

East Peckham Parish Council

EPPC Full Council Minutes

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on Wednesday 18th March 2026 in the Parish Meeting Room, Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham TN12 5BT

Assistant Clerk, J. Perretta, 23rd March 2026.

1. **Attendees:** Attendees: Cllrs M. Williams, D. Seal, T. Eastwood, J. Scorey, M. Joannes, H. Wright, P. Patel, T Hendry – Lewis, D. Fairless and Assistant Clerk J. Perretta.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs S North, A. Courtney – Jones, TMBC Councillor M. Boughton.

Absent without apologies; KCC Councillor S. Hudson.

2. **Signing of Minutes of previous meeting;**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th February 2026 were a true and accurate record.

Proposed: M. Joannes, seconded: D. Seal, all in favour

3. **Declarations of interest or lobbying;** M. Joannes declared an interest in point 12.1 & D. Seal declared an interest in point 12.2.

4. To receive an update on items discussed and resolved at previous meetings; None.

5. **Elections and Vacancies:** There are currently no vacancies

6. **Reports from Police & Community Warden**

Reports received from PC Holdings (see appendix 1), Community Warden is currently off sick.

Standing Orders were suspended to enable members of the public to address the meeting.

7. **County Councillors, Borough Councillors, Residents,**

7.1 Reports from County Councillors, Borough Councillors

Matt Boughton: Brunswick Yard / Coult's Close: A new planning officer has taken over this case and is reviewing the long history of the site. A decision on the culvert is hoped for by the end of the month. Any issues with outstanding items such as streetlights, signage, road markings etc should be followed up with KCC.

Speeding bikes along the A228 bypass - The request for a speed cameras has been turned down and alternative options to help with the ongoing issue are being explored. Residents should continue to report any instances directly to the police, who will dispatch officers if resources allow, but can depend on other issues already taking place.

Resident: One email requesting the council report the broken wire fencing along Chidley Cross to Clarion. One brief in-person visit from a resident who lives in Laddingford but was visiting our playing fields to walk their dog. Wished to express how delighted they are with the facilities, public toilet etc and say thank you to the PC!.

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Standing orders reconvened

8. Chairman / Clerk's Report;

Clerk: The sandbag containers in the carpark have had remedial works completed to them.

West Malling PC is interested in finding out more about permaculture and how the Community Garden has developed. They are planning a site visit in the second half of April to see the results for themselves.

Recruitment for the Admin support role has gone well so far. Over 65 applications received which are currently being assessed and initial interviews will start next week.

Works to the east of the playing fields to remove the build-up and trees on a resident's fence have been completed.

One Touch cleaning contractor has given us one month's notice, so the office will be gaining quotes to present at the April meeting.

9. Groups & Organisations:

To receive reports from the Chairman of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups that have met since the last Full Council Meeting

Youth and Community Committee: M. Joannes, confirmed the summer event will be on 13th June 2026 between 1pm & 5pm. The event will be called The Grand Community Garden Opening Fete. Tickets for the Easter Egg Hunt are selling well, thanks to the primary school and D. Seal for the making and decorating of the wooden eggs.

Assets: T. Eastwood - The village public toilet time lock is being researched. The Jubilee Hall signage is yet to be actioned. Quotations are being sought for repair works to the hall fascia, water tanks and additional storage.

Staffing: M. Joannes, confirmed all staff appraisals have been actioned.

10. Reports from members who attended any meeting on behalf of EPPC not included elsewhere on the agenda; D. Seal met a Borough Councillor for Paddock Wood to discuss useful information on water authorities as part of the local plan.

M. Williams and D. Seal attended a KALC Meeting, Discussions were mainly regarding the re-organisation of Kent.

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11. Finance

11.1 To note the approval of bank reconciliations up to 28/02/2026. It was noted that the bank reconciliation's have been reviewed and approved by D. Seal.

11.2 To review and approve the schedule of upcoming payments;

Veolia	£166.82
Hocu	£90
Online playgrounds	£195.00
Typecast	£186.00
HMRC	£1243.79
Salaries (Feb)	£5052.94
Nest	£ TBC
Castle Water	£46.05, £137.61
Engie (Gas)	£451.63
Engie (Electric)	£170.76
SSE Energy (Streetlights)	£624.78
Waterbutt Kit	£29.99
PC Matters	£101.54
Brook Street	£194.16
DM Payroll	£158.40

It was resolved to approve the payment schedule.
Proposed: M. Joannes, seconded: H. Wright, all in favour

11.3 To consider any requests for grants and donations
No grants received.

11.4 To consider and resolve any quotes received
None received.

11.5 To consider the quote for energy contracts from October 2027
It was resolved to accept the quotation and switch supplier.
Proposed by; M. Joannes, Seconded by; H. Wright, Eight councillors agreed, one abstained.

12. Hall Hire

12.1 to resolve hall hire prices for 2026/27 financial year; 12.1; It was resolved to increase the hall hire charges from April 1st 2026;

Proposed by; T. Hendry – Lewis, Seconded by; M. Joannes, Agreed with a show of hands.

