

East Harptree Parish Council

Serving our community - Caring about our future

All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend a meeting on

Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 7.30pm in The Theatre, East Harptree

Agenda

Public Clinic – this is held from 7.15pm when members of the public are welcome to discuss matters informally with councillors about subjects that are not on the agenda.

Notice of April meeting - 2026/04

1. **To receive and note apologies for absence and reasons given:**
2. **To receive Councillors declarations of interest on items on the agenda:**
3. **Members of the public are invited to address the Council on items within the agenda:**
A maximum of 15 minutes is allocated.
Report from Ward Councillor

Following the public forum, the formal meeting will continue during which members of the public are not allowed to participate unless requested to do so by the Chair.

4. **Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:**
That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th March 2026 are a true and accurate record.
5. **Planning applications:**
 - i) **Application Reference:** [26/01090/FUL](#) & [26/01091/LBA](#)
Application Address: Harptree Court , Whitecross Road, East Harptree, BS40 6AA
Proposal: Change of use of 4no stable yard buildings to form 4no dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated operational development.
 - ii) **Application Reference:** [26/01166/REM](#)
Application Address: The Cottage , Middle Street, East Harptree, BS40 6AZ
Proposal: Removal of condition 2 (Bat Mitigation Scheme & EPS Licence) of application 24/04049/FUL (Erection of ancillary accommodation following demolition of existing garage.)
 - iii) **Application Reference:** [26/01266/FUL](#)
Application Address: Springfield Farm, Smitham's Hill, East Harptree, BS40 6DA
Proposal: Use as an independent dwelling house without complying with holiday occupancy restriction, with ancillary car parking and outdoor amenity space

Other planning applications received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting and [listed here](#) may be considered and recommendations ratified at the next meeting. All planning applications: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/planning>

6. Formal motions requiring a decision:

- i) To agree to accept a quote for work to the clock.
- ii) To agree whether to add a new response to the Local Plan informal consultation on Housing Development Boundaries.
- iii) To finalise arrangements for Annual Village Meeting (19th May)

7. Finance:

- i) To note standing orders:
 - SJ Streatfeild-James - clerks salary (April)
 - Paul Sperring - sweepers salary (April)
- ii) To check and sign the bank reconciliation for the 4th quarter of the financial year. To note the Statement of Accounts for 25-26
- iii) To note receipt of VAT reclaim for 25-26 - £591.37
- iv) To note receipt of 1st instalment of precept £9,000.00
- v) To agree the following payments -

Date	Item	Payee	Net	VAT	Total
10.04.26	Clerk expenses – HWA	SJ Streatfeild-James	£12.00		£12.00
	Printing		£2.60	£0.65	£3.25
	Canva		£3.61	£0.72	£4.33
	Microsoft Office				£27.00
10.04.26	Salaries + PAYE & NI Clerk & Sweeper (month 01, April-May)	HMRC & employees			£982.00
10.04.26	Salaries, PAYE & NI Clerk & Sweeper (month 02, May-June)	HMRC & employees			£982.00
10.04.26	New emails and website Cloud storage	Parish Online			£300.00 £42.00
10.04.26	ALCA subscription	ALCA			£195.19
10.04.26	Electricity for village clock	NPower	£309.51	£15.48	£324.99

8. Matters of report:

- i) To note new bus provider is now Eurotaxi and there are some changes to timetables.
- ii) A large sinkhole developed on the verge on Smithams Hill, it was reported to B&NES via Fixmystreet on 14th Oct, it has been filled in but immediately washed out again. B&NES notified and awaiting further repairs.
- iii) Nominations are requested for the years Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club Awards

- iv) There are several fallen trees in the top section of Harptree Combe, B&NES's Footpath Officer is aware and in contact with the landowner to ensure work is undertaken to clear the paths.
- v) Update on The Wildlands planning application
- vi) Faded white lines on Whitecross Road reported via Fixmystreet

9. Correspondence received:

Next meeting including Annual Meeting of the Parish Council **Tuesday 19th May 2026** at 7.30pm in The Theatre, East Harptree

Annual Village Meeting **Tuesday 19th May 2026** at 5-7pm in The Theatre, East Harptree

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Parish Clerk
23rd April 2026

