

West Tytherley, Frenchmoor and Buckholt Parish Council

Meeting of the West Tytherley, Frenchmoor and Buckholt Parish Council held in King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley, on Monday 8th June 2026, 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr N Carpenter (Chairman), Cllr M Down (Vice-Chairman), Cllr F Collier, Cllr F Collyer, and Cllr N Macpherson.

Also present: 7 Parishioners, Cllr J Higgins (West Dean Parish Council), Cllr S MacDonald (TVBC), Cllr N Adams-King (HCC), and S Bailey (Clerk).

2606-1	To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr R Gribble was unable to attend for an unknown reason.	
2606-2	Chairman's remarks
Welcome to the meeting, good to see so many people. Congratulations to Cllr Adams-King on his re-election to Leader of HCC.	
2606-3	To receive declarations of pecuniary and personal interests relating to items on this agenda
No interests to declare.	
2606-4	To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May 2026
Both minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
Cllr Macpherson arrived at 7:08pm.	
2606-6	To receive report from Hampshire County Council
Cllr Adams-King discussed his key points:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the election HCC is now made up of 27 conservatives, 26 Liberal Democrats, 19 Reform, 1 Labour, 1 Green and a couple of Independents. They have approached the Lib Dems to find the best way of working together, but they have no interest in doing this, so they are now working with Reform and the Independents so that work can get done. Unfortunately, this is going to remain the case for at least a year, potentially 2. • They are already utilising the £15 million for highways and work on roads has already begun. • They are having a cabinet meeting tomorrow (09/06/2026) where they will be asking for a judicial review of Government Reorganisation. This is because although the new Portsmouth, Southampton, and North Hampshire Councils may be sustainable, Mid Hampshire, the biggest new Council, is not, as it is losing the majority of its business rates to the other Councils, it is the most rural, it has 70% of the roads, an older than average population, people have to travel further to amenities and will have a lower amount of Council tax. • Devolution has been signed into law, so they now will start getting ready for the mayoral election in 2028. • They have just received the largest settlement in Hampshire's history from the NHS for Social Care. • They have had lots of correspondence about the poor resurfacing work done in West Dean, however this was carried out by Wiltshire Council. • Parishioner question – What do the other parties think of Government Reorganisation? • 53 out of the 76 HCC Councillors are supporting the New Forest Together movement, so it would seem that no party supports Government Reorganisation. • Parishioner question – When are HCC coming to repaint the lines at the junction of Dean Road and Church Lane? • It is on the list, they are definitely coming. • Parishioner question – When are the road work signs that are around the village being collected? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He will look into this and get them collected. HCC are going to start charging utility companies for not collecting signs.
2606-5	To receive report from Test Valley Borough Council
	<p><i>Moved later due to Cllr MacDonald being delayed.</i></p> <p>Cllr MacDonald discussed his key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have until the end of the year to submit regulation 19 of the local plan, this is very challenging. Additionally, lots of other Councils have the same deadline so the planning inspectorate will be inundated with plans, so it is going to take a long time for it to get approved. Furthermore, with Government Reorganisation coming, realistically the new local plan would only have a shelf life of about 18 months before a new plan would need to be devised. Because of this other neighbouring Councils have made the decision to pause developing their local plan and then start afresh once Government Reorganisation has happened. • Planning enforcement remains very busy. • The Community Development Fund has given out £700,000 of the £2 million available, including the money given to West Tytherley Shop. • Parishioner question – Where does this leave us when it comes to updating our NDP? • It is still worth updating, even if regulation 19 of the local plan doesn't go ahead. Check that it doesn't conflict with TVBC and the National Planning Policy. It would probably be worth putting aside some money next year for updating the NDP as there are no longer any NDP grants available and TVBC only has limited grants for this. • Parishioner question – What criteria do planning committees use to make decisions? They should be using the NPPF and the NDP. • It is hard to know exactly because so few Parishes have NDPs. However, Wellow had an application for 36 new homes refused because of their NDP and King's Somborne had an application for 20 homes refused because of theirs, so they definitely are considered.
2606-7	To receive an update on the closure of the bottle bank
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Nokes MP is still waiting to hear back from Open Reach about removing the wire preventing the bottle bank from being emptied. • A representative from the Village Hall Committee commented that they are not happy for the bottle bank to be put back, particularly not in its previous location as they are trying to make the Village Hall a safe space for children and the bottle bank creates broken glass and bags full of bottles when the bottle bank is full. • The Village Hall Committee would like to put a disabled space in where the bottle bank used to be but will look at putting the bottle bank on the other side of the hall in a fenced off location. • Cllr Adams-King explained that a new recycling plant is being built in Eastleigh, and once this has been completed curb side collections of bottles should start, however this will probably not be until the end of 2027 / start of 2028.
	Cllr MacDonald and Cllr Adams-King both left the meeting at 7:45pm.
2606-8	To receive an update on the Resilience Project
	Cllr Gribble was unable to attend this meeting so was unable to give an update.
2606-9	To receive an update on the village clean-up event
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council wished to give a big thank you to everyone who joined in on the village clean up event on Sunday 17th May 2026. • A Parishioner responsible for organising the event stated that it was a great success, and the bacon butties were very much appreciated.
2606-10	To receive an update on moving the bin at the junction of Dean Road and Coopers Track
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCC have still not gotten back to Cllr Collier about approving the bin's new location.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council agreed that they have had ample time to object and unanimously agreed to go ahead and move the bin to the new location. Cllr Collier will organise the contractor to put down a concrete base and pole in the new location.
2606-11	To review the annual RoSPA report and consider any maintenance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RoSPA report noted that there is a cavity in the wooden leg of the basket swing, the basketball hoop is loose and that they could not inspect the zipline as it would need to be taken apart to do so. Ava Recreation's quote for replacing the leg of the basket swing is £1,302.90 (£1,563.48 incl. VAT) and they would also look at the basketball hoop whilst they were there. The Parish Council unanimously decided that this seemed too expensive. Cllr Macpherson will have a look at it and see if there is a cheaper way of fixing the issue. Ava Recreation quoted £450 (£540 incl. VAT) to inspect the zipline. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that there is no reason to think that the zipline is damaged and £450 is too much to spend on an inspection.
2606-12	To review what maintenance the village needs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The gate latch Cllr Collier bought was too small for the recreation ground gate so is waiting for a bigger one to arrive. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to ask their landscaper how much he would charge to mow the War Memorial. The Clerk has reported to Stockbridge Parish Council, who administer the Lengthsman scheme, that our Lengthsman is not completing the jobs from our worksheet. They are looking into it and will report back when they know more.
2606-13	To receive an update on the roads and footpaths
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The white lines at the junction of Dean Road and Church Lane still need painting. Cllr Adams-King has said HCC are coming to do it. Potholes on North Lane are bad. Will be reported to HCC. The grips on North Lane are dangerous to cyclists. Will be reported to HCC. Footpath Warden's report: Footpaths 10 and 11 are starting to become restricted due to annual vegetation growth. Reported to the landowner and HCC.
2606-14	To adopt a Publication Scheme
	The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Publication Scheme.
2606-15	To adopt IT policies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Website and Email Policy. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Social Media Policy.
2606-16	To adopt Financial Regulations
	The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations.
2606-17	To adopt a Statement of Internal Controls
	The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Statement of Internal Controls.
2606-18	To review new planning applications and decisions
	<p>a) 26/01129/FULLS – Land Adjacent to Mornington, North Lane, West Tytherley. Erection of two detached residential dwellings, with associated parking, access, and hard and soft landscaping. In 2022 an application for the demolition of 2 barns and the construction of 2 3-bedroom bungalows with frontal splays was approved at this site on the basis that they could never build an upstairs. This plan was never actioned. In 2024 an application for 2 houses was refused, one reason being that the flat roofs were not in keeping with the rural environment. In this new</p>

