Minutes of the meeting of East Allington Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th November 2026, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Present – Cllr. Soper (Chair); Cllr. Hannaford; Cllr. Wotton; Cllr. Hogarth; Cllr. Northop; Cllr. McCoy; Cllr. Weeks; 4 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 – requested if there has been any update on the planning application. Cllr. Hannaford responded that SWWater have decided that the sewage system can only cope with an additional 30 homes in total within the parish until any upgrades have been achieved. Cllr. Soper indicated that all planning applications in the pipeline have been deferred by South Hams until SWWater have upgraded the system. Public Rights of Way are also objecting to these plans.
Parishioner regarding a response from Highways regarding the gullies/flooding.

2) Apologies For Absence: County Cllr. Brazil. District Cllr. Lawford.

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 raised.

5) District and County Councillor Reports (for information only) None received.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st October 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

7) Drains and Gullies – to receive an update from the meeting with the landowners and Cllr. Soper. Land registry maps have been circulated prior to this meeting. Cllr. Soper met with the owners of the waste land behind Greenhill/Addlehole. Highways and SWWater have a duty of care to prevent the gullies and drains from over-flowing. Water is running into the waste piece of ground which is land-locked, draining out of a 5" pipe, the water then disperses. None of these drains have been cleaned out as yet. The drain from outside the pub which runs into Greenhill is the possible cause of this flooding.
Standing orders suspended.
Parishioner stated that the gullies have not been cleaned. Pressure needs to be put onto Highways to take the silt away rather than just cleared out and dumped whereupon the silt washes back down into the drains.
Standing orders resumed.
Council resolved to write to Highways again regarding this issue. Also to request a site meeting with Cllr. Brazil in attendance.

8) Playground repairs – filler has been sourced; will be delivered to Cllr. Hogarth 23/25 November.

9) Parking – to consider presenting to HATOC a request for double yellow lines either side of the bus shelter and on the opposite side of the road, to facilitate movement around this corner of the village. Council resolved to go ahead and present a request.

10) PLANNING

Play area boundary – outline of the play area from planning 1993 – Cllr. Northrop to report. Mark Long, chair of the planning committee is concerned about the entrance to the play area.

Planning Applications - South Hams District Council has asked for observations from the Parish Council on the following planning applications: none received.

Planning Decisions

i. 2440/26/HHO Extension and new porch to dwelling, Trelawne, East Allington. Conditional Approval.

11) FINANCE

Expenditure	Employment – November	£357.80
	Hall hire – September	£26.00
	Hall hire – November/October	£52.00
Income	Raised bed fees received	£25.00

Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information circulated prior to this meeting.
Council resolved to accept the accounts as listed above. Cllr. Hogarth proposed, all agreed by show of hands.

12) Budget – to receive initial discussions on the proposed budget for 2027/2028. Cllr. Hogarth reported that with a few adjustments, the proposed budget will be circulated to all councillors prior to the January meeting.

13) Emergency Plan – to commence discussions on creating an up to date emergency plan for the parish. Cllr. Northrop to report. A draft has been circulated. To set up a working group – write up a piece for the magazine. Cllr. Northrop will take this forward and head up the working group.

14) Slapton Line report – Cllr. Hannaford to update Council. In November attended a meeting chaired by Caroline Voaden MP with representatives from Environment, Devon County, Natural England, Parish Councils. Imperative for the defence of Torcross, boulders are currently arriving by sea. The road: a bid has been made for £23m of funding for the repair of the road. Parish councils updated on how they were being affected; inland roads being affected; the memorial is to be re-sited; the inland routes will never be a substitute for the Slapton Line, neither will they be signed as such. Slides were shown with the passing places and routes. Progress will be made in 2027.

15) Clerk's report – no report.

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

Cllr. Weeks reported that Martin has acquired a free Christmas tree for the village hall. Council have looked into a plot of land that could be suitable for allotments; tenders were requested, however the date has passed and the land was too expensive.

Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on Wednesday 20th January 2027 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Meeting closed at 8.57pm

Signed…… Date……..