

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 MARCH 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:4/3/26

A G E N D A

25/161	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. To receive apologies sent to the Clerk.	
25/162	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 complete and 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 will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business).	
25/163	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.	
25/164	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
	To confirm as correct the record of the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 th February 2026, previously circulated. Chairman to sign.	
25/165	MATTERS ARISING from previous meeting, not covered here. Local Plan alternative site response sent.	
25/166	PLAYING FIELD, PAVILION, PLAY AREAS, WOODLAND AREA, SPORTS CLUB HIRE AGREEMENTS	
	166.1	Contractor/Health and safety – a) to note feedback and updated GMC/other list of jobs and agree expenditure and work, plus any other actions necessary, including clearing the container/trophies, attached. b) To receive and note quotes for Legionella disease risk assessment and resolve. c) To receive and note updated risk assessments for the pavilion and playing field and resolve any queries, herewith. d) To receive and note updated draft GMC contract and discuss/agree, herewith, taking into account Trees and Greens idea to move hedge cutting and nettles to GCC. e) To agree a way forward for recruitment of a new Grounds Maintenance Contractor or an alternative (as suggested by Cllr Woodman). f) To agree how weekly and monthly checks are to be done in the meantime before a new GMC is contracted and agree training required. See checklists, herewith.
	166.2	To receive and note revised hire agreements and agree hire charges and conditions.
	166.3	C/F 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 or change and pay contributing landfill tax of £948, herewith.
	166.4	To note the poor state of the surface of Ketton Drift and resolve action or not.
	166.5	To receive proposal to set up a delegated committee for playing field related business and decisions and resolve a way forward, circulated.
25/167	GOVERNANCE, TRAINING AND FINANCE	
	167.1	To receive and note finance report and internal checks until end of February 2026 and resolve any queries, herewith, to assist in decision making.

	167.2	To receive feedback from any training attended and agree any new training requests/cost, including code of conduct/interests, circulated.	
	167.3	To agree amended IT policy, plus receive more feedback on “website MOT” for £145 and resolve way forward to comply with Assertion 10.	
	167.4	To receive and note data protection training notes and resolve any queries, uncertainty, personal email addresses.	
	167.5	To receive a revised recommendation from the staffing committee on the 2025/2026 pay increment to be applied from April 2025 and resolve.	
	167.6	To agree appointment of internal auditor, as previously. Cost tbc	
25/168	PROJECTS		
	168.1	To note resident survey delivered and further circulated and review and resolve any feedback or action. To confirm cancellation of subscription.	
	168.2	To receive and note date for first aid/defib refresher training for residents on 15/4/26 and resolve any more action, including a PC donation.	
	168.3	To agree Spring Close clean up date 21/3 or 28/3 and volunteer request/co-ordinator role. To note other pond work planned for nature recovery.	
	168.4	To note all 19 streetlights have now been updated to LED and grant being processed.	
25/169	REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES		
	169.1	Checkers reports/village maintenance/salt bins/defibrillators/speed control measures a. To receive checker report from Cllr Cox for February and resolve any maintenance needed. To note March checker is Cllr Tungate and April is Cllr Woodman.	
	169.2	Parish Path Warden (Cllr Woodman) To receive any update.	
	169.3	Village Hall (Cllr Lyons) To note any update from the PC representative Trustee.	
	169.4	Police Liaison Representative a) To hear any new feedback on police activity and feedback on village issues and agree any new action or defer until survey results in. Notes circulated.	
25/170	ALLOTMENTS		
	170.1	To note any update or issues and resolve action.	
25/171	COMMUNITY SUPPORT/ENGAGEMENT/ISSUES/VILLAGE GROUPS - To suggest and agree any specific items for April’s What’s on the Hill and check/note of any new residents.		
25/172	TREES AND GREENS WORKING GROUP (INCL NATURE RECOVERY) Cllr Cox, Cllr Holwell, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Woodman, plus Cllr Tungate Climate and Action Champion.		
		a) To receive update on free trees for PC land.	
		b) To receive and note reviewed grass cutting contract and possible extra costs and agree, herewith – see 171.1d plus resolve payment, in full, of contractor’s invoice for their public liability insurance.	
25/173	CLERK CORRESPONDENCE /INFORMATION TO NOTE/DECISIONS: - C/F To resolve action to take with clerk’s old computer, any takers? Worth c.£50. Company will take for £20. - Campaign to survey mobile signal received in village and resolve support.		
25/174	PLANNING COMMITTEE (Cllr Kaye, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Woodman, Cllr Tungate)		
	174.1	To note latest feedback from the Planning Committee meeting/applications. https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/ 1. See attached minutes from the last meeting and updates/responses since; 2. To note attendance at Local Plan review and feedback.	
25/175	ORDERS FOR PAYMENT To agree payments to be made as follows;		
	175.1	Clerk reimburse for HP ink plan February shared with other PC £9.57, plus M/S office, plus mileage for February 2026	£9.57, £8.49, £26, £8.10
	175.2	HMRC employer NI payment and employee tax/NI payment April.	£ tbc
	175.3	Yu Energy Briers/street lighting bills as per contract, paid by direct debit.	£414.45/£66.21
	175.4	Yu energy bill pavilion	£19.86
	175.5	Village hall hire	£25

	175.6	Clerk salary/hours payable 31/3/26 less tax and NI due	£tbc plus back pay tba
	175.7	Multipay card monthly fee and Unity bank charges, monthly	£3/£6
	175.8	Survey Monkey subscription February	£75 paid by card
	175.9	Contributing third party grant payment to Augean	£948 when applic.
	175.10	D Mitchell (Pothole filling)	TBC
	175.11	Handiman (K Cox) for reimbursement of public liability insurance	£275.16
	175.12	Eon quarterly maintenance and Eon for LED light project (from grant)	£281.40 and £7809
	175.13	Transfer to current account if VAT not received.	£5000
Receipt	175.14	Cans for cash donation	TBC
	175.15	Grant payment from NNC – second instalment	TBC
25/176	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS To note that the date of the next full council meeting is on Monday 13th April 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.eastonthehill-pc.gov.uk		