

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday,
20 April 2026 at The Amenity Hall, Stone Cross School,
Adur Drive, Stone Cross, BN24 5EF

Present: Cllr P Baldwin, Cllr, L Comfort, Cllr F Durling, Cllr K Farley, Cllr M Hallett, Cllr C Hanson, Cllr R Mayfield, Cllr P Quanstrom, Cllr D Upton*

(* denotes WDC Councillor)

Also present at the meeting:

ESCC Cllr D Shing, ESCC Cllr N Geary, WDC Cllr C Primett, Hailsham Active S Wennington,

Two members of the public

S. Sanders (Clerk)

330. Apologies

Cllr D Axell, Cllr M Fairweather

331. Declarations of Interest

No Councillor declared an interest in the agenda items

332. Questions from members of the public

Steve Wennington from Hailsham Active asked to address the Council about the Westham and Pevensey Football Club

- 333. Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16 March 2026** to be agreed as a true record and adopted by Council and signed by the Chair of the Council
The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 16 March 2026 are signed as a correct record by the Chair of the Council

Proposed and Seconded

Unanimous Decision

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 16 March 2026 be agreed and signed by the Chair of the Meeting

334. To receive and note reports from East Sussex County Councillors and Wealden District Councillors on matters of interest

ESCC Cllr D Shing updated Councillors on the latest news from County Hall.

ESCC Cllr Geary had previously sent a monthly report to Councillors

WDC Cllr Primett updated Councillors on his current work at Wealden DC

335. Financial Items recommended for approval:

- (i) Reconciliation and Financial Expenditure Reports and payment lists for February 2026 (Previously circulated to Councillors)

The reconciliation report for February 2026 was agreed by Council and signed by the Chair of the Council.

That the Payment List of £12,183.34 for February 2026 is approved

Proposed and seconded

Unanimous Agreement

Resolved: That the reconciliation report for February 2026 is agreed and signed by the Chair of the Council

- (ii) Bank statement for February 2026 (Previously circulated to Councillors)

The bank statement was approved by Council and signed by the Chair of the Council

Proposed and seconded

Unanimous Agreement

Resolved: That the bank statement for February 2026 are agreed and signed by the Chair of the Council

336. Resurfacing of the basketball court at Adur Park

The surfacing of the games court at Adur Park is in need of replacing with a better type of surfacing. It is hoped in the future that a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) could eventually be installed but for now a new robust surfacing would be a start.

There will be challenges to installing the surfacing but hopefully these can be solved.

Estimates will be sought for the surfacing which can be installed this summer.

337. Signage for the car park next to Stone Cross School

Previously Councillors discussed if a time limit should be placed on the car park such as 'no overnight parking' or 'parking for 23 hours only'

It had been reported at the last meeting that the Council were now receiving information of cars being left for weeks on the car park next to Stone Cross School.

After discussion it was decided that a sign stating, "Parking limited to 23 hours no return in 12 hours" would be installed in the car park area.

Recommendation: that a sign with the wording "Parking limited to 23 hours no return in 12 hours" be installed in the car park area

Proposed

Seconded

Unanimous decision

Resolved: that a sign with the wording "Parking limited to 23 hours no return in 12 hours" be installed in the car park area

338. Castle Bolton

Cllr Hallett updated Councillors on the progress of an orchard at the Castle Bolton Green site. He had previously explained to Councillors that this project

should include input from the local community and hoped that residents would be able to take over the care of the fruit trees.

There would be 19 fruit trees with varieties of apple, pear, plum and nut. The budget for the project would be in the region of £900.00.

A water container would be needed, this would have to be filled locally, and the trees watered during the summer months. Cllr Hallett had hand delivered 70 leaflets in the local area to inform residents of the project. There had been a small response from residents. The next step would be collating the paperwork and meeting up with the Sustainability Team at Wealden DC. Cllr Hallett would report back to Council in due course.

339. Clerks Update

(i) Grounds Maintenance Improvements Summer 2026 programme of work

The Clerk updated Councillors with the latest improvement work that had been carried out in the parish area.

After reports of vandalism to the picnic bench in the childrens play area of Adur Park which included setting fire to deodorant cans and burning the surface underneath the bench. It was decided to remove the picnic bench.

The Clerk reported that a robust stainless steel anti vandal bench would be sought as a replacement.

The programme of installing new benches and bins in the area would now commence as the conditions in the park have improved.

Tree Condition survey 2026

The survey for 2026 had now been received and was very encouraging. Councillors would be sent a copy of the survey in due course.

(ii) The future maintenance of finger posts in the Parish area

All Councillors were in agreement that the black and white finger posts should be kept and maintained to a good standard. Estimates would be sought for the repainting of the posts during the summer months.

(iii) Crime figures for Westham Parish area

Councillors were always interested in crime reports in the parish area but the Clerk had been unable to source crime figures for the last meeting. The local PCSO would be chased up for a report on recent crime in the area.

340. To resolve to exclude Members of the Press and Public (Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960

341. An update on Parish Council accommodation

Councillors discussed the future use of the Stone Cross building and the Parish Office accommodation

(i) Future Projects

Councillors debated a number of projects that may be funded by CIL funding including office accommodation

The Meeting closed at 21.05pm