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Hire Type	25/26	26/27
Regular users	£11.50	£12.65
Casual bookings - residents	£16.50	£18.15
Casual bookings - non-residents	£22	£24.20
Meeting Room - residents	£11	£12.10
Meeting Room - non residents	£14	£15.40

12.2 History Trust Regular hire; It was agreed the History Trust will continue to use the hall free of charge for the remaining two years of the 5 year agreement.

Proposed by; T. Hendry – Lewis, Seconded by; M. Joannes, Agreed with a show of hands.

12.3 Approval of a proposed charity fundraising event on 17th May;

It was resolved the event can go ahead, free of charge.

Proposed by: M. Joannes, Seconded by: T. Hendry – Lewis, Agreed with a show of hands.

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13. 2026 Annual Parish Meeting: To resolve the time of the meeting and confirm still wish to go ahead on Saturday 9th May. (meeting cannot start before 6pm)

It was resolved the meeting would go ahead on Saturday 9th May 2026 at 6pm.

Proposed: M. Joannes, Seconded by: H. Wright, Agreed with a show of hands.

14. Local Government Reorganisation: Council to continue discussion on the proposals and resolve how they wish to respond to the consultation:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-kent-and-medway

It was resolved to not send a response.

Proposed by; D. Seal Seconded by; T. Eastwood, Agreed with a show of hands.

15. KCC Consultation on new Primary School in Paddock Wood; Council to discuss and resolve if and how they wish to respond to the consultation.

It was resolved to respond to the consultation.

Proposed by; H. Wright, Seconded by: T. Hendry – Lewis, Agreed with a show of hands.

16. Privacy Statement; Council to consider proposed draft, to be posted on our website which is a legislative requirement.

It was resolved to post the Privacy Statement on the website.

Proposed by: T. Henry – Lewis, Seconded by: T. Eastwood, Agreed with a show of hands.

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17. **Planning Applications:** To be considered by Council:

Ref: 25/02075/FL, **Proposal:** Replacement of roof and frames to existing conservatory

Location: 36 Old Road East Peckham Tonbridge Kent TN12 5ET.

It was resolved that council has no objection to this application.

Proposed by; D, Seal, Seconded by; M. Joannes, Agreed with a show of hands.

Ref: 26/00086/FL **Proposal:** Single storey rear extension and garage conversion **Location:** 5 Stockenbury East Peckham Tonbridge Kent TN12 5EH.

This application has been previously considered.

Ref: 26/00047/FL **Proposal:** Proposed construction of 3 x dwellings comprising of 2 x 1 bed houses and 1 x 2 bed flat

Location: Land Rear Of 52 Westwood Road East Peckham Tonbridge Kent TN12 5DB

Local Development Committee will provide in-depth considerations for this planning application following their meeting on Tuesday 17th March.

It was resolved that council objects to this application. An objection letter will be submitted to TMBC along with councils decision.

Proposed by; M. Williams, T. Hendry – Lewis, Agreed with a show of hands.

18. April Planning and Full Council Meetings; Council to resolve if wish to go ahead with Planning and Transport Committee on Monday 13th and Full Council on Wednesday 15th, or combine the two. It was resolved to go ahead with the Planning and Transport Meeting at 6.30pm & the Full Council Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 15th April 2026.

Proposed by; H. Wright, Seconded by; T. Hendry – Lewis, Agreed with a show of hands.

19. Staffing Committee Report: This item may require the exclusion of the press and public due to its confidential nature (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960).

It was resolved to accept the finance committee's proposal.

Proposed by; M. Joannes, Seconded by; T. Eastwood, Agreed with a show of hands.

20. Matters for future discussion. Local Government reorganisation.

21. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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Appendix 1

PC Holdings Report:

Here is the report for East Peckham for 15th February- 18th March:

We have had 46 calls to the area during this time period:

17 of these calls relate to minor traffic issues including broken down vehicles, minor collisions etc

4 calls relate to trap racing on the A228 (I am however aware there are more calls than this that will not be attributed to the East Peckham area as the area used is also covered by Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone).

6 calls relate to vehicle based anti-social behaviour on the A228 on three different dates: 22/02, 25/02, 05/03 x4. These matters are an ongoing issue for which we are aware and robustly dealing with offenders. There is a PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) in place – police will deal with offences on the day (tickets, vehicle seizures) and pass numberplates on to the council who will look to issue Community Protection Warnings/Notices on to the owners of the vehicles. This can lead to repeat offenders receiving increased fines or even arrest.

The remaining calls I do not feel would have an impact on the wider community.

I am hoping to host a “Cupper with a Copper” event – this will be in the offices here and I hope to do this either every month or two months. For updates on when these will be held, please sign up to My Community Voice via the Kent Police website and I will send out emails before each event! If you are unable to make these or have any issues you would like to discuss with me, please feel free to contact me via email at 14473@kent.police.uk