

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

All members of Easton Parish Council were summoned to attend the Parish Council meeting arranged to be held in St Peter's Church, Easton on Thursday, 4th September 2025 at 7.30pm

- 908 Apologies for absence: none - chair Mr Michael Baker, MBE and all other members of the Parish Council present.

Mr Baker welcomed a number of residents and children present.

- 909 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 declared

- 1000 Minutes of Meeting 10th July 2025, previously circulated were considered, approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

- 102 Funds raised by children for village – Clare Brooker

Rather than keep the visitors waiting Mr Baker brought this agenda item forward. Ms Clare Brooker speaking on behalf of the families explained that three years ago a few boys from the village had raised money, £180 towards having football goal nets in the playing field. At the time the families were considering and would advise the Parish Council when suitable nets were found and the possibility of a joint venture was considered. This has now been raised again and nets costing in the region of £1,500 are proposed. As the Parish Council could not cover the total shortfall at this time a discussion to cover the funding followed with many viable suggestions- It was left that these would be co-ordinated by Clare to take the project forward. Previously it had been ascertained that the Parish Council has to own any equipment for insurance purposes.

- 101 Matters arising
2025-26/899 footpaths, BOATS & verge obstructions
The Enforcement Officer has still not responded to any communication. Further enquiries made concerning the broken manhole cover lid had resulted in both Highways and AWA refuting ownership of this.

2025-26/899 Chapel Lane-The Lane area clearance Mr Thomason suggested now the time to consider planting, approval was agreed for the purchase of plants. The Highways Officer had raised no objection previously, clerk to check no change.

2025-26/899 A14 junction The next A14SAG meeting arranged for 12/11/25. The clerk had reported the central reservation flooded although not much rain had fallen.

2025-26/902 Consultancy CCC Asset Data Strategy proposal to introduce a 'Public Rights of Way Hierarchy' The document had been submitted and receipt acknowledged.

2025-26/903 VE Day village photograph. Mr Thomason reported he had passed nine requests for printing to Mr Wood. Mr Wood said he had passed this to Hannah Yates to arrange the printing.

Mr Baker reported he has still to contact the organisations regarding rubbish left around the village and along footpaths by the Duke of Edinburgh award participants.

- 103 Brampton Cross development
Mr Baker had attended the work party meeting on 20th August. This was followed by a request for the Parish Council to endorse an open letter of objection from Alconbury Parish Council to the Developers. It was agreed to sign this in support, but Mr Baker reported the main concern is A14 traffic and little to be gained for the village by further attending working party meetings.
- 104 2025-26/899 Goosey Close Annual Inspection
The report has been received from Online Playgrounds. The climbing frame is noted as defective although it is unclear the exact location of the problem. Mr Wood and Mr Thomason to examine the frame in detail. It was agreed to pay the invoice for the inspection,
- 105 2024-25/844 Defibrillator
Mrs Bell expressed concern at the absence of the defibrillator in the village as this is still in storage awaiting a permanent location. Mr Baker reported that the Spire View location was still not useable and Mr Wood reported that no application by the PCC had been made for a faculty to site the defibrillator in the Church. Mr Baker suggested this be made as a fall back position. Mr Wood agreed Mr Gould would make the application. Other sites were considered with Mr Burton offering to ask his son at Eversden Cottage if he would be agreeable to siting this for a short time.
- 106 2025-26/899 Weir Lane
Mr Thomason had cleared some way and again with Mr Wood to reach the Easton Weir. Having consulted HM Land Registry in the meantime a First Registration for ownership has been submitted by other persons. The Parish Council has lodged an objection. CAPALC/NALC would not give advice as not instructed to act for the Parish Council. The clerk also gave details of creating this an Open Space or having a Definitive Map Modification Order made. These were discussed and rejected. It was considered the Parish Council should own the Lane to safeguard access to Easton Weir, Mrs Bell is to check as to what is required for this. Consideration has also to be given as to responsibility of ownership and cost.
- 107 2025-26/901 AGAR 2025/26 Assertion 10 & Digital Compliance
Mr Thomason reported he had spent a considerable amount of time researching this to be compliant. It is considered complete compliance with making the website fully accessible would be a disproportionate cost. He considers using the current GoDaddy Parish Council website to provide Parish Council owned emails to be viable and is working on creating a new email for the clerk in the first instance and following this with new email addresses for the councillors with implementation of other facets as soon as possible. The email cost alone is approximately £150 per annum.

108 2025-26/900 AGAR year end 31/03/2025

Completion of audit – Notification of receipt of Exempt Status has been received from PKF Littlejohn LLP.

Mr Buckley confirmed acceptance of offer as Internal Auditor for year ending 31.03.2026

108a Remittance Advice £133.78 received from CCC towards verge cutting for 2025 £133 2025

Accounts presented for consideration and payment approved

Easton PCC room hire £50.00

A Abbs verge cutting x 2 £460.00

Online Playgrounds Inspection Report £108.00

109 Matters for next meeting
Correspondence c/f to next meeting
Weir Lane
Football nets
Planting The Lane/Chapel Lane

110 Date and time of next meeting 16th October and 27th November 2025
Meeting closed at 9.20pm