

## EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council, held at the Village Hall on  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 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, Carter, D Dover, and Chrisfield. In attendance the Clerk and Unitary Cllr Filmer  
**Apologies from:** Unitary Cllr Grimes, Cllrs Broderick, Champion, A Dover No Cllrs interests declared

- 2 Minutes of the last meeting– Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025** - these were agreed unanimously and signed as a true record, then signed by the Chairman

The Chairman then closed the meeting to allow Mr. Hamblin to address the PC of the workmanship ( or lack of it) of the work carried out for a bridge repair on White House Lane outside his house. It was agreed that the Parish Council to write to Paul Tucker – Service Manager Structures at Somerset Council to arrange a site meeting. Unitary Cllr Filmer to also attend  
The Meeting was reopened at 7.15pm

- 3. Planning - 24/25/00013** – double storey rear extension – LOCATED at 26 Rookery Close, Rooksbridge BS26 2UQ

**The Parish Council agreed to support this application, there was 1 abstention with a note to be sent to the case officer**

**24/25/00015** – erection of annex and garage – LOCATED at 26 Rookery Close, Rooksbridge BS26 2UQ

**The Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to this application**

**4. Financial Matters**

a) Clerks Salary September	£467.52
b) Clerks PAYE	£141.90
c) Clerks Expenses September	£18.79
d) J C Bethall – new fencing at Joseph's Pound	£5728.00
e) PKF Littlejohn – external audit	£252.00
f) GB Sport & Leisure – new goal nets	£173.11
g) Duckett Contractors – hedge cut at car park & field	£216.00
h) Steve Chick – removing rotten timber at Joseph Pound	£40.00
i) PGC contracts x 2 ( Invoices to follow for Aug/Sept)	£1152.20

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. .Gov.uk domain/emails** – the Clerk informed the meeting that the new domain name of eastbrentparishcouncil.gov.uk has been registered. The Clerk informed the meeting that the new domain name means integration onto the web will take time - therefore use the full site address until the NEW site is recognised by google etc –

<https://eastbrentparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

6. **Remembrance Day Organisation** - Mr Geoff Searle very kindly offered to play the bugle at the War Memorial. The PC wish to thank him. The Clerk to order the wreath. He is also to contact the local PCSO to inform them of the ceremony re the traffic control
7. **Finalise new bench (Colin Loader)** – it was agreed that a new for seater bench made from recycled plastic bottles to be ordered. The Clerk to order and sort the installation date with Cllr Wall
8. **Financial update YTD (April/Sept) – budget discussion** – the Clerk distributed the financial print outs of the budget/YTD for the period April/September. He explained how the report works, and asked for some feedback at the November meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk will now start to look into the new precept budgets for 2026/27
9. **Nuttall Trust Update** - the Nuttall Trust is a Charity which can provide financial support for local or individual projects, community organisations and clubs that are based in our Parish – (also other local Parishes). The Clerk asked Cllrs for any ideas of organisations which may benefit from the grant and report back at the November meeting

#### **Matters of Report**

**Cllr Carter** – informed the meeting that the position of a new Vicar is to be advertised again, with a closing date of end November 2025

**Unitary Cllr Filmer** – gave an update on what is happening at Somerset Council. A consultancy company has been appointed to identify over £100 million of saving's for 2026/27, rising to £190 million by 2029/30. The planning service recovery, set up to reduce planning applications will now be referred to the Climate & Place Scrutiny at the end of October. There is a public consultation re a proposal to introduce Sunday charges in all of our car parks. The consultation runs until October 20<sup>th</sup> –

<https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/parking/copy-of-consultation/>

**Cllr Gilling** – concerned about the length of time it is taking to repair the bridge in Rooksbridge. He has now been told that work will commence the end of October

**Cllr Wall** – expressed his thanks to J Bethall regarding to the excellent work they did renewing the fencing at Joseph's Pound. Various other items were asked for (footpaths/bench etc) and the Clerk to set up a site meeting to discuss what work can be undertaken

**Clerk** – informed the meeting, that at the recent Somerset Playing Field award ceremony, he was pleased to announce the Brent Road Park won a bronze award. Commendations were given to Joseph's Pound and Orchard Close play areas.

**Chairman** – stated that the state of the rhyne from Mendip to Pill Road needs to be looked at by the Drainage Board. A letter to be sent to the DB asking for them to report back to the Parish Council. Also, the state of surface of the road on Brent Road to the Knoll Inn needs to be actioned re filling in large pots holes, especially as a child injured themselves falling of their bike. The Chairman to log on the Highways Portal.

**The meeting closed at 8.40 pm**

**There then followed a closed session by the Parish Council to discuss an ongoing topic**

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

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 starting at 7.00 pm**

**DATE** .....

**CHAIRMAN** .....