

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 18:30 at King George’s Hall, West Dean.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

Also, in attendance:

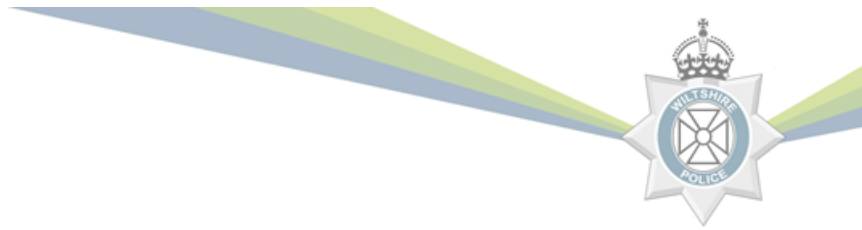
Amanda Owen – Clerk, Wiltshire Councillor Gregory Cooper & two members of the public.

<b>27/26</b>	<p><b>To receive Chair’s opening remarks.</b> Councillor Higgins welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
<b>28/26</b>	<p><b>To receive and accept apologies for absence.</b> Apologies were <b>RECEIVED</b> and <b>ACCEPTED</b> from Councillor M Camilleri.</p>
<b>29/26</b>	<p><b>To receive declarations of interest relating to items on this agenda.</b> No declaration of pecuniary interests were received.</p>
<b>30/26</b>	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the full council meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February.</b> The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February were signed as a correct record of the meeting. This motion was passed on a vote of 4 <b>FOR</b> and 1 <b>ABSTENTION</b>.</p>
<b>31/26</b>	<p><b>Public Forum.</b> None.</p>
<b>32/26</b>	<p><b>To receive reports from Wiltshire Council &amp; Wiltshire Police.</b> Wiltshire Councillor Cooper provided the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wiltshire Council budget increase in expenditure of £40 million.</li> <li>- Believed overspend running rate is £16 million on this year’s budget. Savings have not yet been calculated and put in to following years budget.</li> <li>- 2026 / 2027 budget sees a £4 million reduction on road maintenance.</li> <li>- Parking charges have gone through on budget subject to a Traffic Regulation Order consultation.</li> <li>- 3 weekly bin collection with two extra bins being implemented towards the end of this year. Storage concerns have been highlighted for extra bins.</li> <li>- Recycling centres will be moving to an online booking system.</li> <li>- Parish Stewards will now be mainly concerned with road surfaces as opposed to gullies. There is also a reduction in number of road patching vehicles from three to two.</li> <li>- Parish emergency assistance scheme (PEAs) will be stopped at the end of 2026.</li> <li>- Ongoing issue with Trowbridge car park, covenant needs to be removed but could cost £10 million.</li> <li>- The next two years will be a shortfall of 500 social housing units per year.</li> <li>- Review of Wiltshire assets will be undertaken to see if anything can be sold.</li> <li>- Empty house charge postponed until 2027 / 2028.</li> </ul> <p>Wiltshire Police report can be found at <b>APPENDIX A:</b></p>

