

**MINUTES OF ETCHILHAMPTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2026 HELD ON
TUESDAY 7 JULY 2026 AT 7.45PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mr. Hanson (Chairman), Mrs. Clark, Mr. Wimble, Mrs. Wimble

Agenda

Part I – Guest Speakers. There were no guest speakers.

Part II – Ordinary Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 May, 2025 were approved and signed.
2. Matters Arising. None.
3. Parish Council Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts. Mr. Hanson presented the report and the annual accounts prepared by Mr. Harris and he explained the Council's expenditure items and some items bought by the council for the benefit of the village. No issues were raised at the meeting.
4. Parish Council Chairman's Report. Mr. Hanson began by noting that Parish Councillors and the village were saddened at the very unexpected death of Mr. Harris a Parish Councillor and also the Responsible Finance Officer. Condolences had been sent to his widow Helen. The Annual Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting were postponed as a mark of respect.

The Parish Steward continues to visit the village for half a day per month. However, he spent less time than usual as all Parish Stewards were taken off their normal roll to repair potholes throughout Wiltshire. As from July, Kevin our Parish Steward, will be replaced by Rob. The Chairman thanked Kevin for all his work in the village over a number of years.

Highways: gullies and pipe runs have been cleaned out and jetted. However, the drains adjacent to the middle path have yet to be done which has delayed major resurfacing of the village road at the east end of Etchilhampton which was due to have taken place in the last financial year. We have yet to receive an update. The Monument junction had been resurfaced.

Playing field: a new playing field risk assessor ROSPA had been appointed and are supplying professional reports – no major problems. The gate and fence adjacent to the village hall had been repaired.

Planning applications: numerous planning applications had been dealt with but nothing contentious.

VE Day Celebrations: a well-attended village supper was held in the Village Hall.

Gateway Station: this project is to be developed further following an announcement by the Department of Transport.

5. Points from the Public: - None.
6. Any Other Business: - None.

The meeting was closed at 20.00.