



Hutton Parish Council

Incorporating Elborough Village & Woodside

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE MAIN HALL OF HUTTON VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.00pm ON THURSDAY 30TH APRIL, 2026, WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AT THE CONCLUSION OF WHICH TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS WERE SERVED.

PRESENT: Councillors Peter Dutton (Chair), Marie Dunkley (Vice Chair), Ken McCullouch, Andrew Sills and Lou Eddins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Sophie Hooker (Parish Clerk)

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: Terry Porter & Mike Soloman

Public Participation:

A period of public participation would be provided following the agenda items, during which residents may raise comments regarding the planning application 26/P/0536/OUT.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 44

Meeting Convened 7:00pm

1. Welcome by the Chair

Good evening and welcome to the Hutton Annual Parish Meeting 2026. This is not a Parish Council Meeting, but it is legal requirement in accordance with the Local Government Act. It is organised by the Parish Council and is distinct from a Parish Council Meeting, as it enables the electors and parishioners of the Parish to get together to receive reports from various Parish organisations and stakeholders and as an open forum for discussion, questions, comments, news and views. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served after the meeting.

The Clerk to the Council will take the Minutes and these will be available in due course.

I know a lot of you are here to discuss the Outline Planning Application for the circa 415 homes on the land South of Old Banwell Road, Locking and Land North of Banwell Road, Elborough.

A period of public participation will be provided following the agenda items and during the Open Forum, during which residents may raise comments regarding the planning application.

We will now continue with the Meeting Agenda.

2. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 9th April 2025

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th April 2025, having been published on the Parish Council website, and no requests for amendment having been received, were approved and accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

The minutes were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. Annual Reports

3.1 Hutton Parish Council Chair

Report written and read by the Chair of Hutton Parish Council – Cllr Peter Dutton

My report, which represents the views of the Parish Council is as follows:

Councillors

Since the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting, the following Parish Councillors have stood down:

Georgina Barry and Jane Hicks.

The Parish Council would like to express our thanks to Georgina and Jane for their service and contribution to the Parish and wish them both our best wishes for the future.

Since the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting the following Parish Councillors have been co-opted onto the Council: Cllr Nen Max

I would like to express my thanks to Nen for stepping forward to serve the Parish.

The current Parish Council consists of the following Councillors:

- My self as the Chair
- Cllr Marie Dunkley – Vice Chair
- Cllr Lou Eddins
- Cllr Nen Max
- Cllr Kenneth McCulloch
- Cllr Terry Porter
- Cllr Andrew Sills

Those Cllrs that are available are here tonight.

The Parish Council is non-political and is mandated to have ten Councillors but currently only has seven. The Council needs three new Councillors.

The “so what” and obvious consequence of this is that the Council is only running at 70% capacity, with legal decisions made by seven Cllrs not ten.

If Cllrs are unable to attend Parish Council Meetings for legitimate reasons, then, decisions are even made with fewer Cllrs if the minimum attendance is met and a quorum is present to make a legal meeting.

Councillors can contribute in the following ways:

- Suggesting ideas
- Engaging in constructive debate
- Interacting with the community
- Representing electors
- Behaving in an ethical way
- And voting to enable the Council to make a legal decision

Therefore, three new Cllrs will enable:

- Greater discussion
- Different views and opinions
- New ideas
- Different options
- Wider representation

They could also bring different – skills, experiences and interests to the Council.

This may result in different, but positive collective decision-making actions in support of the whole Parish and community.

It is most definitely in the Parish’s and YOUR interests to have a full Parish Council with no vacancies and it is not in the Parish’s and YOUR interests to have a Parish Council with less Councillors than is

mandated. The Council can take steps to fill the three Council vacancies at any time by the co-option of suitable persons.

If you would like to contribute to the local community, help to make a difference, become part of the solution and decision-making process that supports the whole Parish and the local community, then please consider stepping forward to become a Parish Councillor.

If any persons are interested in serving and contributing to your community as a Parish Councillor, further information can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Retirement of Parish Clerk – Mr Bruce Poole

After 3 years as the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and many decades of service to Local Government, Mr Bruce Poole retired on the 31st March 2026. In 2023, at a difficult time and of great need for the Parish Council, Bruce stepped in and kept the Parish functioning.

The Parish Council would like to express their very grateful thanks to Bruce for his service to the Parish of Hutton and wish Bruce our very best wishes for the future and his retirement.

New Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer – Mrs Sophie Hooker

Following a short recruitment campaign the Parish Council are extremely pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Sophie Hooker as the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for the Parish of Hutton.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to your new Parish Clerk – Sophie Hooker and I'm sure that you will join myself and the rest of the Parish Council in warmly welcoming Sophie to this extremely important and critical Parish position.

