



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL
23 May 2022
19:15 Woolton Hill Church Hall**

Chairman:	Cllr Mitchell (Chair)
Present:	Councillors Mrs K Titcomb, Mr P Hurst, Mrs S Cooper, Mr M Hainge, Mr A Watson, Mr G Dick, Mr S Bowden, Cllr M Rand
Clerk:	Amy White
In attendance:	Six parishioners, Cllr Falconer, Cllr Thacker (until 19:30)

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- Cllr Mitchell welcomed the parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting
 - The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on May 24th 2021 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
 - Cllr Thacker spoke first. His report can be found [here](#).
Due to time restraints, Cllr Thacker will follow up on the question from the floor regarding charging points and the impact of the recently approved planning application at Sandleford, West Berks, alongside the potential impact of the Watermill Bridge application in East Woodhay/Highclere Parishes.

A question was raised on traffic lights at the Penwood Crossroads; Cllr Thacker responded that it was too expensive to consider.

- Cllr Mitchell led the EWPC update; the Council Statement can be found [here](#).
- Cllr Rand updated the attendees on East Woodhay Society and Neighbourcare.
- Cllr Falconer updated the attendees on the BDBC issues:

ELECTION

Majority 4. Keep control and John remains as Portfolio Holder Finance and Property and GF is Chair of A&A and on DCC, Sam PH for Housing.

PLANNING

- *The 26 and 5 in Highclere refused by DCC but gone to appeal, a hearing.*

- *The importance of objections at Ball Hill. The three at Yew Tree Cottage, now an app for 2.*
- *The overload – Sandlesford 1000 +600 +400, Wash Water -Ecchinswell-Kingsclere*
- *Wash Water – Head of Planning will contact me for a review meeting when the Officers are approaching a recommendation*
- *Govt policy on planning is approaching a rebellion amongst district councils = please write to your MP and the Minister for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.*
- *Planning resource*

THE PROCESS

- *Prematurity e.g Lidl and the hospital*
- *Sandlesford approved but not built, therefore prematurity.*
- *The fact that it is a different LPA, we do not share or consider targets or policy*
- *Hants CC objected that there was no strategy for the Penwood Crossroads.*

ENFORCEMENT

*Depends upon the public
4 on fences in Highclere*

BASINGSTOKE LOCAL PLAN

EWPC – hiccup but well done so far. It is important and is a significant issue at DCC

Solent Nitrate Strategy

Housing targets, lack of 5 year land supply continues to cause speculative applications. So far the LP review - nil EW and 10 Highclere

BOROUGH

Finances OK, £500 million assets, £310m property

Refugees – Afghans, Syrians, Ukraine, HCC is the lead

Green Strategy, Climate Change

Govt announcement on HWRC

Cllr Cooper read out a statement from Rev Christine Dale on the East Woodhay Charities. The report can be found [here](#).

The meeting concluded at 21:15.