

## EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council, held at the Village Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025, when the following business was transacted.

- 1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and dispensations – Cllrs present at meeting:** Cllrs Bray, Gilling, Wall, Champion, Carter, D Dover, A Dover. In attendance Unitary Cllr Filmer and the Clerk  
**Apologies from:** Unitary Cllr Grimes and Cllr Broderick. No interests declared

- 2 Minutes of the last meeting– Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 –** these were agreed unanimously and signed as a true record, then signed by the Chairman

At this juncture, the Chairman informed the full Council that an interview had taken place for one of the vacancies on the PC. It was agreed to accept Mr Lawrence Chrisfield application to be co-opted onto the Council. Cllr Chrisfield duly signed his acceptance form

**3. Planning - NONE**

**4. Financial Matters**

a) Clerks Salary June	£467.52
b) Clerks PAYE June	£141.90
c) Clerks expenses June	£35.79
d) PGC Contracts -Parish maintenance	£579.60
g) Steve Chick – maintenance play areas	£592.00

All invoices include VAT where applicable

**The above invoices will be paid by the Clerk through the Parish Council's Unity Trust online banking facility – as agreed unanimously by the Cllrs**

- 5. Somerset Community Award Nomination –** it was agreed unanimously to nominate Mrs Carla Searle for her 10 years sterling work for the community as a serving Parish Councillor
- 6. Agree fencing quotes for Joseph's Pound –** after obtaining 3 quotes, it was agreed that the contractor Morgan's quote was accepted. This is dependent on the mid-September deadline
- 7. State of goal posts/nets at play park –** Cllr Wall had put new cable ties to hold the nets to the crossbar. Cllrs to inspect them and clean the goal posts following their park inspection
- 8. Quotes to cut brambles – rhyne side of the play park –** since this was placed on the agenda, the contractor had cut the grass, so Cllr's to check if the brambles had been trimmed
- 9. Old Bristol Road update –** the PC had written to the environment agency, planning officer and Unitary Cllrs expressing their concern over the quarry stone crushing activity at the site. Despite speaking to the planning officer, informing them again of the concerns, nothing has been reported back. Unitary Cllr Filmer to escalate this at Somerset Council
- 10. Rookery Close update –** the Chairman, Cllrs Broderick, Wall and Gilling, along with the Clerk, had a meeting with Homes in Somerset re the feasibility of this particular site. It was agreed that Homes in Somerset to make arrange a public consultation, along with the PC for early September 2025. This would be advertised so as many of the public can attend

### **Matters of Report**

**Cllr Champion** – stated that the meeting with the Chairman, Cllr Filmer re the planned new opening onto Hill Lane on Mr Hancock's land would be beneficial to the traffic entering/exiting with the hedge cut back

**Unitary Cllr Filmer** – There is to be a Pay & Grading Review following the creation of the Unitary Authority in 2023. External consultants to carry out the review over the next couple of years. Some of the new parking charges proposals have been delayed, awaiting results from the consultation. The new boundary review is still available for comments to be made up to August 11<sup>th</sup> 2025. This is the link on the Somerset Council's web site: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-a-new-political-map-for-somerset-council/>

**Chairman** – informed the meeting, that at the recent Friday Hub, the secretary for MP Tessa Hunt was in attendance, and he was given all the details on the Old Bristol Road development, and looks forward to hearing from her. There are a few anomalies re the benches and trees installed in memory of loved ones. It was agreed that the Clerk to look at the T&C's for both and report back at the next meeting. The bridge repair ( or lack of it!!) on White Lane has now been sent to Highways and Bridges teams for their reply

**The meeting closed at 8pm**

**Date of next Parish Meeting to be held in the Village Hall -**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 starting at 7.00 pm**

**DATE** .....

**CHAIRMAN** .....