WEST DEAN
Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 19th October 2026 at 19:00 at King George's Hall, West Dean.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Higgins	✓		
Councillor J Camilleri	✓		
Councillor Seabrooke		✓	
Councillor M Camilleri	✓		
Councillor M Lee	✓		
Councillor B Livesey	✓		
Vacancy	-	-	-

Also, in attendance:
Amanda Owen – Clerk, Wiltshire Councillor Gregory Cooper and no members of the public.

153/26	**To receive Chair's opening remarks.** Councillor Higgins welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillor Livesey for overseeing the playground works.
154/26	**To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Apologies were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from Councillor Seabrooke.
155/26	**To receive declarations of interest relating to items on this agenda.** No declarations of interest were received.
156/26	**To approve the minutes of the full council meeting held on Monday 21st September.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st September were **AGREED** as a correct record of the meeting. This motion was passed on a vote of 4 **FOR** and 1 **ABSTENTION**.
157/26	**Public Forum.** None.
158/26	**To receive reports from Wiltshire Council & Wiltshire Police.** Wiltshire Councillor Cooper provided updates with regards to the following: - Minutes from town and parish clerks meeting some confusion with regards to 'no changes to parish stewards and pea schemes' - S106 / CIL meeting in Alderbury. - Southern Area Board meeting next week which will focus on youth. - Additional funding opportunities. - Local plan, no update. - Full council tomorrow, vote on scheme of delegation as to whether it will be accepted. - Parish boundary and content going through. - Milford by election has taken the lead within Council. After discussing the Wiltshire Police report which can be found at **APPENDIX A** and discussion relating to the previous recreation ground damage, it was noted that Councillor J Camilleri would research costings for CCTV to cover the recreation ground.
159/26	**To receive updates with regards to:** **- Neighbourhood Development Plan** Councillor Higgins advised that she has had a meeting with Mr Bannister who has reengaged with a colleague from Hampshire who would like to arrange a meeting with Mr Bannister, Councillor Higgins, Councillor M Camillieri and Councillor Downs (WTPC) to discuss the NDP updates.

	Mr Bannister intends to provide an update at the November meeting of West Dean Parish Council and West Tytherley Parish Council. **- Glebe Farm** Councillor Livesey advised that the church diocese application for the permissive pathway is progressing with the diocese agreeing in principle. The application is currently in a 30 day public consultation and he is hopeful to receive a definite answer by Tuesday 10th November. **- River Group** Councillor Higgins advised there was no update but an agenda item is further on in the agenda to discuss an electricity quote which will allow the relevant cables to be relocated. Councillor Livesey advised that the contractors who removed the river weed left the area clean and tidy. It was noted that a section of grass had died due to the weed and required seeding for regrowth. Councillor Livesey offered to purchase grass seed and re plant the affected areas. **- Footpaths** Councillor Lee advised there have been no updates on open footpath tickets, it was noted resources are low at Wiltshire Council to complete the words highlighted. Surveyed central clearing, Howe farm seems to not be commencing currently. Following the review of applications PL/2026/04431 and PL/2026/05249 at the September meeting, the footpath concerns were highlighted to Wiltshire Council who have confirmed that the footpath is not affected despite several map versions advising otherwise. It was noted that a stop holder has now been placed on the path and it is hoped Wiltshire Council will consult the Parish Council before moving the path course. Using the scheme of delegation, the Parish Council discussed the below planning applications: 25/02148/OUTS Erection of up to 52 dwellings with access via East Dean Road Councillors discussed the previous objection comments and noted these are still current. It was agreed that Councillors J & M Camilleri would address a fresh objection that highlights the following areas and other pertinent areas of concern: - Infrastructure - Foul water - SSSI - River Dun - Bats - Dark areas - Water pollution - Grade II listed buildings - Use of cars due to no public transports / bus service. - Conflict of vehicle and pedestrians - Parking hazards in West Dean, no suitable car park for train users It was also noted that Wiltshire Highways have not been included as a statutory consultee. PL/2026/06652 – The Orchard, West Dean, Salisbury SP5 1JA T1 Conifer tree - Fell. The Parish Council agreed they had no objection and they are content with the tree officer at Wiltshire Council to determine the application.
160/26	**To note the date of Carol's on the Green as Tuesday 22nd December.** The date of Carol's on the Green was **NOTED** as Tuesday 22nd December.
161/26	**To agree the lighting of the village beacon by the Village Hall committee.** After the issuance of the agenda, the Village Hall Committee confirmed that the beacon lighting would not be going ahead this time.
162/26	**To receive an update with regards to village resilience and agree the purchase of smart extension leads for resilience plan devices.**

