Minutes of the meeting of East Allington Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st October 2026, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Present – Cllr. Soper (Chair); Cllr. Hogarth; Cllr. Weeks; Cllr. Hannaford; Cllr. Wotton; Cllr. Northrop; District Cllr. Lawford; County Cllr. Brazil; 3 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

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.

Parishioner raised the matter of the land drains and the probable flooding issues. Cllr. Weeks said that Highways had not cleared out the gullies far enough. The gully in question is very overgrown. General conversation regarding the run-off and the amount of silt that has been accumulated over the last few years. County Cllr. Brazil will get back in touch with Highways and request them to come out again.

2) Apologies For Absence: Cllr. McCoy. 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. None declared.

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

5) District and County Councillor Reports (for information only)
County Cllr. Brazil, regarding a cabinet meeting recently held; farming community, bad summer with blue tongue/weather. As a result farmers are three times more likely to commit suicide – dedicated officers to go and check on farmers (health & wellbeing). Please get in touch if you know anyone really struggling. LGR has been paused. Deposited a judicial review with Government. This is not time limited and can just sit there. There could yet be a mayor for Devon. Investing into roads. Slapton Line works have started to protect the village. The new community woodland will have 20,000 trees planted, starting in December.

District Cllr. Lawford – consultation on taxi fares ends on the 22nd October. Calling young South Hams artists regarding an art competition about recycling, aimed at primary school children. Local plan and call for sites various. Leisure centres having solar panels fitted.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th September 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

7) Pavement Parking – parking on the pavement down Laburnum Way is forcing pedestrians to walk in the road; to discuss. The car parking on the dropped kerb causing an obstruction in Dartmouth Road. Cllr. Northrop brought this up. Also mentioned is the poor parking around the bus shelter – this would block the Highways gritter lorry in the event of icing on the roads. Cllr. Wotton suggests some laminated flyers. Clerk to get in touch with HATOC. Clerk to do the flyers.

8) Bus Stop on the A381 – response received from Mark Phillips, Devon County Council. Tally Ho are not keen to stop at Fallapit Turn due to safety issues. Discussed and no further action to be taken.

9) Drains and gullies – to receive an update regarding recent clearance. Discussed under public time.
Standing orders suspended for parishioner to speak.
The management of the land is causing issues regarding over growth.
Cllr. Hannaford enquired as to whether the landowners could be contacted verbally.
Cllr. Hannaford proposed the clerk email the landowners requesting a meeting with them and the chair.
Standing orders resumed.

10) Playground repairs – to receive an update on the flooring. Clerk to investigate infill. The field shelter has been completed.

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

i. 2552/26/FUL Change of use of building to domestic storage and land to domestic garden, Land adjacent to Coles Cross House, East Allington.
SUPPORTED.

Planning Decisions

12) FINANCE

Expenditure	South Hams – annual play inspections	£300.00
	Employment October	£358.00
	Clerk's expenses Q2	£168.20
	Glasdon – dog bin & accessories	£422.43
	Sound & Visual Systems Ltd – CCTV checks	£199.20
	James Collins – rec field shelter	£3,100.00

Income
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.

13) Internal Auditor – to resolve to appoint Hania Lee of Lee Accounting as Council's internal auditor for year ending 31st March 2027. Resolved.

14) Finance Meeting – to agree a date to meet in order to discuss budget proposals for 2027/2028. This to include the possibility of election costs in May 2027. 18th November at 7pm in the small room.

15) Clerk's report -

16) Councillor's reports and External Meetings attended (for information only)
Cllr. Weeks – regarding an email recently received. Clerk will respond. Proposed thanks to Cllr. Hogarth for all the jobs he does around the village. All agreed.
Cllr. Hogarth – the render on the car park is going to be done soon.
Cllr. Northrop – tree wardens

Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed…….. Date……..