

WEST HENDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of West Hendred Parish held on Thursday 10 September 2026 at 7.30pm At West Hendred Village Hall

Present: Cllr Dave Clayton (Chair), Cllr Hugo Axel-Berg, Cllr Matthew Evans, Cllr Sarah Lloyd

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Sarah James

County Councillor:

**Members of the
Public:**

		Action:
66/26	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Pill	
67/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
68/26	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the meetings held on 14 May 2026 were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Clayton, Seconded Cllr Axel-Berg. RESOLVED.	
69/26	MATTERS ARISING a) Trees in the Playing Field. No response from Corpus Christi. Clerk to chase.	Clerk
70/26	PUBLIC OPEN FORUM No public present,	
71/26	FINAL UPDATE ON CROSSING ON A417 The issue with sight lines on the A417 was still outstanding on Fix My Street. The landowner had written to OCC but had not received a response. Clerk to write to Cllr Hanna.	Clerk
72/26	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT No report.	
73/26	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT A written report was circulated. At the meeting it was reported that a) a new proposal had been received for the old Esso site. b) Changes to the planning system were due to take place in October. This will impact which applications can be taken to planning committee. c) The government has paused LGR d) Scoping for the Joint Local Plan was starting. e) A landowner consultation was underway for the proposed reservoir. It was anticipated that a planning application would be submitted by the end of November. GARD were offering a talk. Clerk to ask them for the slides. Cllr James was thanked for attending.	Clerk
74/26	PLAYING FIELD a) Playing Field maintenance. Bird mess was reported on some equipment and seats. There were some loose screws on some of the new equipment. Clerk to arrange for these issues to be dealt with. b) Playing Field inspection. See above. No issues were reported with the defibrillator.	Clerk

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	c) The RoSPA report was reviewed. No action required.	
75/26	UPDATE ON PROPOSED RESERVOIR No update available.	
76/26	PLANNING MATTERS None.	
77/26	CONSULTATIONS a) Scoping consultation for Joint Local Plan. No comment.	
78/26	FINANCE a) Payments. The payments made since the last meeting were all agreed. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. RESOLVED. . b) The Finance report was received and noted. c) The NJC pay award was noted. d) Proposals for a new website were considered. The council is to change to a gov.uk domain. Aubergine was the preferred supplier and it was agreed to proceed with them subject to final costs and an exit strategy from the existing site. Proposed Cllr Evans, Seconded Cllr Clayton. Resolved. e) Request for grant from West Hendred PCC. It was agreed to award a donation of £250. This would include work to remove a fallen tree branch. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Clayton. Resolved. f) Appointment of internal auditor for 2026/27. It was resolved that Jane Olds be appointed. Proposed Cllr Axel-Berg, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. Resolved.	ME Clerk
79/26	CORRESPONDENCE None.	
80/26	NEWSLETTER ITEMS None.	
81/26	AOB (for information only) a) Playing field and defibrillator inspections: Cllr Evans – October/Cllr Pill - November.	
82/26	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 5 th November 2026 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 21.00

Signed

Dated