Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Easton on the Hill Parish Council

held on Friday 7th August 2026 at 7pm in the sports pavilion, The Drift, Easton on the Hill.

Present were Cllr K Cox, Cllr A Davey (Chairman), Cllr J Garner, Cllr R Holwell, Cllr D Mitchell and Cllr Woodman (Vice-Chairman) plus the Clerk, Mrs J Rice.

There were no members of the public present.

26/49	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
	To receive apologies sent to the Clerk and to note reason where given and accept, or not, according to the attendance policy. There were apologies and reasons given received from Cllr C Kayes, Cllr G Kendall, Cllr J Lyons, Cllr J Stephenson and Cllr H Tungate which were noted and not accepted.
26/50	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
	To receive all declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. Reminder to members to update their register if necessary. (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is a legal requirement and will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business). There were no declarations of interest stated.
26/51	**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
	Arrangements will be made for the public to join the meeting. A max of 15 minutes will be permitted for members of the public to address the meeting on any item on the agenda. There were no members of the public present.
26/52	**PLAYING FIELD, PAVILION, PLAY AREAS, WOODLAND AREA - HIRING OF THE PLAYING FIELD**
	- **To receive and note the proposals from Adidda Cricket Club discussed at an informal meeting held with some Councillors, circulated.** The notes were received and noted and it was confirmed that at present the break clause is 1 year and the cricket club have asked for a 5 year break clause due to the grant funding body insisting as part of their criteria that clubs hold a 5 year rental agreement for the grant of 35k. - **To receive and note the draft hire agreement originally agreed by the PC and drawn up by Cllr Kendall, sent to the cricket club, attached.** The current hire agreement was received and noted. It was further noted that Adidda Cricket Club (ACC) had other change requests for the hire agreement but these were not discussed at the informal meeting or here. - **To receive and note details (and understand the implications of) a change to this agreement, proposed by Cllr Woodman, to extend the break clause of giving notice to terminate the agreement from one year to five years.** It was clarified that if there is any breach of the hire agreement, it can still be terminated by both sides. The grant is for a new roller and for replacement of the current wicket and improvements to the outfield. Cllr Cox said that he would ask that the whole of the outfield is addressed as part of the improvements and not, as it appears, a smaller area of 10k sqm rather than 18k sqm. He added that conditions could maybe be added to reduce planned expenditure on a roller. Cllrs expressed a concern that the work is not of benefit to the Parish Council or the residents. The Clerk said that consideration must be given to ongoing maintenance costs also. This was thought to be zero. Concerns were also raised about the loss of control over the facility for a longer term, to the exclusion of other sports clubs or arrangements – of which there had been approaches made for hire of the playing field. It was raised that the level of quality needed for the pitch and wicket being proposed by ACC is maybe not at the level needed for a village green space with ongoing access for the public needed. There was a proposal and a majority of votes were against making a change in the break clause as requested from 1y to 5y. It was agreed that ACC representatives would be notified by email the next day. Action Clerk and Cllr Davey
26/53	**ORDERS FOR PAYMENT To agree payments to be made as follows. The invoices have all been examined, verified and certified by the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) and are to be signed by the Chairman;**

Signed by Chairman____Date______________________

	The payments were agreed and signed as follows; Action Clerk to pay.		
	53.1	Clerk reimburse for expenses. (£26 home office, £8.49 microsoft, £13.49 ink plan starts July 2026, plus mileage £tbc)	£53.38
	53.2	T Cowling for Grounds Maintenance Contractor July	£294
	53.3	K Cox Handiman for grass cutting in July	£144
	53.4	EOTH Village hall hire	£25
	53.5	Marie-Jean MacLeod – for cleaning of pavilion, deep clean for PC April 2026	£50
26/54	**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS** It was noted that the next ordinary meeting is on Monday 14th September 2026 at 7pm in the village hall and the next Planning Committee meeting is to be agreed, dependent on new applications, usually the same date. See council notice board or website for details www.eastononthehill-pc.gov.uk		

Signed by Chairman_______________________________________Date_____________________