application the roofs are pitched instead of flat, so that they are more consistent with the area. This new application does mention the NDP, paragraph 2.8 and 5.5.4, but as the new properties are both 5 bedroom the plan does not comply with the NDP. However, the neighbouring properties have no issues with the new plans, and the new homes will be smaller than the barn at the same location. Access to the properties will be from the middle of the site and Highways have no objections, however there is no mention of the frontal splays that were in the original application for the bungalows. After a majority vote the Parish Council decided to not object to this planning application as long as the frontal splays from the 2022 application are included in this application.

- b) *[Application received after publication of the agenda]* **26/01157/FULLS – 22 Hillside Close, West Dean.** Part single/part two-storey rear extension along with new front porch. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to not object to this application.
- c) *[Update given by West Dean Parish Council]* **Glebe Farm.** The site will start being secured from the 15th June 2026, then a statutory agricultural dig can take place, then the site will be cleared and construction can begin. The build should take approximately 18 months. West Dean Parish Council have put the following questions to the developers: What will the working hours be? How will disruption be minimised? Which routes will construction vehicles take? When will the woodlands and eastern boundary be cleared? When will the footpaths be put in? A more detailed breakdown, including site maps, will be given at the West Dean Parish Council meeting on Monday 15th June 2026, 7pm, King George’s Hall. If there are any questions you would like to put to the developers, please email West Dean’s Clerk at clerk@westdeanvillage-pc.gov.uk before the Tuesday 16th June 2026.

Cllr Collier would like to raise a concern about TVBC’s planning website, as frequently applications cannot be accessed and/or the site does not respond. The Clerk will pass this along to TVBC.

