

East Worlington Parish Council Minutes for 29/01/26 Meeting held at the Parish Hall

Clerk to the Council: Faye Davies clerk@eastworlingtonpc.org.uk

Meeting Commenced: 1931

Those Present: Cllrs Hurst-Bannister, Brown, Webber, and Philips, and clerk to the council Faye Davies.

Others Present: District Cllr Hopley, and one member of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr Sturla and District Cllr Jones.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 3. Dispensations for planning applications:** None.
- 4. Minutes:** Small amendment to the spelling of a location - 27/11/25 minutes approved.
- 5. Co-option of Darren Phillips:** Proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Webber – approved.
- 6. District and County Councillor reports:** District Cllr not present.
County Cllr informed that he can be CC'd into correspondence regarding potholes/drainage etc with highways.
Trade waste collection will be stopping from March 2026.
- 7. Members of the public open session:** Traffic lights have been at the embankment at Meshaw for two years, County Cllr informed that there is only one specialist that deals with this, but he will chase this up for further information on a time frame of completion.
- 8. Chairmans report:** Clerk to apply for a grant from the district Cllr to cover the printing of the magazine if possible. It should hopefully be ready to be printed in March.
The chair reminded that there are still councillor vacancies on the parish council and encouraged parishioners to join.
- 9. Councillors reports:** An application for Rusdon to pay council tax is now in hand.
- 10. Clerk report:** Access to the website has now been sorted. Unity Trust Banking has changed how to change signatories, instead of being able to print it and fill it in by hand, you now need to do it electronically and the document is then emailed to be printed, and the signature is by hand only. Therefore, the online application was ready to be completed at the conclusion of the meeting.
- 11. Payments for approval:**
 - £145.90 monthly payments for clerk wages from now until April (to be reviewed at the start of the next financial year) – approved.
 - Forks2U invoice – approved.
 - Snow Warden grit spreading payment – not approved (snow warden declined payment).
- 12. Planning Applications:** Witheridge Planning Application 81228 (Allison Homes) – nothing the council can do, just to note that Allison Homes is now attempting to not pay Witheridge the money owed, and the Council wishes the public to be weary of the fine print legalities and loopholes of such building developments.

81292 - Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house with associated works at Horseford Barn East Worlington Crediton Devon EX17 4SU – two points noted from a member of public; the name of the building belongs to a different property, so there is an error; and the information states that there are no immediate neighbours, which is inaccurate. No objections or other comments made.

13. Website update: Website is now accessible, no accessible password was available, this has now been rectified. Clerk to update the website with relevant information.

14. Settlement survey: Cllr Brown was asked about the amenities of the parish, which have not changed so he thus informed them.

15. Parish Hall Land Registry Title Update: To have a new copy of the original lease agreement will cost the council £59.95. The council agreed to carry on without purchasing a new copy of the original lease.

The area for parking out the front of the parish hall is covered under the insurance the parish hall has.

16. Salt bin on Rusdon hill: Clerk to apply to highways for a salt bin, and to request more salt. Clerk to CC in County Cllr Hopley. This topic will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

17. One South Molton CIC: This will be available to view on the parish council website, the council wishes the public to be aware of the changes to One South Molton Network, as it incorporates wider areas as well.

18. Banking Arrangements Discussion: Clerk to inform Lloyds Bank of the wish to close the account with them.

Cllrs agreed to have a savings account on the next agenda, where further information will be provided, to then be agreed upon.

The Cllrs present all agreed to be signatories. Cllrs agreed that Cllrs Hurst-Bannister and Sturla would be primary signatories.

19. External Meetings attended (for information only): Cllr Brown has been in touch with the footpath scheme but has not received any correspondence yet.

20. Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th March 2026 19:30 at East Worlington Parish Hall.

Meeting Concluded: 20:35