

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

All members of Easton Parish Council were summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting arranged to be held on 30th July 2026 in St Peter's Church, Easton

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Mr Baker who welcomed about twenty members of the public

211 Apologies for absence: received and accepted from Mrs P Bell (personal)

212 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

220 As this agenda item was of interest to the members of the public Mr Baker suggested this be taken first for the convenience of those present.

CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 26/01330/PIP
Permission in principle for the erection of one residential dwelling
Land South of Belmont Easton Road Easton

Mr Baker gave a brief resumé as the site has been the subject of a previous application for a single dwelling refused in 2019 and in 2025 multiple dwellings in the Sustainability Appraisal

Mr Baker invited anyone to offer any comment, resulting in the same points being repeated as in previous years mainly lack of sustainability and the detrimental effect of increased building in the village. It was agreed the Parish Council would draft a document to be circulated around the village listing the objections made at the meeting as the basis of the comments required to be submitted to Planning Development. Anyone wishing to comment personally is free to do so directly.

Mr Baker thanked all for their interest.

213 Minutes of Meeting 25.06.2026 Minutes previously circulated were agreed and signed as a correct record.

214 Matters arising from Minutes

2026/27-203 A14 junction – no update

2026/27-203 The Lane and Chapel Lane
Due to the extreme heatwave and lack of rain Mr Thomason is watering the trees regularly. The suggestion of a seat was considered and prices to be obtained

2026/27/203 Planning Consultation 26/00815/HHFUL
3 The Lane, Easton approval granted by HDC

2026/27-203 Parish Council information email distribution list
as the newsletter was full for June the notice is in the July edition as are thanks to whoever takes the time and makes so much effort decorating the bus shelter for everyone's enjoyment.

2026/27-203 Bridge railings, Church Road – repair now made

- 215 2026/27-205 Village roads – meeting with Ian Gardener, County Councillor & Steven Bunker, CCC Highways Officer. Neal Stevens (CCC Highways) unable to attend as traffic incident had closed A14.

Within a few days of the meeting the white lines at junctions and 30mph road markings had been repainted, but only one side of road markings into the village from A14. Several of the pot holes reported had been marked.

With regard to traffic calming in Easton Road it was suggested a meeting with Local Highway Asset Management, Design & Delivery. Ian Gardener to check dates, agreed 2.30pm on 27th August 2026 with Michael Martin Senior Project Manager

Steve Thomason reported he had analysed traffic data from MVAS over last 2 years and forwarded to Ian Gardener

email received from CCC Highways works completed

the Easton sign missing in Stocking Lane is not to be replaced as village name on village entry gates. Request made for redundant sign posts to be removed.

- 216 Church Road vehicle parking a report received from residents in Church Road from T junction with Stonely Road to the bend by Glebe Cottage, had reported problems vehicles experienced travelling this section caused by parked vehicles. The parked vehicles are also causing the side of the road to break down. Following discussion, it was agreed to purchase and strategically place three traffic cones to discourage parking.

- 217 Goosey Close Annual Inspection
Quotations had been requested for the annual inspection of the play equipment in Goosey Close. Received, excluding VAT, at £145 from Wiclsted Leisure Ltd and £120 from Fenland Online Playgrounds Ltd. It was agreed the clerk arrange Fenland Online to carry this out.

The area around the equipment requires weeding, Mr Burton offered to spray the bark area. Mr Wood to check and remove any wooden edge boarding as necessary.

- 218 Defibrillator software update
The defibrillator has been returned to the manufacturers' for software updating with a loan unit arranged to be in place in the meantime.

- 219 Review of Statutory documents
Risk Assessment - the policy had been circulated to Councillors as a reminder prior to the meeting. Following review no amendment was considered necessary. The policy was approved for redating and to be forwarded for posting on the Parish Council website.

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This item taken at the beginning of the meeting

- 221 2026-27/206 2025-2026 AGAR
The Public Rights Notice had been advertised 03/06-14/07/2026 the audit is now completed.
- Martin Buckley had accepted the appointment as Internal Auditor for 2026/27
- 222 Accounts ¼ ending 30/06/26
Draft accounts, circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the clerk, approved with no queries with bank statement confirmed and signed by the Chair,
- 223 Accounts Invoices presented for approval, agreed and cheques drawn
HDC 2026 Election costs (no election costs) £102.58
Clerk's expenses £72.73
- 224 CORRESPONDENCE
Easton Parish Council Internal Auditor – appointment accepted by Martin Buckley
- Alconbury Parish Council Brampton Cross update newsletters
- Spaldwick Parish Council
PFP 12 reported blocked
- HDC
Press Releases
Local Government Reorganisation
Consultations
- CAMBRIDGESHIRE CC
TMC Roadworks & Highways Events
Funding opportunity
- CAPALC & NALC
Newsletters, Bulletins & training dates
- Cambridgeshire Acre
Newsletters
- NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
A14 roadworks
- Parish Online
Local nature recovery project in Cambridgeshire
- HMLR changes to procedures
- 225 Matters for next meeting
Traffic calming, meeting 27/08/26
- 226 Date & time of next meeting 3rd September 2026
Meeting closed 9pm