	Councillor Higgins addressed the meeting and advised that the emergency plan is now known as the resilience plan. Following discussion and input from Wiltshire Councillor Cooper highlighting funding sources it was agreed that Councillor M Camilleri would contact Wiltshire Council to discuss funding procedures for a more robust charging solution for the resilience plan items (lanterns, power packs and radios).
163/26	**To organise the annual update for the resilience plan.** Councillor Higgins advised that a review of the resilience plan takes place between now and February, confirming those who require assistance and those who have offered assistance remain willing to do so. Councillor Higgins asked Councillors to review the plan and submit comments to her over the coming month, in particular to adding drought and fire actions to the plan following 2026 events.
164/26	**To note the outcome of the Rectory Hill traffic monitoring.** The outcome of the Rectory Hill traffic monitoring was **NOTED** with 6% of traffic exceeding the speed limit. It was noted that to implement a 20mph speed limit throughout the village would be in the region of £10,000 to £15,000. Funding sources are available to assist which Councillor Lee will be investigating at a meeting being held on Tuesday 3rd November. In the interim, it was **AGREED** to purchase up to 100 '20 is plenty bin stickers'. Proposed by Councillor Lee, seconded by Councillor Livesey. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
165/26	**To agree the electricity quotation from Conrad Energy for street lights on the Green.** It was **AGREED** to accept the quote from Conrad Energy at a cost of no more than £850.00 per annum. Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Camilleri. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
166/26	**To note the financial situation.** The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were **NOTED** with the bank balance at 30th September 2026 being £49,694.85. The bank reconciliation can be found at **APPENDIX B**.
167/26	**To approve the requests for payments for October.** The payments as listed in the table below were **APPROVED** for payment. Proposed by Councillor Livesey, seconded by Councillor Lee. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

October Payment Requests

From	Item	Invoice Number	Amount
Staff	Salary	October	£952.59
Staff	Back Pay / NI / Pension		£189.67
Lloyds	Bank Charges		£4.25
Staff	Expenses - Title Deeds		£14.00
Councillor Higgins	Expenses - River Clearance		£13.30
Clive Francis	Grass Cutting	Inv 010926	£564.00
Clive Francis	Hedge Cutting	Inv 020926	£330.00
Weed Control UK	Himalayan Balsam Removal (Deposit & Remainder)		£1,000.00
British Legion	Remembrance Wreath		£27.50
		Total	£3,095.31

168/26	**To agree the date of the next meeting.** The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 16th November.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:32.

APPENDIX A

WILTSHIRE POLICE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

West Dean

Sept/Oct 2026

On the team

	PCSO John TAYLOR 9465	Sgt Susan BROWN 2775

Crimes and incidents

Wiltshire Police record crimes and incidents by the National Crime and incident recording standards. Not all incidents that one would consider a crime are necessarily classified as a crime for recording purposes.

NB- The statistics do not account for incidents that police respond to but do not need any follow up (Road traffic incidents, minor incidents of Anti-social behaviour)

Report for past 60 days:

14/10 – Leaf blower found discarded

APPENDIX B

WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL				
Bank Reconciliation for the Year 2026 / 2027				
Opening Balance Community Account at 01/04/2026	**£2,475.40**		**Opening Balance Instant Access Account at 01/04/2026**	**£24,348.74**
Receipts 2026/27	19,963.00		Receipts 2026/27	22,400.16
Payments 2026/27	12,994.63		Payments 2026/27	6,500.00
Unpresented Cheques 2026/27				
Closing Balance Community Account 30/09/2026	**£982.95**		**Closing Balance Business Bank Instant 30/09/2026**	**£48,711.90**
TOTAL BANK BALANCES	**£49,694.85**			