2606-19 Finance

a) To agree upcoming invoices

No invoices to approve.

d) To note May’s receipts/payments and expected receipts/payments

Ins (Current Account)

Date	Receipts	Total	Balance
05/05/2026	Precept (1 st half)	£10,000.00	£11,099.30
29/05/2026	Transfer from Deposit	£3,000.00	£3,390.62

Outs (Current Account)

Date	Payment	Total	VAT	Net	Balance
05/05/2026	Transfer to Deposit	£8,000.00	£0.00	£8,000.00	£3,009.30
12/05/2026	Do the Numbers Ltd (Internal Audit)	£260.00	£0.00	£260.00	£2,839.30
12/05/2026	Clear Insurance Management	£1,000.63	£0.00	£1,000.63	£1,838.67
12/05/2026	West Tytherley Shop Donation	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	£1,338.67
13/05/2026	Octopus Energy	£20.09	£0.96	£19.13	£1,318.58
13/05/2026	RoSPA	£123.90	£20.60	£103.00	£1,194.98
14/05/2026	Julie Neilson (Village Clean Up)	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	£1,164.98
22/05/2026	Hugo Fox (Emails)	£20.99	£3.50	£17.49	£1,143.99
26/05/2026	Hugo Fox	£11.99	£2.00	£9.99	£1,132.00
29/05/2026	S Bailey Payroll	£715.38	£0.00	£715.38	£416.62
29/05/2026	Office Allowance May	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	£390.62

Ins (Deposit Account)

Date	Receipts	Total	Balance
05/05/2026	Transfer from Current	£8,000.00	£24,083.83
11/05/2026	Interest	£7.93	£24,091.76

Outs (Deposit Account)

Date	Receipts	Total	Balance
29/05/2026	Transfer to Current	£3,000.00	£21,091.76

The Parish Council checked the balances against the bank statements.

Expected Receipts/Payments**Ins**

Receipt	Expected Total	Date
Precept	£10,000.00	September
Pavilion Hire	£200.00	September
Interest	£110.00	Monthly
HCC	£350.00	Quarterly
Total	£10,660.00	

Outs

Payments	Expected Total	Date
ICO	£47.00	December
Electricity	£260.00	Monthly (Approx £25)
Website/Email	£285.00	Monthly (£32.98)
Payroll	£7500.00	Monthly (Approx £740)
Bank Service Charge	£90.00	Monthly (£8.50 from July)
Water	£300.00	Quarterly (Approx £50)
HMRC	£550.00	Quarterly (Approx £150)
Clerk Expenses	£50.00	Unknown
Contractors	£1,500.00	Unknown
Playparks	£2000.00	Unknown
Training	£200.00	Unknown
Defib	£500.00	Unknown
Asset Purchase	£150.00	Unknown
Donations	£500.00	Unknown
Total	£13,932.00	

2606-20 Matters for future meetings

- The school's sports day has been rescheduled from Tuesday 9th June to Tuesday 16th June due to bad weather. The Parish Council unanimously agree to let them use the pavilion and recreation ground on this date.
- A birthday party was held on Saturday 6th June on the recreation ground/pavilion, the Parishioner offered to donate a small amount of money to the Parish Council to cover utilities, however as they brought their own cleaning supplies and cleaned the pavilion before and after, Cllr Collier declined their offer on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council unanimously agreed with this decision.
- Purchasing new defibrillator pads will need to be discussed at the next meeting.

2606-21 Public Session: To receive questions from members of the public

- Question from West Dean Social Club – Who is the best person to speak to about getting a grant?

Marie Stubbington MStubbington@testvalley.gov.uk and/or Cllr Stewart MacDonald CllrSMacDonald@testvalley.gov.uk, the TVBC website also has a lot of information about grants

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/business/businessgrantsandsupport/grantsandfunding>

- Question from West Dean Social Club – Why do they pay the electricity bill for the streetlights near the club?

This is because it was the club's choice to have streetlights.

- Question from West Dean Social Club – Can we turn the streetlights off and put in solar lighting?

As far as the Parish Council is aware, they are your lights, so it is up to you what you do with them.

- Parishioner statement – The speed at which vehicles travel through the village is appalling, and there have been lots of dangerous incidents caused by speeding vehicles. They have done an informal survey and found that there is lots of support for reducing the speed limit through the village to 20mph. Subsequently, in the future when they have more time they are going to start actively looking into reducing the speed limit through surveys in the Parish Magazine, the village shop, and Facebook and organising a road survey with HCC.

The Parish Council supports this Parishioners efforts and acknowledges that visitors and locals alike need to start taking responsibility for their speed through the village.

2606-22	To decide on the date for the next meeting
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Monday 13 th July, 7pm.

Meeting Closed at 8:48pm

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Chairman of the Parish Council