

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 13th July 2026, 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr N Carpenter (Chairman), Cllr F Collier, Cllr F Collyer, Cllr R Gribble, and Cllr N Macpherson.

Also present: 10 Parishioners, Cllr M Lee (West Dean Parish Council), Cllr S MacDonald (TVBC), and S Bailey (Clerk).

2607-1	To receive and accept apologies for absence
- Cllr M Down was away on holiday at the time of the meeting, the Parish Council accepted her apologies. - Cllr N Adams-King was unable to attend for an unknown reason.	
2607-2	Chairman's remarks
Welcome to the meeting, good to see everyone. If you are recording the meeting, please declare it.	
2607-3	To receive declarations of pecuniary and personal interests relating to items on this agenda
- The Chairman has an interest in agenda item 2607-7 and thus will not take part in any discussions or decisions relating to this agenda point. - The Chairman and Cllr Collyer have an interest in agenda item 2607-16 e, planning application 26/01281/FULLS - West Tytherley Post Office, and thus will not take part in any discussions or decisions relating to this agenda point.	
2607-4	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th June 2026
The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
2607-5	To receive report from Hampshire County Council
Cllr Adams-King was unable to attend this meeting. The latest HCC update is available on the Parish Councils website: https://www.westytherley-pc.gov.uk/community/west-tytherley-frenchmoor-buckholt-parish-council-15366/hcc-news/	
2607-7	To receive an update on the closure of the bottle bank
- The landowners who own the property the BT wire is attached to had a visit from a BT engineer recently, potentially due to MP Caroline Nokes' intervention, who offered to have the wire reassessed and potentially moved. - The King Edward's Hall Committee are having a meeting next week (w/c 20/07/2026) and will be discussing whether they want to have the bottle bank back and/or if it could be put in a different location. - The Parish Council, excluding the Chairman, unanimously agreed to have the landowners ask BT to reassess the wire and hopefully move it.	
2607-8	To receive an update on the Resilience Project
- Cllr Gribble had nothing new to report. - Cllr Collier explained that in the previous resilience plan there was a contingency for hot weather. The Church was used as a cool hub for Parishioners. - Cllr Gribble was not aware of this but will look into it.	
2607-9	To discuss Broughton Football Club's adult team using the recreation ground
- Broughton Football Club's adult team would like to use the recreation ground on Saturday 1st August for a match. - The Parish Council unanimously agreed to this. - The Clerk will ask the manager if pitch markings are required.	
2607-10	To note the Thorngate Village Lunch Club
- The Village lunch club happens in Lockerley Memorial Hall monthly, apart from August. - The club is open to all.	

