

PILL & EASTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Christ Church, Pill on Monday 27th April 2026 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors J Saunders (Chair), K Al-Hassan, B Buck, H Derrett, S Iles-Ryan, K Kirkby, W Marcombe, N Martin and K Raines.

Parish Clerk T Jay

North Somerset Councillor J Ho Marris.

No parishioners attended the meeting.

55/26 To note the absence of councillors at the meeting.

All councillors were present. Following the last Parish Clerk meeting Jules Hawkins has resigned as a Parish Councillor.

56/26 To accept declarations of interest in accordance with the Adopted Code of Conduct September 2024.

There were no declarations of interest.

57/26 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 23rd March 2026.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

59/26 To approve the Parish Council Asset Register.

Councillors discussed additions to the Asset Register. The Asset Register was approved with the additions.

60/26 To approve terms and references for the Staffing Committee.

It was resolved to approve the terms and references for the Staffing Committee.

61/26 To approve the renewal of the Parish Council's insurance policy.

It was resolved to renew the Parish Council's insurance policy with Gallagher Insurance with the same level of cover as at present. The value of individual items to be insured will be amended to show current amounts.

62/26 To restate the total fixed asset figure in box 9 of the 2024-25 Annual Accounting Statement of the Annual Governance and Accounting Return.

The Clerk provided an explanation of why the box 9 figure needed to be restated. In previous years the total fixed asset figure on the AGAR had been stated as the replacement value of the assets. It was resolved to

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change this to use the purchase price (where available) and restate the 2024/25 figure.

The restated accounting statement will be posted on the Parish Council website.

63/26 To receive an update on the Pavilion renovation project.

3Sixty is the company appointed to manage this project. They are currently submitting a planning application for an accessible ramp to the building and are preparing revised plans and costings with the aim of reducing the overall cost of the project.

64/26 To consider the arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on a date to be confirmed during the first week of June in the Memorial Hall. Although these meetings should normally be held during March, April or May it was decided to delay the date for a few days due to the other demands currently being placed on Parish Councillors and staff.

The format of the assembly will be the same as last year and will include presentations from groups and organisations who have received grants from the Parish Council this year, and a session where councillors can answer questions from parishioners. Light refreshments will be provided free of charge.

65/26 To consider repairs to playground equipment as identified in the monthly playground inspection reports.

It was resolved to ask GB Sports to carry out necessary repairs to three items of equipment at Hardwick Road playground for a total cost of £3,060 plus VAT.

66/26 To approve the payment of non-statutory invoices received since the last Parish Council meeting. All statutory payments will be made under the authority given in agenda item 7/26 (January 2026).

Invoice date	Supplier	Description	Amount £	VAT £	Total £
None	Tony Jay	Expenses - March	19.80	0.00	19.80
None	Nic Rice	Expenses - April	59.45	0.00	59.45
Mar 26	ALCA	Annual Subs	993.63	0.00	993.63

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Mar 26	ALCA	Training	14.00	0.00	14.00
Mar 26	ALCA	Training	45.00	0.00	45.00
Mar 26	Bowmans	Grass paint (3 invoices)	424.08	106.02	530.10
Mar 26	BWP Creative Limited	Domain renewal	30.00	6.00	36.00
Mar 26	Children and Young Persons Partnership	Annual Grant	20000.00	0.00	20000.00
Mar 26	Flower Bank	Annual Grant	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
Mar 26	Pill Community Forum	Annual Grant	2000.00	0.00	2000.00
Mar 26	Pill Community Foundation	Annual Grant	8000.00	0.00	8000.00
Mar 26	Pill in Bloom	Annual Grant	1300.00	0.00	1300.00
Mar 26	Pill Rainbows	Annual Grant	707.00	0.00	707.00
Mar 26	St. Georges Churchyard	Annual Grant	2500.00	0.00	2500.00

It was resolved to approve the non-statutory payments.

Invoices received after the publication of the agenda were also be considered.

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To receive councillor questions on reports previously circulated by the leaders of the following council working groups:

- i. Community Fridge
There was no update.
- ii. Finance
There was no update.
- iii. Open Space
No meetings had been held since the previous Parish Council meeting.
- iv. Transport and Highways
The leader of the Transport and Highways Working Group provided this report:

SID data to be passed onto police and two more locations to be considered.

Reported broken kerb stones by the precinct carpark. Cars drive over the pavement in order to park and as a result they have deteriorated.

