



East Tisted Parish Council

Minutes for the Annual Public Meeting of the Village of East Tisted held on Tuesday 20th May, 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Phil Cutts (Councillor)
Helen Evison (Councillor)
Carl McBean (Councillor)
Sandra Nichols (Councillor and Chairman)
Colin Rule (Councillor and Vice Chairman)
Pippa Cockhead (Clerk & RFO)
Fiona Hyde (Village Hall Treasurer)
Charles Louisson (District Councillor)
4 Villagers

Apologies: Jessica Hornsby (Hampshire Constabulary)
Russell Oppenheimer (County Councillor)
Mick Crumplin (Village Hall Committee)
Carol Rule
Mark Bisley

The meeting opened at 7.42pm

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Cllr Nichols welcomed all. Apologies were received from Jessica Hornby, Cllr Oppenheimer, Mick Crumplin, Carol Rule and Mark Bisley.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2024 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

3. Annual Review from County Councillor RO

The County Councillor report had been presented at the earlier Parish Council meeting.

4. Annual Review from District Councillor CL

Cllr Louisson thanked those present for their continued support. CL reported that there had been lots of changes over the last year and to come. He referred to the White Paper on housing numbers in the county, rising from 575pa to 1142pa, with approximately 800 outside the South Downs National Park. Devolution continues with Mayoral elections expected to happen May 2026. Local Government Reforms likely to occur by May 2028, although this is under review. On a local level waste collections are going well at the moment. The building of a new recycling centre near Eastleigh is likely to require new vehicles to support the workload. The new Planning Portal is experiencing teething problem, which are expected to be sorted in the near future. It is expected that there will be more money available for Councillor grants and applications will be invited in due course.

5. Annual Report on the Village Hall.



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The Village Hall Committee schemes to help raise funds have added approximately £1000 to income for the last year. These include EasyFundraising, East Hampshire District Council's local Lottery and the Octopus Energy referrals. There is now a selection of pre-loved books and jigsaws in the village hall available "for sale" by way of donation. Funds can also be raised by recycling ink cartridges, broken and unwanted jewellery and old bank notes, as well as used stamps. Please see the Village Hall website for more details about all of these schemes. The village hall is currently underused and we need to find ways of utilising this valuable village resource.

6. Annual Report on Neighbourhood News.

Cllr Rule continues to distribute news to the villagers as appropriate.

7. Report from Hampshire Constabulary.

There was no Hampshire Constabulary report.

8. Annual Report from Chair of the Parish Council.

Village Hall: The Village Hall Committee continues to come up with imaginative new schemes to help raise funds and to try to encourage more bookings. During the prolonged power cut earlier in the year, the village hall was opened for a few hours to enable those without power to sit in warmth and use the kitchen facilities. Should a similar situation arise again this facility would be offered again. The regular Friday social nights continue as do the monthly Chinese meals. The yoga classes also continue. A relatively new, and great fun, fixture are the Quiz Nights. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Mick and Ronnie Crumplin, Fiona and Fraser Hyde, Christine and Brian Hailstone and all the rest of the Committee for their continued commitment.

Church: Thanks must also go to our church community and the PCC for looking after our beautiful church and for ensuring that we continue to have regular Sunday and special services. With our refurbished bells, there is now a group of dedicated village bell ringers. If anyone is interested in learning or taking part they would be pleased to welcome you. Contact enquiries@easttistedvillagehall.org.uk and your details will be passed onto the relevant person.

Cricket: The Council would like to thank Chris Fuller who organises cricket matches for the village and looks after the pavilion and recreation ground on behalf of the village and Parish Council.

Walking group: The group established last year continues to meet each week every Friday (unless the weather is really foul!), leaving from the Community Garden site at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

D Day Memorial Picnic: After such a wet time last year, the Council was pleased that the weather held for the evening in June up at Rotherfield Park to mark the 80th Anniversary of D Day. A number of villagers enjoyed picnics before taking part in the national beacon lighting. Phil Cutts, formerly of the RAF, lit the beacon representing those in the village who have served in the armed forces since that time. To add to the poignancy of the moment two pipers played for those present. Thank you to the bell ringers and to Arthur Scott and the Rotherfield team for hosting the event.

Village open meeting: A meeting was held last August to gather views on the refurbishment of the village pond, and on road safety measures along Station Road and the A32. The council were pleased that everyone liked the plans put forward for the



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pond and a separate update on that is below. As far as the road safety measures are concerned, one of the suggestions made at the meeting was to see if 'priority' signs may be possible along the narrow part of Station Road. We contacted Hampshire County Council but unfortunately there is not a sufficient line of sight to make this viable. The Council is now waiting for the works to begin and will update once we hear further. The Parish Council continues to monitor traffic flows through the village via the SID camera. Camera positions are being regularly changed and data is provided for each Parish Council meeting. The Council is grateful to Councillor Carl McBean for undertaking this responsibility.

