

**WEST HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 AT 7.00pm**

Present:	Chairman Cllr Francis Pullman (FP), Cllr ShirleyMay Saunders (SMS), Cllr Ann Cooper (AC)
In attendance:	Anne Oliver Parish Clerk, 3 members of the public
Apologies	Cllr Trevor Ingram (TI), DCC/EDDC Cllr Jess Bailey

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

Item (a)	Discussion and decisions (b)
25/210	<p><b>Welcome and Chairman's announcements</b></p> <p>The meeting started at 7.00pm. The Chairman, Cllr FP, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
25/211	<p><b>Apologies.</b> To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence, if considered appropriate. Cllr TI sent his apologies which were accepted by the meeting.</p>
25/212	<p>To receive <b>Declarations of interest</b> for items on the agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the agenda.</p> <p>Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at East Devon District Council within 28 days of the change.</p> <p>Cllrs FP, AC and SMS each declared no interests in items on the agenda.</p>
25/213	<p><b>Public question time (3 minutes):</b> To allow members of the public present to give their question/comments to the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the Chairman, before the start of the Parish Council meeting. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself. <i>(Contributions are limited to 3 minutes).</i></p> <p>Two members of the public spoke about planning applications to be considered at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25/0057/OUT Land Adjoining West Hayes: A member of the public noted that EDDC had refused a previous application (24/0008/PIP) and proposed the reasons for refusal applied to the the lastest application, including: outside the Built Up Area Boundary/Settlement Boundary, loss of trees.</li> <li>25/0955/TRE 13 Hayes End: A member of the public to provide information on the proposal to fell a tree.</li> </ul>
25/214	<p><b>Confidential/exempt items. In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960</b> (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded. Proposed items: <b>None</b></p>
25/215	<p><b>Planning Applications received:</b> To consider a response to:</p> <p><b>25/0057/OUT</b> Land Adjoining West Hayes Eastfield West Hill EX11 1GG Amended application - Outline application for the erection of 9 dwellings, including 4 affordable dwellings and associated parking. Approval sought for access, appearance, layout and scale (matters reserved: landscaping)</p> <p>The meeting considered the amended application and continued to object to the application. Councillors agreed that their previous consultee comments still applied. In addition, they noted that the application included a wildflower meadow to be the responsibility of the future householders. The meeting questioned how this would be managed in practice.</p> <p><b>25/0955/TRE</b> 13 Hayes End West Hill Ottery St Mary Devon EX11 1GG</p>

	<p>T1, Monterey Pine : fell.</p> <p>Cllrs thanked the applicant for providing a detailed arboricultural report to explain and justify the proposed works. The meeting supported the application and asked for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the work to be done outside nesting season (if considered safe)</li> <li>replacement planting of a native tree.</li> </ul> <p><b>25/0988/TRE</b> Springfield House West Hill Road West Hill Devon EX11 1UZ  T1, Oak - reduce overhang over fruit trees by approximately 2m, to a suitable pruning position.  T2, Sycamore - reduce overhang over fruit trees by approximately 2m, to a suitable pruning position.  T3, Oak - reduce overhang over fruit trees by approximately 2m, to a suitable pruning position.  T4, Holly - reduce height by 2-3m, to tidy suppressed top.  G1, x2 Holly - reduce stem leaning over neighbours fence to growth point at 2m. Remove stem growing through beech to as near ground level as possible</p> <p>Cllrs felt the mature TPO'd trees made a significant contribution to the treescape of the immediate area and the character of West Hill, a woodland village. The meeting noted that the application request that trees subject to TPOs should be pruned back in order to enhance fruit trees that do not have TPOs. Cllrs considered this counter-intuitive and did not support the application.</p>		
<b>25/216</b>	<p><b>Planning Decisions received: All noted</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>25/0795/TRE</b> 7 Warren Park West Hill Devon EX11 1TN  T1: Douglas Fir - dismantle to ground level.</p> <p><b>25/0734/TRE</b> Oakdene Hawkins Lane West Hill Devon EX11  T1, Scots Pine: fell to ground level. T2, Oak: 3m height reduction</p> <p><b>25/0672/FUL</b> 5 Pinefields Close West Hill Devon EX11 1XL  Proposed demolition of existing lean to structure, alterations, construction of single storey rear extension with roof terrace over, addition of cladding and render, Proposed conversion of existing garage into residential accommodation.</p> </td><td style="vertical-align: top; text-align: right;"> <p><u>Status</u> Refused</p> <p>Refused</p> <p>Approved</p> </td></tr> </table>	<p><b>25/0795/TRE</b> 7 Warren Park West Hill Devon EX11 1TN  T1: Douglas Fir - dismantle to ground level.</p> <p><b>25/0734/TRE</b> Oakdene Hawkins Lane West Hill Devon EX11  T1, Scots Pine: fell to ground level. T2, Oak: 3m height reduction</p> <p><b>25/0672/FUL</b> 5 Pinefields Close West Hill Devon EX11 1XL  Proposed demolition of existing lean to structure, alterations, construction of single storey rear extension with roof terrace over, addition of cladding and render, Proposed conversion of existing garage into residential accommodation.</p>	<p><u>Status</u> Refused</p> <p>Refused</p> <p>Approved</p>
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#### Other Matters

<b>25/217</b>	<p>To receive a report from the Parish Clerk (Urgent Matters).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk confirmed the Council's insurance policy had been renewed following the decision at the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Council meeting.</li> <li>WHPC had received a complaint which would be processed according to the Council's Complaints Policy.</li> </ul>
<b>25/218</b>	<p><b>Councillor questions, reports and items for future agenda</b></p> <p>Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. <i>Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.</i></p> <p>No issues were raised.</p>
<b>25/219</b>	<p><b>Next meeting:</b> To confirm arrangements for upcoming WHPC meeting on <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 7.00pm</b> at the Village Hall</p>

All members of the public left the meeting.  
Meeting closed at 7.21pm

Signed .....

Date .....