• Enjoy a freshly prepared 2-course meal with a glass of wine/juice, and a coffee for £7. • Lifts to the Hall can also be arranged. • If you are interested and/or would like more information, please contact Liz Holton on 01794 340993.	
2607-11	To discuss a Parishioner's offer to donate a bench to the Parish Council.
• Winterslow Men's Shed have recently made a bench to go outside of Winterslow Village Hall that is made to look like giant colourful pencils. • A Parishioner would like to commission Winterslow Men's Shed to make another one of these benches and then donate it to the Parish Council with a plaque expressing her love of the village. • The Parish Council were extremely grateful for this offer, their only concern was what wood it would be made from and how long the paint would last. • The Parish Council unanimously agreed that they were more than happy for the Parishioner to pursue this project with Winterslow Men's Shed and that putting it by the playpark would be the best location.	
2607-12	To receive an update on moving the bin at the junction of Dean Road and Coopers Track
• The bin was moved to the new location away from the bench, slightly further along Dean Road, on the 8th June 2026. • The Parish Council are still waiting for their contractor to make a base for the bin in the new location, but this is on his list so will hopefully be completed soon. • The Parish Council has received 22 positive comments about the bin's new location.	
2607-13	To consider purchasing new defibrillator pads
• The current defibrillator pads expire at the end of September. • The Parish Council unanimously agreed to purchase new pads, up to £300. • Cllr Collier will send the Clerk the information to purchase the new pads.	
2607-14	To review what maintenance the village needs
• Waiting for the contractor to fit the new recreation ground gate latch. • Waiting for Michael Eastwood, landscaper, to give a quote for maintaining the war memorial. • The Lengthsman scheme is still being reviewed, the Clerk has chased for an update but received no reply. • Cllr Macpherson has not had a chance to look at the basket swing leg cavity yet, but he will have a look soon.	
2607-15	To receive an update on the roads and footpaths
• The track/unclassified road U90 from Stony Batter Lane northwest to Chalk Pit Lane is overgrown. • Cllr Collier will speak to the landowners to ask them to cut the vegetation back.	
<i>Cllr MacDonald arrived at 7:39pm.</i>	
2607-6	To receive report from Test Valley Borough Council
<i>Moved later due to Cllr MacDonald being delayed.</i> Cllr MacDonald discussed his key points: • TVBC will have an announcement in the next week or so with regards to planning. East Hampshire have decided to scrap their work on their local plan and wait until after government reorganisation has happened, and the New Forest are expected too do so as well. TVBC are yet to make a decision on this. • The Community Development Fund has given out £800,000 of the £2 million available. • TVBC are investing in a new water park for children in Andover. Construction is due to begin later this year, and it should be open by next summer. • TVBC have prosecuted another incident of fly tipping, resulting in a fine of £2,300. They are very proactive with regards to stopping fly tipping, typically prosecuting 1/2 people a month.	

Cllr Down could not attend this meeting but sent her planning report to the Clerk.

- a) **26/01217/FULLS - Mistletoe Orchard, 67 Red Lane** This is an application to replace an outbuilding on the same site as an existing one. The new one will be slightly larger than the existing one and will be timber clad rather than corrugated iron. The roof will be corrugated iron the same as the existing outbuilding. Cllr Down recommends no objection. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to no objection.
- b) **26/01246/FULLS - 20 Hillside Close, West Dean** This is for a small porch at the front and a single storey extension at the rear. Cllr Down recommends no objection. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to no objection.
- c) **26/01302/TREES - 4/5 North Lane** This application seeks to fell a large beech tree on the boundary between the two houses. They intend replanting an oak, a wild cherry, a field maple and a lime tree. While it is regrettable that a large tree will be felled, trees can become a problem if planted close to houses. The replanting with other native species trees will, in time, make up for the loss of the beech. Cllr Down recommends no objection. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to no objection.
- d) **26/01224/FULLS - 4 Rectory Hill, West Dean** This is an application for a replacement porch, two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, replacement garage and construction of a vehicular access. It seems to be quite a lot of changes, but it won't cause any overlooking or change to the character of the area. The new vehicular access is at the front which is in keeping with other properties nearby. The replacement garage is in the rear garden with the existing access off the road that runs along the side. Cllr Down recommends no objection. Cllr Collier abstained from this decision as she had not gotten a chance to read the application, the rest of the Parish Council unanimously agreed to no objection.
- e) **26/01281/FULLS - West Tytherley Post Office** This is a village initiative to expand the scope of the shop, which at present, does serve coffee especially to passing cyclists who then sit outside to drink it. Not great when the weather is bad. The amenity considerations: Overlooking - this will not overlook anyone. Over-development - this is a modest extension albeit to the front of the shop, but the shop is set well back from the road so there is sufficient space, and the garden area will remain. Character of the area - the materials to be used match the existing shop so no change there. Scale and bulk resulting in loss of light - there will be no loss of light to others. Trees - no trees will be affected. Noise - no more than at present. Smell - no hot food to be prepared. Traffic generation and parking - the Test Valley Planning Officer seemed to indicate that sufficient parking is available. Safety - A fire door should be included in the plans, the present fire door just leads into the extension. Design and materials - these fit with the existing shop. Need - the pub is not open every day of the week whereas the shop is. The opening hours of the shop will not change. Cllr Down recommends supporting this application if a fire door is included. Cllr Gribble and Cllr Macpherson agreed to support the application and Cllr Collier agreed to no objection, with majority rules the Parish Council agreed to support the application.