Coffee Morning: Another successful coffee morning was held on Saturday 23rd November. Thanks to Carol Rule, Catherine and all the other helpers, a fantastic £600 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Christmas: Once again there was a Christmas decorations workshop in the village hall which was followed by the decorating and lighting of a village Christmas tree on the green with mulled wine and mince pies as well as a few seasonal songs. The weather wasn't very helpful, but we managed to get through it all! Once again thanks go to Arthur Scott and his team for providing the tree and for turning on the lights for the village.

East Tisted village meeting with SSEN: Following the prolonged power cut earlier this year, Sioux Mingaye kindly arranged for Savana Walker of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, to address a village meeting to explain what had happened. The main take-home message is everyone eligible should register for the Priority Service for vulnerable customers for whom one or more of the following applies: are deaf or hard of hearing; have a disability; live with children under 5; are blind or partially sighted; have a chronic illness; use medical equipment/aids reliant on electricity such as oxygen machines, stairlifts, etc; are over 60 and/or temporarily need extra support. Call 0800 294 3259 to register. Whilst this doesn't necessarily mean that electricity will be restored any quicker, if there is a high proportion of residences on the register in a particular area, they will prioritise their resources as best they can.

VE Day 80th Anniversary Convoy: On Saturday, 10 May, many gathered at the village hall to enjoy refreshments before the passing of the convoy of historic military vehicles came through East Tisted. This was the last official convoy event organised by the volunteers, so we were pleased to put up the bunting and cheer them along.

Village communications: Colin Rule was thanked for managing the village email list originally started as part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. We are also grateful to Rotherfield Park Estate for sending out information to their tenants and team lists. A new addition for this year is the East Tisted village Call-Out WhatsApp group. This was suggested by, and is run by Sioux Mingaye and is intended as a notification of any village wide problems or emergencies, such as power outages, or water problems, etc. This has proved to be extremely useful and would like to thank Sioux for undertaking this. If you would like to be on this group please send your mobile number to Sioux@jackahuahua.net or text her at 07885 482263. Our village newsletter, Tisted Tales, continues to be produced on a quarterly basis. We thank Mark Bisley who kindly delivers this for us to ensure that everybody has the opportunity to read it. Thanks also to Rotherfield Park Estate for providing the copies for us.

Community Garden: The garden provided to the community by Rotherfield Park Estate and managed by Worthy Earth is starting its second season. The team has been busy planting sweetcorn, kale and other vegetables, and is focussing more on basics



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this year with lots of potatoes, onions and carrots. Produce is available for free to the village. Volunteers to help are also welcome. Contact Lawrence on 07876 341364.

New community orchard: A new community orchard has been planted by Rotherfield Park Estate in an enclosure behind the cottages on Gosport Road. This is being provided for all of the village to enjoy both the fruits and the benefits of being in the space. There will be more details once it has established.

Village pond: We were successful in our application to the South Downs National Park 'Pounds for Ponds' grant scheme. This scheme gave us access to advice from a Park Ranger and provided funds for the work that was needed. We were also fortunate to receive a grant of £750 from our District Councillor and £800 from Rotherfield Park Estate. The work is now nearly completed apart from some final 'finessing'.

Village defibrillator/AED: The village defibrillator remains functional and is still located on the front of the old village shop despite that now being closed.

Thanks: There have been many references to the Rotherfield Park Estate throughout this report with whom the village has a unique and special relationship. We would like to formally acknowledge this and express our thanks for all that the Estate does for the village. Finally I would like to thank my fellow councillors and our clerk, without whose work, help and advice this job would be impossible – very, very grateful thanks to you all.

Cllr Cutts thanked Cllr Nichols for all the work that she contributes to the smooth running of the council and Cllr Evison added her thanks to the Chairman for editing Tisted Tales.

9. Topics proposed by villagers.

None had been notified.

10. Questions from the floor.

Sioux Mingaye raised concern about the number of villagers who attend ETPC and village meetings. Suggestions were made about better publicity, spreading the word via the WhatsApp Group, offering coffee and cake, etc. More information could be put into the Tisted Tales newsletter. There was a suggestion of holding an event at the Community Gardens when the weather was better, maybe a pop-up pub.

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors, villagers and other visitors. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm.

Pippa Cockhead
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
May 2025

Agreed as a true and correct record.

Signature..... Chairman Date.....