

**Minutes of the meeting of East Allington Parish Council held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.**

**Present** – Cllr. Soper (Chairman); Cllr. Hannaford; Cllr. Wotton; Cllr. McCoy; Cllr. Hogarth; Cllr. Toorneini; Cllr. Weeks; District Cllr. Lawford; 2 representatives from Baker Estates; 4 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk)

**1) Introduction from Baker Estates with a brief presentation to Council** – to be noted.

Moved up. Baker Estates are a local house builder based in Newton Abbot. Acquired an interest in the land off Dartmouth Road. Outline planning has been granted. The intention is to bring forward reserved matters for this site. Drainage, highways, affordable housing will all be looked at. Happy to come to any meetings. Cllr. Hannaford asked about the number of homes as this has been removed from the plans (35). Cllr. Wotton also queried the numbers; there is no upper limit. Cllr Toorneini asked for the anticipated timescales. Response was 3 to 6 months possibly. A public consultation was mooted. Cllr. Hannaford asked about the S106 agreement regarding allotments. He also mentioned that there is a lack of larger affordable homes in the village. Cllr. Toorneini brought up the recreation area which is next door to this proposed development and access during construction. Baker Estates will no doubt be attending further council meetings.

**2) 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. Soper asked about non-working street lights. These need to be reported online.

**3) Apologies For Absence:** County Cllr. Brazil.

**4) 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. None declared.

**5) Matters raised by the Chairman** (for information only)

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

Cllr. Lawford stated that everything is being focused around LGR - the vote is next Thursday. Thermal imaging cameras are available to rent. Press release regarding residents staying warm and homes being upgraded. Taking a look at the recycling centre having received complaints. Trying to find the source of an invasive pond weed affecting Slapton. Postal voters possibly need to re-apply if they wish to remain on the postal list.

**7) Minutes** –the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**8) Community drop-in meeting play area** – to receive an update. Cllr. Hogarth reported quite a few parents and children attended this event. He advised that the playground is going to be made safe, once

Sovereign Play have attended and produced their report. Climbing equipment came out as the top request. Other items were discussed including fund-raising ideas.

## 9) PLANNING

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

- i. 0903/25/FUL Readvertisement (amended plans) conversion of barns to four dwellings, formation of new vehicular access & associated works, Nutcombe Farm, East Allington.

No comment

### Planning Decisions

- a) 204/25/TPO remove tree due to poor quality and ask die back, The Old Rectory, East Allington.  
GRANTED

## 10) FINANCE

<b>Expenditure</b>	M. Weeks – grass cuts & fuel for mower	£438.00	
	Clerks expenses Q2	£132.00	
	DALC – half share clerk conference attendance	£30.00	
	Sovereign Play – playground site inspection	£238.80	
	Parish Magazine Printing	£197.30	
	Employment November	£346.40	
	Poppy Shop – wreath	£24.49	CARD

Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information

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

**11) Internal Audit** – to resolve to appoint Hania Lee of Lee Accounting as Council’s internal auditor for 2025/26. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr. Wotton, all in favour by show of hands.

**12) Budget** – to receive the initial workings of the proposed budget for 2026/2027. Clerk explained the basic workings as discussed at the finance meeting held prior to the council meeting. Amendments to be made and the budget presented in January for approval.

### 13) Open spaces –

- i. Car park wall – Cllr. Hogarth to update Council – ongoing.
- ii. Recreation ground shelter – to receive an update on works; hopefully start in January.

**14) Slapton Line Partnership** – initial comments from councillors regarding the link emailed to you all last week. Councillor representation for future Partnership meetings is also being requested. Cllr. Toorneini and Cllr. Hannaford would like to be representatives at the Partnership meetings.

### 15) Clerk's report

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

Cllr. Hogarth attended the South Hams energy assembly – his report is attached.

Letter to the planning dept regarding the lack of an upper limit. 2412/22/OPA copy to Baker Estates and MP

Meeting closed at 8.51pm

**Items for Information** - The next council meeting will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

**Signed**.....

**Dated**.....

**Email Circulation**

DALC Bulletin 47 (sent 31/10)

DALC Bulletin 49 (sent 12/11)

## SOUTH HAMS ENERGY ASSEMBLY

I attended the SH energy assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025, in the morning there was a choice of workshops which were Fuel poverty or Energy and net zero myths and misinformation. I went to the fuel poverty workshop as at present in contact with Live West as a resident of the village was having problems with paying for energy. The presentation was given by Helen Thompson, from South Dartmoor Community Energy (SDCE), fuel poverty was explained, it means that if you are spending more than 10% of income on energy. 1 in 9 South Hams residents now live in fuel poverty and cannot access affordable warmth. Cold homes lead to increased risk of physical and mental health problems as well as social and poorer educational outcomes. SDEC can offer advice on an individual or community basis if anyone requires advice they can be contacted by email [advice@sdce.org.uk](mailto:advice@sdce.org.uk) phone 0800 112 3044.

The afternoon session had a choice of 3 workshops which were Community and commercial renewable energy, retrofit, how to make properties more energy efficient and Community buildings. I attended the one on community buildings because of my involvement with the parish hall. The workshop was run by Dan Parnell from Sustainable South Hams he guided the group through key considerations when thinking of a building's energy use.

These were: -

**Why** – Explore the importance of getting really clear around the motivations and objectives. Is it to reduce carbon, save on energy or just keep doors open. What are the main considerations and what is important to the community.

**Who** – Understand the impact of who is on the team, their skills, capacity, and ambitions.

Once these are clear the following can be explored: -

**What** – Is feasible and what needs to be addressed before heating solutions can be implemented.

**How** – This might be developed and what solutions are appropriate.

**Why not** – Understand the barriers to change and how to overcome them.

During this session there were presentations from Tony Lyle from Marleborough who spoke about the installation of a heat source pump for heating the village hall and Adam Williams who shared insights on the use of thermal imaging cameras and a digital tool available on line to assess buildings.