



East Tisted Parish Council

Minutes for the Annual Public Meeting of the Village of East Tisted held on Tuesday 19 May, 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Phil Cutts (Councillor)
Helen Evison (Councillor)
Carl McBean (Councillor)
Sandra Nichols (Councillor and Chair)
Colin Rule (Councillor, Vice-Chair & Community Correspondent)
Pippa Cockhead (Clerk & RFO)
Fiona Hyde (Village Hall Treasurer)
Charles Louisson (District Councillor)
Karen Sherwood (Community Garden)
4 Villagers

Apologies: Nick Drew (County Councillor)
Jessica Hornsby (Hampshire Constabulary)

The meeting opened at 7.44pm

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Cllr Nichols welcomed all. Apologies were received from Cllr Drew and Jessica Hornby.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2025 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

3. Annual Review from County Councillor ND

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. Cllr Louisson announced that Dawn Adey had succeeded Gill Kneller as Chief Executive of EHDC. The proposed changes due to LGR have raised concerns about the financial viability of the Mid Hampshire Unitary, with reduced business taxes and increased social and health costs. A judicial review may take place. Mayoral elections have been delayed till 2028. The SDNP local plan has also been put on hold due to LGR. On a positive note food waste collections are due to start in October 2026 after the required lorries arrival in the September. New caddies would be provided by EHDC. Cllr Nichols thanked Cllr Louisson for his support of the parish during the last year.

5. Annual Report on the Village Hall FH

The Village Hall continues to be relatively well supported showing a surplus of approximately £1,600 at the end of March 2026. However, approximately two thirds of this has been raised by fund raising efforts rather than hall bookings, including EasyFundraising, East Hampshire District Council's local Lottery and the Octopus Energy referrals. Tisted Tales will focus on each source in the coming months. A hall heating audit had been suggested but would cost £1k to carry out, there is the possibility of a grant to cover the audit cost, which will be looked into. The ETHV AGM will take place in September 2026, potentially over a weekend as a coffee morning event to encourage more villagers to attend. Cllr Nichols congratulated Fiona and the rest of the ETVH committee on their continued efforts.



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6. Annual Report on Community Correspondent Cllr Rule

Cllr Rule raised the issue of his poor health and warned that he may have to hand over the role of Community Correspondent in the near future. However, he would not be able to hand over any email addresses due to GDPR, but would ask everyone to email the new incumbent of their wish to continue to receive village emails, if and when the times comes to hand over.

7. Report from Hampshire Constabulary

There was no Hampshire Constabulary report.

8. Report on Community Garden KS

The garden is going well with a core number of villagers carrying out most of the day to day work. However, if there are larger jobs to perform and call out is usually well responded to. The estate greenhouse is being used for germinating seeds and is ever supportive of the gardens. The new benches are in situ and Cllr Louisson has been invited to see the gardens. Their desire for zero waste is on going and the produce needs to be used. Plans are in progress for a Community Lunch, Scarecrow competition, pumpkin picking events and a vegetable box with recipes. Cllr Nichols thanked Karen and Nigel for their enthusiasm and their continued efforts.

9. Annual Report from Chair of the Parish Council.

This has been another busy year in East Tisted with much work being undertaken by the Parish Council and other village groups and individuals.

Village pond refurbishment: Thanks to support both in terms of advice and funding, from the South Downs National Park, we were able to undertake a programme of refurbishment of the village pond. Some non-native trees and shrubs were removed, and the willows were coppiced to provide renewed growth. A wildlife corridor was planted along with a wildflower strip. The contractors completed the major 'structural' works and found that there was a clay lining of sorts, although there is a big willow tree root protruding in one corner. The considered view was to leave it in place, as otherwise to remove it would have meant that the pond would need to be re-lined. However, whilst we did have water in the pond for a few months thanks to the wettest winter on record, there isn't any longer and so it appears that the lining will need to be re-assessed.

Highways: 2026 will probably go down in history as the 'year of the potholes' and the village did not escape the impact! Whilst certainly a nuisance, unfortunately a lot of those that we reported were not considered bad enough, given the pressure on the county council's highways department, to warrant repair, so whilst a few have been dealt with, there are some that remain problematic. The work to improve road safety in the village by way of a grant from the national park's Community Funded Initiative, has at long last, started. The extension to the footpath to the recreation ground is underway as this is being written, and the next step is to extend the bollards along the A32 to protect pedestrians the whole way along that route. We have yet to hear when the work along Station Road will take place. Thanks to Cllr McBean, we continue to monitor traffic speeds through the village which helps us in our discussions with the County Council.

Planning: The Parish Council has been consulted by Rotherfield Park Estate throughout the year on various projects that they would like to undertake in the village, both in the short and longer term. The Council has given its formal support to the planning applications for change of use of Anchor Cottages to a nursery school as an adjunct to Newton Wood Barn, for repairs to Rotherfield Park mansion house, to the conversion of the Old Forge into three flats, subject to various considerations of the village hall, and for tree work at some private properties in the village.