Sophie will be working from home and Hutton Village Hall during the Parish Clerk Community drop-in sessions on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (except August).

Updated contact details for the Parish Clerk can be found in the Hutton Parish News, Parish Council Notice Board and on the Parish Council web site and social media.

Employees

At the December Parish Council Meeting, tribute was paid to John Waddington - Parish Council Handyperson. John, very sadly passed away in Nov last year. Since 2022 John provided a highly valued and exemplary handyperson service to the Parish of Hutton, which included hedge trimming, gardening services, fence and notice board repair and a host of other repair and replacement services. John helped to maintain the Parish and keep it clean, tidy, safe and presentable to all. You may have seen and spoken to John whilst he was out and about during his work in the Parish. I feel very privileged to have worked with John and he will be fondly missed and remembered.

I would like to express my thanks to all Cllrs and our two Clerks (Bruce and now Sophie), for their service, dedication and commitment in support of the Parish of Hutton.

I would also like to express my thanks to all the Parish Council employees for their hard and exemplary work and dedication in helping to keep the Parish amenities clean, tidy, functioning, safe and attractive.

Parish Council Notice Boards

The Parish Council Notice Board, which was in Church Lane near Hutton Primary School and was used to display Parish Council Agenda, Minutes and other information has been replaced in a new location on the gravel outside the Village Hall. The Parish Council decided to share half the new notice board with Hutton Village Hall – so that they can display information about their events and services, which is in the Parish's interests. Additional notice boards are in the process of being replaced or added in Woodside and St Mary's Field.

Work by Volunteers

The Parish Council would like to thank the voluntary work (without charge) by parishioners through the year in continuing to support the community, enhance the look of the Parish and to continue to make it look attractive.

Recently this has included individual voluntary work by parishioners:

Jon Spice – for his idea and offer of construction and installation of the Bird Feeder in the Des Phippen Park. You may have seen it and its picture with Jon in the latest edition of the Hutton Parish News. And Barry Richards - for his offer of help, construction and installation of the replacement Notice Board at the entrance to St Mary's Field.

Both approached the Parish Council, who very gratefully accepted their offers. Thank you, once again for your voluntary contribution to the community.

If any Parishioners have an idea and would like to volunteer their services to help enhance the look of the Parish and to make it even more attractive, then please contact the Clerk to Council – Sophie – who will it to the attention of the Parish Council.

In addition, I would also like to thank the Hutton Village Hall Committee and Hutton in Bloom volunteers, (both of which are supported by Parish Council grants) for their work and fantastic efforts. All the work of the volunteers continues to support the whole Parish and community, enhance the look of the Parish and to continue to make it an extremely attractive to live.

Hutton Parish News

Last year, the Hutton Parish News has moved successfully to four seasonal copies per calendar year for distribution in mid-month in February, April, July and November.

Our volunteer Editor – Tony Pass has done an outstanding job in the Editorship of the Hutton Parish News and taken it to a new level. I have received many compliments on its excellent content and professional looking format. The content has increased, as has the advertising which goes towards the cost of producing the magazine.

I would like to express the Parish Council's thanks to Tony for this extremely important and valuable voluntary communication role in the community. I would also like thank Tony for the fantastic research and extra work that went it to the extra special February and April editions celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Hutton Parish News and Hutton Village Hall.

I would also like to express the Parish Council's thanks to all the volunteer Hutton Parish News distributors for their valuable community work throughout the year.

Further detailed information on the Hutton Parish News will be shared later in this meeting by Tony, the volunteer Editor.

Parish Council Website Refresh

You may have noticed that the Parish Council website has undergone and continues to undergo a makeover and refresh. You may have already seen it and noticed, if not please take a look!

Supported Activities

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council supported activities have included:

Hutton Parish Festival Week 2025, including:

- Taste of Somerset Market, Classic Car Show, Charity Quiz Night, Hutton Horticultural Society Annual Show, Hutton-Dabaso Twinning Association – "Hutton Big Bash", United Benefice Songs of Praise and Hutton Proms Concert

With funds raised during the week for charities and organisations, which included:

- Hutton Scouts 2026 overseas trip to Kandersteg, St Mary's Church and Hutton-Dabaso Twinning Association

I would like to express my thanks to all the event organisers and volunteers, without which, the above events could not have taken place and to those who attended the events for supporting your Parish and national and local charities and organisations.

Thoughts are now turning towards the Hutton Parish Festival Week 2026. Volunteers are always sought to help organise and support events. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Clerk – Sophie. Hutton in Bloom and Hutton Village Hall have both been supported via Parish Council grants and Scouting Groups have been supported by discounted hire fees and upkeep of the Scout Hut.