As planning application 26/01281/FULLS is a community project the Chairman adjourned the meeting so Parishioners could share their thoughts on the application.

- Parishioner - What debate has gone on within the Parish Council about the shop extension? There needs to be a proper community debate about this project that weighs the pros and cons.
- Parish Council – There has been no formal debate, but each Councillor has considered the pros and cons of the plans and shared their conclusions at this meeting.
- Parishioner – Agrees that there needs to be a proper debate, before the pub was made an asset of community value a debate with over 100 people took place, and before several buildings were built on North Lane a debate with over 120 people took place.

- Parishioner – The village hasn't had a true debate about the whole project, this is much wider than just the planning application. There are significant risks on the way that need to be discussed. A construction project is no simple thing, particularly with money coming from multiple different sources, how will cash flow be managed, has a risk analysis been done. A debate would make this project much more likely to succeed.
- Parishioner – There has never been any suggestion in the village that a debate is needed, regardless, in this meeting the Parish Council are only discussing the planning application, not the wider challenges associated with this project. These issues would be better brought up at the village shops AGM on Wednesday (15/07/2026).
- Parishioner – The plans that have been submitted to TVBC are awful, there are no fire doors, the heating has not been considered, the windows are too low and there will be no storage.
- Parish Council – The plans can always be amended to add/adjust these details, TVBC will certainly make sure everything is compliant with the local plan and the national planning policy before it is approved. Additionally, every Parishioner can comment on this planning application, the Parish Council only has one comment exactly the same as each individual Parishioner.
- Parishioner – They would like to commend the shop manager for her initiative on this project and for all the work she has done to achieve it.
- Parishioner – It was the Parish Council who originally commissioned the shop, so they should be involved in making sure everyone knows about this project and that all concerns have been addressed.
- Parish Council – This project has never been a secret, the shop manager had a petition in the shop over a year ago asking people to sign if they would like a café and received 150 signatures. Additionally, a pop-up café has run over the last year to gauge if there would be enough interest in a permanent café in the village, which there is (*originally discussed in minute item 2508-20 and 2509-9*).
- Parishioner – It is currently hard to park near the shop, particularly in the disabled bay, let alone once the café is open.
- Parishioner – Our neighbourhood development plan (NDP), paragraph 4.6 section IC3 states that *“New development should avoid on-street parking, meet parking standards and provide off street charging facilities within its curtilage. New development must not adversely impact on the car parking and access to Dean Station, village halls, shop and school.”*
- Cllr MacDonald – TVBC will consider your NDP, the local plan and the NPPF when considering this application, he has asked that the statutory planning requirements be given particular consideration given the parking situation at this location.
- Parish Council - The TVBC planning officer has looked at the plans and indicated that sufficient parking is available.
- Parishioner – Will TVBC's decision and reasoning behind their decision be made public?
- Cllr MacDonald – Of course, it will all be available on the TVBC planning website.
- Parishioner – This goes beyond just the planning application, a positive outcome for this project is not guaranteed. A community debate needs to take place, I implore that you organise one so the entire village's perspective can be heard.
- Parish Council – The Parish Council has a legal statutory obligation to discuss the planning application, which they have done and decided to support the application. However, they are willing to organise a community meeting separate from the Parish Council so the village can come together and make their feelings known about this project.
- **The community meeting to debate the village shop extension will take place on Monday 10th August at 6:30pm in King Edward's Hall.**
- The Parish Council will advertise this meeting to the village.

a) To note the donation from a Parishioner for the use of the Pavilion

- A Parishioner who hired the pavilion on the 6th June for a birthday party insisted on donating a small amount to the Parish Council to cover the utilities.
- The Parishioner donated £20 to the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council extended their thanks to this Parishioner.

