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Minutes of the Meeting of Englishcombe Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 19:30 at The Tithe Barn.

Councillors: Cllr Anne Corlett (Chair), Cllr Robert Law and Cllr Will Pow.

In attendance: J Turner (Parish Clerk/RFO) and Cllr Mycroft Croisdale-Appleby.

Members of the Public: One

08-07-2026-01	To receive questions from the members of the public present. A resident raised a query that there was no agenda on the noticeboard. This will be rectified for future meetings.																				
08-07-2026-02	To receive any apologies for absence. The Council noted apologies from Cllr M Croisdale-Appleby and BANES Councillor Matt McCabe.																				
08-07-2026-03	To consider any Declarations of Interest and to approve any dispensations for this meeting. None received.																				
08-07-2026-04	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Englishcombe Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th May 2026. RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.																				
08-07-2026-05	Englishcombe Parish Council Finance: 05.1 To approve the expenditure report for July 2026. RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to approve the expenditure and authorise the payments as below: <table><tr><th>Payee</th><th>Invoice Detail</th><th>Gross</th><th>Our Ref</th><th>Legal Power to Incur Expenditure</th></tr><tr><td>Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance</td><td>Community Workshop - Annual Parish Meeting.</td><td>£ 100.00</td><td>07-26-002</td><td>Local Government Act 1972, s.137</td></tr><tr><td>Avon Local Council's Association</td><td>Date Protection Training - 5 Councillors.</td><td>£ 110.00</td><td>07-26-003</td><td>Local Government Act 1972, s.111</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total for July 2026.</td><td>£210.00</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> 05.2 To note the cashbook for Quarter 1 of the Financial Year. The Cashbook was noted. 05.3 To approve the bank reconciliation and bank statements for Quarter 1 of the Financial Year. RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to approve the bank reconciliations for May and June 2026. These were duly signed. 05.4 To note the budget monitoring report for Quarter 1 of the Financial Year. The Council noted the report. The RFO stated that expenditure was high due to the purchase of the three defibrillators which will be offset by a donation. 05.5 To consider the quotation from Cloudy IT to host the Council's emails. The Council considered the quote to move away from Vision ICT into a more beneficial arrangement with another provider. RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to approve the quote to migrate all emails to Cloudy IT at a	Payee	Invoice Detail	Gross	Our Ref	Legal Power to Incur Expenditure	Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance	Community Workshop - Annual Parish Meeting.	£ 100.00	07-26-002	Local Government Act 1972, s.137	Avon Local Council's Association	Date Protection Training - 5 Councillors.	£ 110.00	07-26-003	Local Government Act 1972, s.111	Total for July 2026.		£210.00		
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	cost of £49.04 per month with one-off costs of £406.26. The Clerk will try and negotiate the costs down so that it isn't too much of a burden on the Council's finances.
08-07-2026-06	To consider any planning applications or consultations received:
06.1	Any applications received after the agenda was issued. None received.
08-07-2026-07	Community Defibrillators
07.1	To note the purchase of three defibrillators. The Council noted the purchase of three defibrillators at a cost of £4,049.97. The Council will receive a donation for the two of them. This will be funded by CIL monies for the balance for which the donation doesn't cover, which will be equivalent to one defibrillator.
07.2	To note the location of the defibrillators. The three locations are: • Englishcombe village - The Acorn Barn. • Englishcombe village Next to the post box. • Inglesbatch village - Next to post box. The Clerk will add locations, persons responsible and images to the Town Council's website. These will be delivered during the next week. The cheque will be delivered to a Councillor for two of the defibrillators. These are guardian's for all three that have been put in place, however we are still awaiting to
07.3	To note that the three defibrillators have been added to the asset register and insurance policy, with a value of £1349.99 per defibrillator. This was noted.
07.4	To note the written update report in relation to this project. This was noted.
07.5	To consider the ongoing maintenance arrangements for the defibrillators. The Parish Council noted that an ongoing maintenance budget should be established. The guardian's will be responsible for once a month costs. The electric costs have been estimated at £50 per year per defibrillator. The small brass plaques will be put in place also by Cllr Croisdale Appleby. There is a ten-year warranty on the cabinet and the defibrillator, once it has been put on the national database, otherwise it would be a seven-year warranty for the defibrillator. The company who the AED was purchased from will be doing the installation, added by the guardian's electrical questionnaire. The Clerk will chase Cllr A Smith.
08-07-2026-08	To receive updates from members on ongoing Parish matters:
08.1	Bath and North East Somerset Councillor Report. None received.
08.2	Parish Council Chairman's Report. No report received.

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08.3	Rural Public Transport, Roads and Parish Maintenance Matters. No report was received.
08.4	Parish Council Website and Communications. The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and the Public Rights Notice was published on the website. A new format for the 'EPC Bulletin' was trialled in May 2026 and this had positive feedback.
08.5	Community Defibrillators. No further update was given.
08.6	Millstream, Orchard and Wheelwrights sub-committee.
08.7	Bath and North East Somerset Council's Local Plan. No report was received.
08.8	Englishcombe Parish Events. No report was received.
08.9	The Duchy of Cornwall. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had strimmed the grass area adjacent to the Old Schoolhouse. A short update was received from The Duchy who said they had a positive response to the pre-application to the Wheelwrights Barn and that they may use some of the proceeds from the Old Schoolhouse sale to be reinvested into the Wheelwrights Barn.
08.10	Speed Indicator Devices for the Parish (Community Speedwatch) The Clerk has circulated a list of interested parties to Cllr A Smith. The Clerk will chase him.
08-07-2026-09	To note the future meeting dates of Englishcombe Parish Council for 2026/2027 as below, all to commence at 7:30pm. • Wednesday 2nd September 2026. • Wednesday 4th November 2026. • Wednesday 6th January 2027. • Wednesday 3rd March 2027. This was noted.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 19:55.