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Consultations: The Parish Council has responded to the public consultation on Local Government Review which will see the district and county councils replaced by a Unitary Authority, and to the South Downs National Park consultation on its Local Plan, although this is now on hold.

Village communications: We thank Cllr Rule for continuing to manage the village email list and we are also grateful to Rotherfield Park Estate for sending out information to their tenants and team lists. The village 'call-out' WhatsApp group is another very useful tool for sharing information quickly. If you would like to be on this group please send your mobile number to Sioux@jackahuahua.net or message her at 07885 482263. Tisted Tales, continues to be produced on a quarterly basis. This is sent out both electronically, and through letter boxes. Rotherfield Park Estate has initiated a new village calendar where events organised by them, the Community Garden, the village hall, and any other village groups can be collated. This was delivered throughout the village and is kept up to date on the village hall website.

Village defibrillator/AED: The village defibrillator remains functional and is located on the front of the old village shop despite that now being closed. Thanks to Cllr McBean for continuing to monitor this.

Christmas: Christmas in the village is a truly wonderful time, with new traditions being formed each year. What has become our annual Christmas Decoration evening was again well supported, and we tried a new venue for the Christmas tree lighting evening – this time at the village hall to avoid the vagaries of the weather. Apart from the monthly meal in the village hall, there was a skittles evening and a New Year's Eve quiz. We again enjoyed the lovely lessons and carols by candlelight at St Peter's Colemore and our Christmas Day service at St James.

Newton Wood Barn: Newton Wood Barn is a joint project with Rotherfield Park Estate, offering hands-on, nature-based education for children and young people who are struggling to thrive in mainstream settings. They work with over 20 Hampshire schools and supported more than 40 families in their first year. The children and staff of Newton Wood Barn are becoming more and more involved in our community, particularly the Community Garden, where the children have their own plots to learn about seasonal vegetables, fruits, and flowers. They have made a lot of the signs for the different areas, in their workshop. More information is here www.newtonwoodbarn.co.uk

Village Coffee: We are very pleased to welcome a new business to the village! Carl and Meg McBean started Village Coffee in a converted horsebox behind the old Bowtell's farm shop late last year and it has become a unique meeting place with wonderful, peaceful views across to the Community Garden. Please continue to support them.

Rotherfield Park Cricket Club: Last season was particularly successful as finished their 2025 campaign with what was to be their 3rd trophy of the season! The club marks its 50th anniversary this year. We are very fortunate to have Chris Fuller who organises this and sees to the cricket pitch and pavillion. Anyone is welcome to go along and play. Please contact him on 07586 357549 or at chrisfuller17@hotmail.com

East Tisted Craft 'Shed': This is a new group that meets from 2pm until 4pm on the last Monday afternoon of the month. Anyone with an interest in crafts is welcome to come along for tea/coffee, cake and a genuinely nice time with like-minded people. We have been pleasantly surprised at how popular this is. We take turns with cake and split the hall hire cost amongst those who are there, which generally works out at £2 or £3 each per session.

Walking group: This group continues to meet each week every Friday (unless the weather is really foul!), leaving from the Community Garden site at 2pm. Some arrive a bit early so that we can enjoy a cup of 'Village Coffee'. Well behaved dogs on a lead are welcome.

THANK YOU

We remain extremely grateful to Arthur Scott and his team at Rotherfield Park Estate. As we've said many times before, the village is so fortunate to have this unique and special relationship and we would like to formally acknowledge this and express our thanks for all that the Estate does for the village.



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Our thanks also go to the Village Hall Committee, particularly Mick and Ronnie Crumplin, and to Fiona Hyde for her efforts at getting more events going, for the fund-raising ideas and for her superb poster and social media skills! A special presentation was made to Christine and Brian Hailstone in recognition of their years organising the monthly village Chinese meals.

Thanks 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. We now have a group of dedicated village bell ringers. If anyone is interested in taking part enquiries@easttistedvillagehall.org.uk in the first instance.

Other notables include Karen Sherwood and Philippa Beasty, along with the other Community Garden volunteers, Sioux Mingaye for taking charge of the village services WhatsApp group, Eveie Light for managing access to the recreation ground, Chris Fuller for his work with the cricket club and on the cricket pitch, and Mark Bisley for the many miles he has walked delivering leaflets, posters and Tisted Tales!

Thanks must go to Charles Louisson, our District Councillor, for his interest and support, and likewise to Russell Oppenheimer our out-going County Councillor.

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 as always to you all.

10. Topics proposed by villagers.

Sioux Mingaye continues her efforts with SSEN regards generators, power banks and resilient packs for the vulnerable in the village.

A villager suggested that a village walk be arranged once all the highways roadworks had been completed.

Local businesses should be included in any village leaflets drops to encourage their participation.

11. Questions from the floor.

None

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 18 May 2027 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors, villagers and other visitors. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.41pm.

Pippa Cockhead
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
May 2026

Agreed as a true and correct record.

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