

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

All members of Easton Parish Council were summoned to attend the Easton Parish Council Annual General Meeting advertised to be held on 21st May 2026 in St Peter's Church Easton at 7.30pm. The meeting was open to the public and press, no members of either present.

The Notice of Uncontested Election for the Parish Council election held on 7th May 2026 returned all previously elected councillors.

The clerk opened the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm.

2026-27

178 Apologies for absence: none, present Mrs Pamela Bell, Messrs. Michael Baker MBE, Richard Burton, Stephen Thomason and Clive Wood

179 Declaration of Acceptance of Office all members accepted, completed, and signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required before the meeting.

180 Election of Chairman The clerk asked for nominations for chair
Mike Baker was proposed as chair by Richard Burton and seconded by Stephen Thomason, no other nominations and Mike Baker took the chair for the ensuing year.

181 Declaration of financial or personal interest:

no declarations of financial or personal interest as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item were made

Registration of Disposable Pecuniary Interests all members signed the Declaration of No Changes required to be registered with the Monitoring Officer.

182 Minutes AGM 29/05/2025 approved & signed 10/07/2025

183 Matters arising from 2025 AGM - none

184 Annual Governance & Accountability Return year end 31/03/2026

a to approve the AGAR for 2025-2026

- i. Certificate of Exemption signed by Chair - M Baker and RFO - A Beer
- ii, Annual Internal Report – received completed and signed by the Internal Auditor
- iii, Section 1 – The Annual Governance Statement – approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and RFO
- iv. Section 2 – The Accounting Statements – certified, signed and presented by the RFO, approved by the Council and signed by the Chair

The Certificate of Exemption, Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and

Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights to be published on the authority website before 1 July 2026.

b appointment of Internal Auditor for 2026-2027 The RFO proposed Martin Buckley be reappointed, agreed, no other nominations offered

- 185 Review of Statutory Documents
Freedom of Information
Code of Conduct
Child & Vulnerable Adults
Equality & Diversity
Standing Orders

All policies had been circulated to Councillors as a reminder for pre consideration prior to the meeting. All policies were reviewed, approved for updating by the clerk and to be forwarded to Steve Thomason to be posted on the Parish Council website.

- 186 Matters for next AGM/meeting – as agenda advertised

- 187 Date & time of next meeting; 21st May following AGM

Mr Baker thanked all Councillors and closed this meeting at 19.55 hours.

Signed Mike Baker 25/06/26