<p><b>33/26</b></p>	<p><b>To receive updates with regards to: Glebe Farm   River Group   Footpaths Glebe Farm</b></p> <p>Councillor J Camilleri addressed the meeting and provided an overview of the S106:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The final version has yet to be received.</li> <li>- Advice from Moore Barlow has been received, following their review of the draft document.</li> <li>- Comments have been submitted to Test Valley Borough Council with regards to one amendment that the Parish Council would like to see.</li> <li>- Paul Goodman seeking to confirm that both West Dean Parish Council and West Tytherley Parish Council are happy with the document.</li> <li>- In his summary of the document, Councillor J Camilleri had highlighted that the land transfer section had been left out completely.</li> <li>- Councillor Down of West Tytherley Parish Council noted that the green land / environmental area had been removed from the management company and needed to be put back in.</li> <li>- Test Valley Borough Councillor McDonald had been of great support.</li> </ul> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor J Camilleri would contact Paul Goodman of Test Valley Borough Council with regards to the S106 document and advise that the document is agreed in principle subject to the following changes and to advise of the wholehearted support of the Parish Council.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'common land' to be amended to 'land in common'.</li> </ul> <p>Proposed by Councillor J Camilleri, seconded by Councillor Livesey. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <p><b>River Group</b></p> <p>Councillor Higgins addressed the meeting and advised of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After a meeting with the Wessex River Trust, Neil Swift advised that underground services needed to be determined.</li> <li>- Thankfully, a comprehensive report was provided by Wiltshire Council.</li> <li>- Christine Warry also provided excellent photographic history of where services had been dug and implemented. This highlighted a power supply for the lamp along the river bank to the footbridge had not been recorded.</li> </ul> <p>Due to this finding, it was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor J Camilleri would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit an application to DNO SSEN for an unmetered connection to lamppost by footbridge</li> <li>2. Contact an electrician to disconnect the current feed to that lamppost.</li> </ol> <p>Proposed by Councillor J Camilleri, seconded by Councillor Seabrooke. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <p>Councillor Higgins will update Wessex River Trust.</p> <p><b>Footpaths</b></p> <p>No update to provide.</p>
<p><b>34/26</b></p>	<p><b>To discuss traffic issues and litter signage.</b></p> <p>Councillor Lee addressed the meeting with regards to speeding issues that he has noted entering and leaving West Dean.</p> <p>Although previous attempts at speed monitoring have been unsuccessful, Councillor Lee will contact Wiltshire Council for advice.</p> <p>Councillor Lee advised that whilst litter in West Dean is not a problem, areas not so far away seem to suffer with a littering problem. It was noted that he will contact Wiltshire Council to discuss.</p>
<p><b>35/26</b></p>	<p><b>To agree a payment of £348.00 for the Generator Service at King George Village Hall.</b></p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> to pay £348.00 for the Generator Service at King George Village Hall. Proposed by Councillor Livesey, seconded by Councillor Seabrooke. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<p><b>36/26</b></p>	<p><b>To review and agree the quote from Infinity Playgrounds.</b></p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from Infinity Playgrounds at a cost of £19,207.08 (inc VAT) for</p>

	<p>replacement surfacing and the installation of a new cradle swing frame subject to the Clerk obtaining relevant grant funding.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Livesey, seconded by Councillor Seabrooke.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																												
<b>37/26</b>	<p><b>To consider subscribing to Dun Valley News.</b></p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> to not subscribe to the Dun Valley news due to other financial commitments.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Lee.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																												
<b>38/26</b>	<p><b>To note the financial situation.</b></p> <p>The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were <b>NOTED</b> with the bank balance at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 being £29,967.25. The bank reconciliation can be found at <b>APPENDIX B</b>.</p>																												
<b>39/26</b>	<p><b>To approve the requests for payments for March.</b></p> <p>The payments as listed in the table below were <b>APPROVED</b> for payment.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Livesey, seconded by Councillor Seabrooke.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4" style="text-align: center;">March Payment Requests</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">From</th> <th style="width: 45%;">Item</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Invoice Number</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>March</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£920.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds</td> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bennett &amp; Dean</td> <td>Electrical Works - Lights on the Green</td> <td>Inv 113912</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£303.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moore Barlow</td> <td>S106 Review - Glebe Farm</td> <td>Inv 121758</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,577.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,805.98</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	March Payment Requests				From	Item	Invoice Number	Amount	Staff	Salary	March	£920.98	Lloyds	Bank Charges		£4.25	Bennett & Dean	Electrical Works - Lights on the Green	Inv 113912	£303.47	Moore Barlow	S106 Review - Glebe Farm	Inv 121758	£1,577.28	Total			£2,805.98
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<b>40/26</b>	<p><b>To agree the date of the next meeting.</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.</p>																												

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19:56.



# WILTSHIRE POLICE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## West Dean

March 2026

### On the team

PC Kelvin RAMSEY 70855	PCSO John TAYLOR 9465	Sgt Susan BROWN 2775
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### 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 30 days:

No reports of anti-social behaviour or crimes in the area.

## APPENDIX B

WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL				
Bank Reconciliation for the Year 2025 / 26				
<b>Opening Balance Community Account at 01/04/2025</b>	<b>£963.60</b>		<b>Opening Balance Instant Access Account at 01/04/2025</b>	<b>£25,394.00</b>
Receipts 2024/25	18,831.50		Receipts 2024/25	21,112.27
Payments 2024/25	17,834.22		Payments 2024/25	18,500.00
Unpresented Cheques 2024/25				
<b>Closing Balance Community Account 28/02/2026</b>	<b>£1,629.38</b>		<b>Closing Balance Business Bank Instant 28/02/2026</b>	<b>£28,337.87</b>
<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCES</b>	<b>£29,967.25</b>			