geographically elevated site. Light spill should be closely controlled. (As stated June 2024)
- ii. 2045/25/TPO Ash- remove tree due to poor quality and die back, The Old Rectory, East Allington  
Chris looked at this tree on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. Riddled with ash die back and needs to come down. Strongly recommend **support** to have this tree removed.

## Planning Decisions

Cllr. Wotton left the meeting at 8.17pm

## 11) FINANCE

<b>Expenditure</b>	South Hams Council – annual fee play inspections	£291.60
	Parish Hall July & September room hire	£25.00
	Sound and Visual Systems Ltd – maintenance CCTV	£188.40
	Employment October to include back-dated increase to April 1 <sup>st</sup>	£421.20
	Len McCarthy – removal and clean up of car park	£1,476.04

<b>Income</b>	Second half precept received	£10,000.00
	Raised beds x 5	£25.00
	Bank interest Q2	£175.60

Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information

Council resolved to accept the accounts as listed above. Proposed by Cllr. Hannaford, all in favour by show of hands.

**12) Village Voice** – for further discussion. Cllr. Toorneini suggested that the VV should be a separate entity and receive an annual grant towards costs.

Standing orders suspended for a parishioner to speak

Discussions ensued regarding the publication. Council requested the editor to put together a grant application for the 2026/2027 financial year.

Standing orders resumed.

**13) Councillor Training** - At the April meeting, agenda item 7 resulted in an action to pursue IT training for councillors and in particular the Chair, as recommended by the Hearing Panel. An update on this would be welcome. Cllr. Toorneini would like an update. No IT training has been put in place as yet.

**14) Councillor Roles & Responsibilities** – to consider a list of councillor roles and responsibilities to be drawn up to be published on the council website. Cllr. Toorneini suggested a framework of roles and responsibilities to be published on the website. Roles will be published on the website and in the VV.

**15) Budget** – to consider a meeting of the Finance Committee to commence budget deliberations for 2026/2027. 19<sup>th</sup> November 7pm in the committee room.

**16) Clerk's report –**

- i. To receive a brief report from the DALC conference. Attended the AGM where the DALC staff were all introduced to conference, Rebecca Walker being made CEO. The LGR update was brief as it is all still very much ongoing, I circulated around the various exhibitors, some of whom we already deal with as a council. Unity Trust Bank and Parishes Online are just two. Attended two workshops; 'Putting up the Precept' and 'What happens if the lights go out'. The first one was very interesting especially as a request was made to remove the percentage increase always listed on our council tax bills. The second one, not so good or interesting, without coming up with any answers! All in all, an excellent day out.

**Councillor's reports and External Meetings attended (for information only)**

Cllr. Hogarth reported on the actions listed in the safety report.

Cllr. Hannaford regarding the footpath damage reported at the last meeting.

**Items for Information** - The next council meeting will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.12pm

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**Email Circulation**

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