

# EAST BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of East Brent Parish Council, held at the Village Hall on  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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 and Chrisfield. In attendance the Clerk  
**Apologies from:** Unitary Cllr Filmer (sent his report to be distributed to Cllrs) and Cllr Broderick. No Cllrs interests declared

- 2 Minutes of the last meeting– Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – and the extra planning meeting held on Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2025** - these were agreed unanimously and signed as a true record, then signed by the Chairman

- 3. Planning - 24/25/00009** – the retention of a culvert installed by National Grid to be used for agricultural purposes – **LOCATED** at land to the East of M5 motorway, adjacent to Hams Lane Loxton Axbridge

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

**24/25/00010** – change of use of agricultural field to equestrian use, and erection of stables for 2 horses along the South fence – **LOCATED** at Burton Row Farm, Burton Row, East Brent TA9 4DA

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

## **4. Financial Matters**

a) Clerks Salary July & August	£934.84
b) Clerks PAYE July & August	£284.00
c) Clerks expenses July & August	£188.09
d) Hire of Village Hall Sept 24-July 25	£192.00
e) Somerset Council – dog poo emptying at Cemetery April – June 25 ( inv 30116743)	£202.80
f) Steve Chick – grass cutting – July inv 473	£592.00
g) Steve Chick – removal of Cemetery Bench – inv 474	£40.00
h) Steve Chick – Rookery Close clearance – inv 480	£420.00
i) Steve Chick – removal of broken branches – inv 476	£75.00
j) Reimbursement to Cllr Broderick re “e” newsletters	£73.21
k) Renewal of insurance 01.10.25/30.09.26	£951.85
l) Annual Joseph Pound safety inspection (SPFA)	£95.00
m) Reimbursement to Cllr Bray re goal net ties	£7.07

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. Quote for new goal nets at East Brent Park** – it was agreed to proceed with the quote from GB Sport & Leisure – the clerk to place the order
- 6. .Gov.uk domain/emails** – the Clerk informed the meeting that the new domain name of eastbrentparishcouncil.gov.uk has been registered, and the Clerk’s email will change to .gov.uk. The Clerk to arrange the change
- 7. Somerset Playing Field presentation evening** – it was agreed that the Clerk to try and attend

8. **Discussion re future proposal for East Brent Park and Orchard Close land** – after much discussion, it was agreed that more details would be required if the PC were to take over the parks. Another alternative in the negotiations with Somerset Council would be to enquire about the triangle land near the War Memorial
9. **Homes in Somerset revised meeting** – this is to be placed on the November agenda as still waiting final details of the proposal from Homes in Somerset
10. **Salt Bins winter top ups** – the Clerk to inform Somerset Council that the grit box in Edingworth Road, near the bend with Rookery Manor is ¼ full
11. **New signage requirements** – it was agreed to arrange new signage at Joseph's Pound and the Cemetery re contact details for the Clerk. The Clerk to arrange
12. **Jubilee Gates repair at Cemetery** – a small working party agreed to repair the gate hinges later on this month
13. **Joseph's Pound works update** – the Clerk to contact the contractor to arrange the date they are available to start the work of replacing the fencing
14. **Finalise details of new bench (Colin Loader)** – it was agreed that the Clerk to obtain quotes for a new bench, and fitting costs. A plaque to be inscribed also to be fitted once the bench is installed

#### **Matters of Report**

**Cllr Carter** – stated that the process of advertising for a new vicar is continuing

**Cllr Dover** – asked if the hedge at the bottom of Hill Lane could be trimmed back, as very difficult turning left from Hill Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the field

**Cllr Gilling** – informed the meeting of the very serious problem with the Environment Agency notable to fulfil rhyme maintenance due to lack of funds. This then puts problems with the Drainage Board.

**Cllr Wall** – stated that he would contact Andy Duckett to arrange the hedge being trimmed back in the Cemetery. The possible larger size of a new dog poo bin is to be chased by the Clerk with Clean Surroundings

**Clerk** – stated that he had received an email from a Trustee of the Nuttall Trust, informing him that application for grants had to be submitted before the end of the year.

**Chairman** – a War Memorial plaque, which had been looked after by the late Cllr Colin Loader, is to be erected in the War Memorial Garden. The Clerk to obtain quotes for installation. It was agreed that the Clerk to try and obtain a Nuttall Trust Grant for this project

**The meeting closed at 8.10 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 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025 starting at 7.00 pm**

**DATE** .....

**CHAIRMAN** .....