

East Peckham Parish Council

EPPC Full Council Minutes

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on Wednesday 15th April at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham TN12 5BT.

- Attendees:** Chair M Williams, Vice Chair D Seal, T Eastwood, J Scorey, T Hendry-Lewis, Clerk, TMBC Councillor M Boughton,
Apologies for absence: D Fairless, H Wright, M Joannes, A Courtney-Jones, KCC Councillor S Hudson
- Signing of Minutes of previous meeting;** Wednesday 18th March 2026
It was resolved to edit Point 19 to state ‘inline with the Staffing Committee’ not Finance Committee and be accepted as a true and accurate record.
Proposed: D Seal, seconded T Eastwood, All in favour
- Declarations of interest or lobbying**
None declared
- To receive an update on items discussed and resolved at previous meetings**
Nothing to discuss
- Elections and Vacancies:** There are currently no vacancies
- Reports from Police & Community Warden**
No reports received.

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:

Borough Councillor M Boughton: Reported has spoken to Kent Police re accident on A228 Bypass, awaiting outcome of investigation re cause. Hale Street Speed Limit Consultation response has been released, the works can go ahead subject to funding for it. The Lawful Development certificate for Riverside Camping campsite refusal has been published. Planning application at 52 West Wood road has been called into Committee. Local Government Reorganisation to be published in July, meaning services will need to change for TMBC – preparation already underway. Hosted a webinar last week re SE Water Reg 18 response and inability to supply 19000 new homes, which is deemed a material consideration. Government have changed some planning decisions – TMBC will not be able to consider planning applications that are fewer than 9 houses from September. Planning Officers only will be able to determine them.
Has met briefly with Hallam land re potential application for land North of Church Lane, have confirmed they will apply under Grey Belt. Will not develop the site themselves, will apply for planning and sell onto developers.

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7.2 To receive correspondence from residents.

Received an enquiry regarding the village Resilience Plan, Clerk has put them in touch with D Seal for an update.

Secretary to EP Village Hall emailed regarding an approach from Hallam Land and their response to the Regulation 18 Consultation.

Received an enquiry regarding suggestions for fundraising options for a local Scout attending an International Scout Jamboree.

Planning: a letter was received today regarding the Allen's Oast Appeal, which was passed on to Council today.

D Seal noted he had spoken with a resident who had an issue with a fence in Drage Road, advised that they spoke to Clarion to help resolve, and was pleased to report it had been.

7.3 To listen to residents:

None present

Standing Orders reconvened

8. Chairman / Clerk's Report

Clerk: Noted resident Philip Easom is to receive an award for 50 year's Service this Sunday at the St George's day Parade in Tonbridge.

Annual Parish Meeting – plans are well underway, local groups and organisations have been invited to attend / get involved on the night.

National Day of Action – This Saturday the Local Development Committee will be participating with an event being held at the Jubilee Hall.

Cuppa with a Coppa – PC Holdings attended on the morning of Friday 12th April, good opportunity to speak to residents and will be confirming an evening date in due course.

Annual precept has been received, Annual Internal Audit is in May

Cleaners; has received three quotes for the contract for the Jubilee Hall and Public Toilets, currently doing due diligence on them before presenting to Full Council in May.

Recruitment for admin support; process has taken longer than had hoped due to volume of applications and then Easter break. Hope to confirm interview dates shortly.

9. Groups & Organisations:

Allotments AGM (D Seal): meeting was well attended, reported those present were very pleased and appreciative of the council's efforts.

10. Reports from members who attended any meeting on behalf of EPPC not included elsewhere on the agenda

D Seal recently attended the reactivated Kent Flood Forum meeting, gave a brief overview.

11. Finance

11.1 To note the approval of bank reconciliations up to 31/03/2026 – deferred due to clerk having been on annual leave so yet to be completed.

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11.2 To review and approve the schedule of upcoming payments

One Touch, March cleaning	£1056.00
TMBC Non Domestic Rates	£441.00
Castle Water	£182.73, £94.61, £38.85
Veolia	£171.70
Salaries (May)	£3521.66
HMRC	£1090.52
Nest	£280 (circa due to pay increase)
PC Matters	£11.03
Community Garden Benches	£159.90
Hop Bines and twine etc for CG	£238.83
Travis Perkins	£76.02
KALC Annual subscription	£1476.64
SSE Energy (Streetlights)	£ Not received yet
Kent Grasslands	£ Not received yet
Mark Edwards	£2586, £288

It was resolved to approve the schedule of upcoming payments:

Proposed: J Scorey, Seconded: T Hendry-Lewis, all in favour

11.3 To consider any requests for grants and donations

PW advice centre request received this afternoon, Clerk will inform them that they must complete the Grant Request Form, as per Grant Policy.

11.4 To consider and resolve any quotes received

2 quotes received for new replacement fascia on the Jubilee Hall roof. It was resolved to accept Option 1 - £420 and decline Option 2 - £580.

Proposed: D Seal, T Eastwood, all in favour

12. **2026 Parish Infrastructure Statement;** Council to confirm any additions / alterations to the 2025 statement, ahead of submission.

Council to look at potential options to be added to the statement, noting the monies do not have to be for Parish Council projects, just those that the council consider would be appropriate for support and report back at the next meeting.

13. **Public Consultation on the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Draft Statement of Community Involvement 2026;** Council to consider if and how they wish to respond.

It was resolved to take no action.

Proposed: M Williams, seconded: T Hendry-Lewis, all in favour

14. **Matters for future discussion.**

Bye Laws

15. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 20th May 2026

Meeting Closed 20.05