

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council, held at the Village Hall on Monday 16th June 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, Broderick, Carter, D Dover, A Dover. In attendance Unitary Cllr Filmer and the Clerk
Apologies from: Unitary Cllr Grimes. No interests declared
- 2 **Minutes of the last meeting– Monday 12th May 2025** – these were agreed unanimously and signed as a true record, then signed by the Chairman
3. **Planning - 24/25/00007** – demolition of extensions to the side and rear of garage, erection of a rear extension to garage and construction of pitched roof for the formation of garden room and self-contained annexe **LOCATED** at Cloverdale, Bristol Road, Rooksbridge BS26 2TE

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to support this application

4. Financial Matters

a) Clerks Salary May	£467.52
b) Clerks PAYE May	£141.90
c) Clerks expenses May	£16.09
d) PGC Contracts -Parish maintenance	£579.60
e) Community Heartbeat – new pads inv	£171.54
f) Steve Chick – village maintenance for play area & Orchard Close – inv 459	£592.00
g) Steve Chick – footpaths maintenance inv 462	£200.00
h) SALC/NALC affiliation fee	£640.13

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. **Defibrillator Training** – the Clerk to contact Community Heartbeat to ask for a training refresher, not only of how to use the Defibrillators, but the maintenance of them as well
6. **Somerset Community Award Nomination** – it was agreed to defer this to the July meeting
7. **Agree fencing quotes for Joseph's Pound** – Cllr Wall had only received one quote back from suppliers, so it was agreed that once the other quotes had been submitted, to discuss at the next meeting
8. **Parish Council interviews** – the Clerk to arrange interviews to take place as soon as possible

Matters of Report

Cllr Carter – informed the meeting that the new Vicar who had expressed an interest in becoming our Vicar has now withdrawn their application. The process to find a new Vicar will now start all over again

Cllr Champion – had been talking to Mr Hancock regarding his proposal of the opening to his land off Hill Lane. The Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss as soon as possible

Cllr D Dover – stated that the dog poo bin in the Cemetery is broken (someone has stolen the lid!) It is always full, despite being emptied a couple of days prior. To that extent, the Clerk to write to Clean surroundings to enquire about a larger bin and the cost of installation and emptying costs

Unitary Cllr Filmer – informed the meeting that Somerset Council must find £101 million in savings for the next financial year to balance its budget. A new interim Chief Finance Officer (third one in under a year). There is to be a Pay & Grading Review following the creation of the Unitary Authority in 2023. External consultants to carry out the review at a cost of £3 million

Cllr Broderick – stated that the solar panels have not been installed correctly due to the incorrect inverter being used and the bird guard had not been fitted. A complete re wire of the Hall is to be carried out, and quotes are being sought. The VE/VJ event was a huge success with many people attending.

Cllr Gilling – informed the meeting that the long-awaited 2nd reservoir at Cheddar has now been given the go ahead. The damaged wall on Pill Road has still not been repaired. He has written to Highways asking for the work escalated bearing in mind the time it has taken

Cllr Wall – stated that there is a bench in the Cemetery which is in need of repair, along with a tree that needs to be topped. The Clerk to contact our contractor to make good.

Clerk – had received an email from Homes in Sedgemoor asking for a PC consultation re a possible development of land in Rooksbridge for affordable houses. The Clerk to set up a meeting as soon as possible.

Chairman – asked the Clerk to write to Somerset Council to see if the play equipment opposite Red House Road is still being testing by Somerset Council

It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention, that despite signage placed at the entrance and within the East Brent Play area, DOGS ARE STILL BEING exercised off the lead. Dog faeces are being left which is a Health & Safety issue, with children using the football nets extensively. The Parish Council is asking ALL dog owners to adhere to the signs please

The meeting closed at 8pm

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

Monday 7th JULY 2025 starting at 7.00 pm

DATE

CHAIRMAN