b) To agree upcoming invoices

- Defibrillator pads, up to £300 – Agreed.
- Base for bin, unknown cost, but likely inexpensive – Agreed.

c) To note June's receipts/payments and expected receipts/payments**Ins (Current Account)**

Date	Receipts	Total	Balance
23/06/2026	Pavilion Hire Donation	£20.00	£3,379.06
26/06/2026	HCC	£86.00	£3,453.07

Outs (Current Account)

Date	Payment	Total	VAT	Net	Balance
09/06/2026	Octopus Energy	£10.57	£1.16	£9.41	£3,380.05
22/06/2026	Hugo Fox (Emails)	£20.99	£3.50	£17.49	£3,359.06
25/06/2026	Hugo Fox	£11.99	£2.00	£9.99	£3,367.07
30/06/2026	S Bailey Payroll	£715.38	£0.00	£715.38	£2,737.69
30/06/2026	Office Allowance June	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	£2,711.69

Ins (Deposit Account)

Date	Receipts	Total	Balance
09/06/2026	Interest	£9.08	£21,100.84

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	£100.00	Monthly (Approx £10.00)
HCC	£350.00	Quarterly (£86.00)
Total	£10,650.00	

Outs

Payments	Expected Total	Date
ICO	£47.00	December
Electricity	£225.00	Monthly (Approx £25.00)
Website/Email	£296.82	Monthly (£32.98)
Payroll	£6,750.00	Monthly (Approx £740.00)
Bank Service Charge	£76.50	Monthly (£8.50 from July)
Water	£300.00	Quarterly (Approx £50.00)
HMRC	£550.00	Quarterly (Approx £150.00)
Clerk Expenses	£50.00	Unknown
Contractors	£1,500.00	Unknown
Playparks	£1,000.00	Unknown
Training	£200.00	Unknown
Defib	£500.00	Unknown
Asset Purchase	£150.00	Unknown

Donations		£500.00	Unknown
Total		Total £12,145.32	
2607-18	Matters for future meetings		
- In minute item 2604-11 the Parish Council agreed to send a letter of support to TVBC to help Lockerley Scouts get a grant to refurbish their Scout HQ. The Scouts recently found out that they had been awarded their grant and are very thankful to the Parish Council for their support. - Cllr Collier discussed that she is trying to move the mobile exercise class from Whiteparish to King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley. The main issue is the lack of disabled parking, she has spoken to Hampshire Police, and they don't think putting up no waiting cones for the 1-hour duration of the class would be a problem. Cllr Collier will speak to the Hall Committee to progress this further.			
2607-19	Public Session: To receive questions from members of the public		
- Parishioner question – Does the Parish Council think that safety has been improved by not allowing parking at the hall? The teachers now park everywhere, all the way down the road, on the corners, walking a child to school has become so dangerous as there is not enough room to walk safely away from passing traffic with all the parked cars. - The Parish Council are also interested in the Hall Committee's reasoning for this decision. The Chairman will raise this issue at the Hall Committee's next meeting. - Parishioner statement – A couple of years ago planning permission was obtained to fell the oak tree on Dean Road as it was apparently causing subsidence to a nearby house. At the time it was just trimmed back 4 meters, however the owners of the tree, Hampshire Highways and Aster Group, have decided that they now want to completely remove the tree. There is nothing we can do as the planning permission still stands, but they just thought everyone should know. - The Parish Council agreed that this is unfortunate and Cllr MacDonald stated that sadly there is nothing that can be done to stop it. - Parishioner question – Has anyone applied to join the Parish Council? - There was one applicant, however they stopped responding when asked to attend an interview.			
2607-20	To decide on the date for the next meeting		
Monday 14 th September, 7pm.			
Meeting Closed at 8:14pm			

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Chairman of the Parish Council