

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

All members of Easton Parish Council were summoned to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday, 25th March 2026 in St Peter's Church, Easton at 7.30pm

- 162 **Apologies** for absence: none, all members present, Mrs P Bell, Messrs. Burton, Thomason and Wood. Chair - Mike Baker, MBE. Mr Baker welcomed many villagers and opened the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm introducing Mr David O'Brian of the East Anglian Ambulance Service.
- 163 **Declaration** of financial or personal interest:
to receive members' declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item **None**
- 164 **Defibrillator Presentation** by Mr David O'Brian of EAAS gave a short presentation on the necessity and benefit of having the defibrillator in the village available 24 hours a day 7 days a week The defibrillator is now located at no. 4 Broadweir. Mrs Bell secured enough names of persons interested for Mr O'Brian to hold a defibrillator refresher course on 18th April.
- 165 **Minutes** of Annual Parish Meeting 27/03/2025
The Minutes having been signed previously, 24/04/2025 were read.
- 166 **Matters arising** from 2025 Annual Parish Meeting - None
- 167 **Chairman's** Annual Report Mr Baker presented the Annual Report for the Parish Council covering many matters which had occurred during the year. A copy to be posted on the Parish Council website and a printed copy to be delivered to each property in the village.
- He thanked everyone who had contributed and supported anything in the village especially during the past four years under the present Parish Council term. He gave information to all of the procedures for the Parish Council election is due in May of this year.
- 168 **Village Reports:** The village annual reports were presented, with a copy to be posted on the Parish Council website

Easton Fund & Social Committee	- Mrs Kathy Yates
Easton Goosey Close Playing Field	- Clive Wood
Easton Neighbourhood Watch	- David Hindmarsh
Easton United Charities	- Brian Arbutnott

169 **Any other** village matters

Members of the public were invited to ask or comment on any village matter. The main area of concern is the A14 junction, entry and exiting both east and west. The road markings into the central reservation from the west and entering into the village are considered very confusing and potentially life threatening. Mr Baker said this has been reported to the Area Manager, National Highways many times, who responds that this is the standard marking. .

Other comments concern HGVs turning mistakenly into the village from the A14, damaging verges and signs as the road is unsuitable and the speed particularly passing the houses in Broadweir which back on to Easton Road.

Mr Baker said this would continue to be highlighted with National Highways with the next quarterly A14 Safety Advisory Group meeting scheduled for 29th April.

170 **Matters** for next meeting
A14

171 **Date** & time of next meeting to be agreed
Annual General Meeting 21st May 2026

Mr Baker thanked everyone for attending, the Councillors for their continued efforts and closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signed Mike Baker 21/05/2026