

## EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council, held at the Village Hall on  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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, Broderick, Champion In attendance the Clerk and Unitary Cllr Filmer  
**Apologies from:** Unitary Cllr Grimes, Cllrs Carter, Chrisfield, A Dover, D Dover  
No Cllrs interests declared by the Cllrs

- 2 Minutes of the last meeting– Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025** - these were agreed unanimously and signed as a true record, then signed by the Chairman

The Chairman then closed the meeting to allow Mrs Carla Searle to thank the Parish Council for being nominated for the Chair's Award for Service to the Community, which she and her husband attended the Ceremony in Taunton earlier this month to pick up the award. The Parish Council thanked her for all the work which she carried out for the Parish

- 3. Planning - 24/25/00014** – reduce height of 1no. Yew (T1) (TPO ref T1) by 1-1.5m to leave a height of approximately 3-3.5 m and remove deadwood – LOCATED at Mill Batch Farm, Bristol Road, East Brent TA9 4JN  
**The Parish Council agreed unanimously to make a no comment on the application**

#### **4. Financial Matters**

a) Clerks Salary October	£467.32
b) Clerks PAYE October	£142.10
c) Clerks expenses October	£353.52
d) NBB Recycled Furniture – Colin Loaders Bench	£696.00
e) Payroll services – July/September	£90.00
f) St Mary's grant application – upkeep of graveyard	£500.00
g) PGC Contracts – village maintenance 6/9	£579.60
h) Water2business – meter at Cemetery 03.04.25-29.09.25	£43.26
i) Fleximedia – Annual Hosting Sept 25/Aug 26	£373.86
j) Fleximedia – setting up new domain name.gov.uk	£110.00
k) Somerset Council – twice Weekly emptying dog poo bin at the Cemetery invoice 32006210 July 25/ Sept 25	£202.80
l) Steve Chick – grass cut at Orchard Close – inv 501	£142.00
m) Steve Chick – grass cut at East Brent play area – inv 500	£450.00
n) Reimbursement to Cllr Broderick re litter pick up items for litter pick up – new pickers	£24.98
o) reimbursement to Clerk re wreath	£44.48

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. **Financial Update – budget discussion 2026/27 precept** – the Clerk distributed a copy of the proposed budget for 2026/27 precept. After going through each department, it was agreed that the Cllrs to report back at the December meeting, and if in agreement ratify the new precept
6. **Nutall Trust Request** - Cllrs to report back at the December meeting with ideas as the deadline date is early January 2026
7. **Community Speed Watch** – the Clerk had been in touch with the Traffic Police and local PCSO. The advice given, was to start a Speed Watch group for the Parish. All information about setting up a group is <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/community-speedwatch/> This will be placed on the web site and “E” magazine, along with posters in the notice boards. If any Parishioner wishes to form a Speed Watch Group, then please contact the clerk or log onto to above link
8. **Agree wording on plaque for Colin Loaders new bench** – it was agreed that the wording be distributed to all Cllrs and views sought

9. **Matters of Report**

**Cllr Champion** – asked about the proposed meeting with Homes in Somerset re the potential new development at Rookery Close. It was agreed that the Clerk to write to Homes in Somerset asking for an update

**Unitary Cllr Filmer** – informed the meeting that Somerset Council has now approved a £3 million review of staffing over the next two years.

Sunday parking charges consultation has now closed and the final decision will be made in December.

**Chairman** – informed the Council that all arrangements were in hand for the Remembrance Service on Sunday November 9th

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Date of next Parish Meeting to be held in the Village Hall -  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2025 starting at 7.00 pm**

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CHAIRMAN .....