

ELMLEY CASTLE, BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting 2026

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday 27th May 2026 19:30 hours.

The meeting was conducted at Elmley Castle Village Hall.

It was fully accessible to the Public and Press.

PRESENT: Cllr A Morrison (Chairman), Cllr J Maude, Cllr C Jupp, Cllr J Stephens, Cllr K Lewis, Cllr T Lea, District Cllr B Hardman, Andy Robinson (Clerk), Mr Mike Taite (Chairman of the Village Hall Committee).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

Cllr Jupp proposed Cllr Morrison as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Lewis, all voted in favour.

2. INTRODUCTION FROM CHAIRPERSON:

Introductions from the Chairperson, Cllr Morrison.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr S Bent, Cllr V Lockhart, Cllr N Gevers, Cllr M Gordon, District Cllr A Crump.

4. OPEN FORUM:

Mr Taite spoke on behalf of the Village Hall committee. He explained the committee had recruited new members this year. They have been busy updating their regulations including fire regs. Brian Lovett has completed excellent fundraising work. Mr Taite also reported that there had been a shortfall of £1,000, however this is a vast improvement on previous years. The Village Hall is about to go live with a new website. The committee are also applying to National Lottery for funding towards a new heating system.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 2025 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

Cllr Morrison proposed to approve the Draft Minutes from the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting, seconded by Cllr Maude. All Cllrs voted in favour. Cllr Morrison signed the minutes.

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT ON THE PAST YEAR AND GOING FORWARD:

Cllr Morrison reported on the Parish Council's previous 12 months, including:

- Two new enthusiastic Cllrs joined – Natasha Gevers and Volha Lockhart.
- Supporting Bess-tival, specifically thanking Cllr Bent for all her hard work and the work of Neil Lavender-Jones and Julian Meredith and the rest of the Bess-tival team.
- Christmas & Santa Parade 2025.
- Social Committee being formed for future social events.
- Council decided to submit a Village Plan, led by Cllr Maude.
- The Council has again provided magnificent Wildflowers and also planters and plants organised by Cllr Gevers and Cllr Lockhart.
- Cllrs Stephens and Morrison excavated and repaired the silt traps for Pendrils Pond.
- Funding secured from the new development on Netherton Lane. This will go towards improving the playground.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.

Cllr Adrian Hardman provided a written report which was read out by Cllr Jupp, this report is available from the Clerk on request.

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Cllr Beverley Hardman provided a written report, this report is available from the Clerk on request.

9. ANY OTHER REPORTS.

Queen Elizabeth Public House Annual Report – this report was read out by Cllr Maude. The report is available on request to the Clerk.

10. OPEN QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

None.