

EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council, held at the Village Hall on
Monday 2nd March 2026, when the following business was transacted.

- 1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and dispensations – Cllrs present at meeting:** Cllrs Bray, Carter, Chrisfield, Champion and Gilling. In attendance the Clerk, Unitary Cllrs Filmer & Grimes and 1 Parishioners

Apologies from: Cllrs M. Wall, A Dover and D Dover

There were no Cllrs interests declared

- 2 Minutes of the last meeting– Monday 2nd February 2026** - these were agreed unanimously and signed as a true record, then signed by the Chairman
- 3. Planning - 24/26/0001** – erection of a four bedroom self-build dwelling together with garaging and all associated works LOCATED at Rossholme, Church Road, East Brent TA9 4JA

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to support this application

4. Financial Matters

a) Clerks Salary February	£467.52
b) Clerks PAYE February	£141.90
c) PGC Contracts 8/9 (inv 2300)	£579.60
d) Marsh Memorials – War Memorial plaque fixing	£864.00

All invoices include VAT where applicable

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

- 5. Cemetery car park ramp resurfacing** – the 3 quotes had now been received by the Clerk. It was agreed unanimously to accept Chambers services the work. The Clerk to inform him, and ask if this can be undertaken at Easter week, when the school will be on holiday.
- 6. Parish Litter Pick Up** – dates for your dairy **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 21st/22nd March** – further details will be placed on the web site and “E” newsletter
- 7. Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation (Dog Control)** – it was agreed to add the Cemetery to the Dog Control listings. The Clerk to reply to the consultation asking for this addition, with the Orchard Close and Red House Road play areas no change
- 8. To adopt Standing Orders and Financial Regulations** – see note
- 9. To adopt Code of Conduct policy**
The Clerk apologised to the Council as he had misplaced the memory stick with all the new policies on – agenda points 8 and 9 are deferred to the April Meeting
- 10. Annual Parish Meeting invites** – it was agreed to ask the new Vicar Rev Robyn Golden-Hann to give a talk at the Parish Meeting. Cllr Carter to make the enquiry
- 11. Telephone box** – it was agreed that an article be placed on the “E” newsletter and on the web site asking parishioners for suggestions of what it can be used for

12. White House Road bridge update - the Clerk reported, that after quite a few months of corresponding to Somerset Council Bridges Section. This is their comment “**We have no concerns regarding the condition or performance of the parapet wall going forward and do not consider retrospective works to be necessary at this location**”.

MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Carter – informed the meeting that the new Vicar Rev Robyn Golden-Hann will be formally licensed on March 30th 2026, at Berrow Church commencing at 7pm.

Cllr Chrisfield – asked for an update on the PC and the possibility of taking over the responsibility of the East Brent Park area. The Clerk said that he is still waiting on a reply for Somerset Council. A copy of his emails to be sent to the Unitary Cllrs for clarification

Cllr Filmer – stated that Somerset’s Council request to increase Council Tax beyond the 4.9%, has been rejected by the Government. The Council will now work on a budget based on 4.99%. Concerns have been raised with the condition of roads along with the temporary repair of pot holes etc.

Cllr Grimes – informed the meeting that he and Cllr Filmer had attended a meeting with the Unity Farm management at Berrow re the concerns of how holiday traffic, caravans etc is going to be managed. Unity Farm confirmed that all holiday (caravans) traffic will use Coast Road and not Red Road.

Chairman – asked the Clerk to ask Somerset Council Devolution section again about the possibility of acquiring the Triangle piece of land opposite the Knoll Inn. I

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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

Monday 13th APRIL 2026 starting at 7.00 pm

DATE

CHAIRMAN