The double yellow lines on Mount Pleasant were proposed as part of parking restrictions on 15/7/25 from North Somerset Council. The transport and highways working group had no objection at the time, therefore it would not be appropriate for the Parish Council to ask for changes now.

Parking restrictions were considered for part of Martcombe Rd as per previous communications with a resident. It was decided that that our decision of no recommendations stands.

As per emails from residents in Church Rd regarding damage to cars from HGVs. A highways improvement form was suggested and will be discussed in person at a council meeting.

It was agreed that a highways improvement request form be submitted to North Somerset Council.

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To receive the North Somerset Councillor report.

Resignation of Chair: Thank you for letting me know that Jules has stepped down as Chair and a Councillor of the Parish Council. I am very sorry to see her go and this will record my thanks for her huge contribution over the years.

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The Renters' Rights Act comes into force 1 May: The biggest change in renting for a generation comes into force this Friday, the changes include: no more section 21 evictions (no fault no reason evictions), bidding wars are not allowed, all tenancies automatically become periodic (ie not fixed term), rent can only be increased once a year. Councils are responsible for enforcement and landlords face financial penalties for not complying- so everyone needs to get themselves informed. To find out more visit this website and campaign, which North Somerset together with 3 neighbouring councils and WECA have joined up to create: <https://we-rent.org.uk/>. Please share with family and friends.

Pill Railway- need to challenge parking/ cycle provision: I attended the information event in March and I am concerned that there are only plans for 10 cycle hoops (ie 20 bicycles) and there are NO plans for residents' parking, despite me asking for this many times (as well as Don Davies the previous Pill Cllr), Parish Council and the obvious increasing parking issues around the area. The project team is citing cost of introducing the scheme, and that residents (in general) don't like it because of the cost. What is the Parish Council's view? Please can I ask for your feedback, and support to improve these plans.

Pill Flood defences "Avon Riversides 2100" project: Bristol City Council has invited me to join initial meetings about this project. This is a £250m project funded by the Environment Agency/Govt and Bristol City Council to raise the flood defences at Pill by 1 metre (together with other works at Cumberland Basin and Shirehampton) over the next 10 years. I have asked the team to include the Parish Council as a key stakeholder. Further update pending 28 April meeting.

Planning Committee Call-In: As a reminder the ward councillor is able to 'call in' controversial or matters of public importance any planning applications within their ward boundary, it means the application will be decided by the Planning Committee at NSC not the officer. Please let me know if anything comes up for Pill, for EIG the responsibility lies with Cllr Ashton.

Abbots Leigh, Ham Green, Pill & EIG Neighbourhood Plan: Our Neighbourhood Plan was led by Murray Stewart who was a retired internationally renowned urban planning professor who sadly passed away recently, we will need an updated Neighbourhood Plan soon after the Local Plan is passed by the Inspector. Please can we start early discussions about how this would be done, including Abbots Leigh Parish Council.

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To receive a report on recent crime statistics in the parish.

The latest available crime statistics are for February 2026.

Criminal damage / arson 0

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Violence / sexual offences	13
Possess offensive weapon	0
Drugs	0
Anti-social behaviour	10
Bicycle theft	0
Vehicle theft	2
Public order	2
Other crime	3

70/26 To receive the Chairman's report.

The Chairman thanked Jules Hawkins for all her hard work as a parish councillor. Jules made a massive contribution to the work of the council in recent years, both as a councillor and chairman, and she will be greatly missed.

71/26 To receive the Clerk's report.

Following the resignation of Jules Hawkins another councillor needs to be appointed to the finance working group. The membership of all council committees and working groups will be reviewed at the next meeting. At least one new bank signatory will be required. This will be agenda items for the next council meeting.

The Parish Council now only have nine councillors out of an establishment of fifteen. This is obviously far too low a figure to enable the parish council to provide the representation that parishioners need and expect. It was agreed that a post be published on the council website to inform the parishioners of the current situation and to encourage qualified people to put themselves forward to be councillors.

72/26 To receive Councillor reports.

North Somerset Council has indicated that future Parish Council meetings could be held in the library. This possibility is currently being explored.

73/26 To consider items for the next meeting agenda.

To appoint new bank signatories and to remove previous councillors as bank signatories

74/26 Date of next council meeting – 18th May 2026. This will be the Annual Parish Council meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.35pm. End of minutes.

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