

Easton on the Hill Parish Council

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Dear Councillors,

You are summonsed to attend the **MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** on **MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2026** at **7.00pm** in the Village Hall, New Road, Easton on the Hill, when the following listed business will be transacted.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Rice, Jenny Rice, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Date: 4/2/26

AGENDA

25/145	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. To receive apologies sent to the Clerk.
25/146	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 and when necessary. (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business).
25/147	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Arrangements will be made for the public to join the meeting. A maximum of 15 minutes will be permitted for members of the public to address the meeting on any item on the agenda. Chairman may remind Councillors of one of the Nolan Principles of Public Life and/or a Standing Order.
25/148	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING To confirm as correct the record of the minutes of the last meeting held on 12 th January 2026, previously circulated. Chairman to sign.
25/149	MATTERS ARISING from previous meeting, not covered. Grit bin and spare defib pads purchased and in place. Ward Empowerment grant in progress for defibs purchase. Coaching sessions in playing field started.
25/150	GOVERNANCE, TRAINING AND FINANCE 150.1 To receive and note finance report and internal checks until end of January 2026 and resolve any queries, herewith, to assist in decision making. 150.2 To receive feedback from any training attended and agree any new training requests/cost. 150.3 To receive and note table of compliance in respect of Audit Assertion 10 requirements, and agree actions, herewith, including website MOT for £145, amended IT policy and reviewed publication scheme, herewith. 150.4 To resolve to exclude the public from this item on grounds of confidentiality and any members of the public to leave the room, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. It can also be resolved if appropriate to move this item to the end of the meeting for ease of proceedings. 1. To receive a recommendation from the staffing committee on the 2026/2027 pay increment and resolve. 2. To receive a recommendation from the staffing committee on the formal job evaluation for role of the clerk and resolve. 3. To receive a recommendation from the staffing committee on the 2025 pay increment and resolve. 4. To note changes to the staff appraisal timing. 5. To note that Cllr feedback is required on staff performance and objectives. Members of the public to be asked back to the room under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. 6. To feedback a summary of actions from the above.

	PROJECTS	
	151.1	To note resident survey completed and circulated on line and postal copy, and agree further action on postal copies, collation of results and cancellation of subscription.
	151.2	To resolve purchase of 1 or 2 spare adult pads for the defibs. Costing £70 per pads.
	151.3	To receive and note update on defib refresher training for residents and decide March date
	151.4	To receive feedback on Land Registration work and agree any further action.
25/152	REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES	
	152.1	Checkers reports/village maintenance/salt bins/defibrillators/speed control measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To receive checker report from Cllr Holwell for January and resolve any maintenance needed. To note February checker is Cllr Cox. b. To receive any data or feedback on new mobile camera position. c. To receive and note Highways request asking the PC to take on the VAS pole or not, herewith. d. To receive and note communication from NNC Highways reference the A43 speed limit change, herewith, and agree any follow up action, and resolve if bin stickers required.
	152.2	Parish Path Warden (Cllr Woodman) To receive any update.
	152.3	Village Hall (Cllr Lyons) To note any update from the PC representative Trustee.
	152.4	Police Liaison Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To note update from PLR on police activity; bus shelter issues subsided and PCSO café drop in plus invite to PC meetings. b) To decide if any new Neighbourhood Watch merchandise is needed.
25/153	ALLOTMENTS	
	153.1	To note any update or issues and resolve action.
25/154	TREES AND GREENS WORKING GROUP (INCL NATURE RECOVERY) Cllr Cox, Cllr Holwell, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Woodman, plus Cllr Tungate Climate and Action Champion.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive any new update from group. b) To note review of grass cutting contract is required, to include submission of detailed servicing and maintenance sheets and agree how their insurance is paid. 	
25/155	PLAYING FIELD, PAVILION, PLAY AREAS, WOODLAND AREA, SPORTS CLUB HIRE AGREEMENTS	
	155.1	Contractor/Health and safety – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to note feedback and updated GMC (or other) list of jobs and agree new expenditure and work plus resolve any other actions necessary, including junior pitch concerns raised now, clearing out container, car park, Legionnaires, electrics etc – see summary, herewith. b) To receive and note draft updated GMC contract and discuss changes/agree, circulated.
	155.2	To receive and note feedback from meeting with cricket club on hire agreements and resolve the amendments to the agreements/hire charge, following formal objection made, herewith notes.
	155.3	To receive and note award of another Augean grant of £8490 for new swings/equipment at the Close play area and resolve action to accept/change and pay contributing landfill tax of £948, herewith.
25/156	COMMUNITY SUPPORT/ENGAGEMENT/ISSUES/VILLAGE GROUPS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To suggest and agree any specific items for March's What's on the Hill and check/note of any new residents. 	
25/157	CLERK CORRESPONDENCE /INFORMATION TO NOTE/DECISIONS:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To note second communication re dog barking complaint and response. - To note King's Speech expected in May 2026 to include parish council changes, circulated. - To resolve action to take with clerk's old computer, any takers? Worth c.£50 - To note enquiries re junior pitch affecting the cricket outfield and responses, circulated. - To note Community Governance Review material and video available, circulated, any action? 	
25/158	PLANNING COMMITTEE (Cllr Kaye, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Woodman, Cllr Tungate)	

	158.1	To note latest feedback from the Planning Committee meeting/applications. https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To hear feedback on updates/responses from planning meeting: 2. 23/00612/FUL Construction of B8 and distribution building at Cliffe Road – Parish Council planning committee to decide any further response. 3. To receive and note communication re consultation for comment on site proposal for 3000 homes at West Wittering, and decide response, deadline 5/3/26, circulated. Planning Committee to recommend response. 	
25/159	ORDERS FOR PAYMENT	To agree payments to be made as follows;	
	159.1	Clerk reimburse for HP ink plan January shared with other PC £9.57, plus M/S office, plus mileage for January 2026	£9.57, £8.49, £26, £5.40
	159.2	HMRC employer NI payment and employee tax/NI payment March.	£ tbc
	159.3	Yu Energy Briers/street lighting bills as per contract, paid by direct debit.	£510.70, £22.58
	159.4	Yu energy bill pavilion	£65.41
	159.5	Village hall hire	£25
	159.6	Clerk salary/hours payable 28/2/26 less tax and NI due	£tbc
	159.7	Multipay card monthly fee and Unity bank charges, monthl	£3/£7
	159.8	Handiman grounds maintenance contract K Cox labour for January	£157.5
	159.9	Survey Monkey subscription	£75 paid by card
	159.10	NNC elections from May 2025	£2028.55
	159.11	Leics Gardens VAT payments for Oct, Nov and Dec 2024, to be paid and reclaimed	£288
	159.12	Contributing third party grant payment to Augean	£948 when applic.
	159.13	Defib supplies adult pads	£70 plus vat tba
Receipt	159.14	Grant from Ward Councillor fund agreed	£750 tbr
25/160	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS	To note that the date of the next full council meeting is on Monday 9th March 2026 at 7pm in the village hall and the next Planning Committee meeting is to be agreed, dependent on new applications. See council notice board or website for details www.eastononthehill-pc.gov.uk	