Moor Lane - Cycle/Footpath Link to Haywood Village

At an on-site Meeting in April 2025 – North Somerset Council agreed to further improvements - additional barriers in Moor Lane and on the cycle/footway link to Haywood Village to prevent vehicle access. The Parish Council has been chasing an update to this work and has recently received the latest update from North Somerset Council.

“The Consultant has now completed the design; it took longer than expected and we also needed to undertake some remedial works on the reservoir at the same time and then design is complicated. Persimmon are waiting our design at their end for the permanent solution. We are looking to get the work completed later in the autumn.”

So therefore whilst we are waiting, if Parishioners are concerned about the behaviour of motorised vehicles using or attempting to use the Moor Lane - Cycle/Footpath Link to Haywood Village, then the most efficient and quickest way to report Anti-Social Behaviour and Road and Pavement Highway issues, is to report them direct to North Somerset Council by using their Report or Request Services online system which can be found on their website or via a link on the Parish Council website which can be found at www.huttonsomerset.ork.uk/local-information/reporting-issues. This will ensure that your report is assigned to the appropriate North Somerset Council Officer and dealt with in a timely manner. Parishioners are also requested to also inform the Parish Clerk, if they have reported any issues direct to North Somerset Council, so these issues can be monitored.

Hutton Hill Road Closure

As you are all aware, after a long closure, Hutton Hill finally re-opened in July of last year.

After being prioritised by North Somerset Council, with the support of our District Councillors the planning approval process moved ahead and was approved by North Somerset Council, only one day after the consultation period ended.

The Parish Council would like to thank our District Cllrs, North Somerset Council, both property owners concerned and you the parishioners, for your patience in what was an extremely complex, lengthy and very difficult situation.

Hutton 20 MPH Scheme

After the completion of the new wall on Hutton Hill and with the reopening of the road, the Parish Council, with the support of our District Councillors - Terry Porter and Mike Solomon, pursued the North Somerset Council completion of the Hutton 20 MPH scheme and 20MPH Gateway's (Entry Treatments). This has now been completed.

At the Parish Council Meeting in March several parishioners attended the meeting to express their long held and continuing concern at the speed of traffic, danger points and lack of speed improvement and new concerns regarding the new road layout near Sutherland Drive, including its potential for causing hold ups and delays.

At the March meeting, the Parish Council pointed out the following:

- During the 2023 NSC design stage of the 20MPH scheme, the east and west extension of the proposed scheme, which was requested by both our District Cllrs and the Parish Council, was not approved by NSC, as it did not meet the NSC 20MPH criteria, national guidance or local policy.
- The Parish Council had been hastening NSC for the completion of the 20MPH Gateway's (Entry Treatments) since the Hutton Hill road was reopened in Jul 25, as this was felt to be crucial to the enforcement of the 20MPH scheme.
- The priority was the full opening of the 20 MPH scheme and after that, Cllrs would explore what other speed reduction measures could be put into place.
- The Parish Council is now exploring the purchase of electronic speed awareness signs.
- Now the NSC designed 20MPH Gateway's (Entry Treatments) are complete, Cllrs will be now asking for its enforcement with Police speed checks and Community Speed Watch Checks.
- NSC - Neighbourhood Traffic and Road Safety have told us that they appreciate engagement with the scheme and will continue to monitor its performance following implementation.

- NSC have also informed the Parish Council that: “There will be a bedding in period where drivers have to adapt their usual behaviour”.
- Hutton Parish Council have been informed that feedback to NSC - Neighbourhood Traffic and Road Safety on the new road layout and markings can be made online direct to NSC.
- A link to this has been placed on the Hutton Parish Council website.

Alleviation of Traffic Issues and Improvement of Pedestrian Crossing Near the School Entrance

Our District Cllrs and Parish Council are now in discussion with residents, the Village Hall, Hutton Primary School and North Somerset Council regarding proposed improvements to alleviate traffic issues and pedestrian crossing near the School entrance, as part of the North Somerset Council Sustainable Active Travel Plan. A meeting was held yesterday in the School yesterday to discuss the proposed improvements and develop the plan further and further information will be made available in due course and hopefully in the next edition of the Hutton Parish News.

Potential Boundary Change to the Parish of Hutton Following the North Somerset Council - Community Governance Review 2025

The Community Governance Review 2025 final recommendations affecting the Parish of Hutton were approved by the North Somerset Council Planning and Regulatory Committee at its meeting last December.

A summary of the main NSC approved final recommendations affecting the Parish of Hutton are follows:

- Weston-super-Mare does not extend its boundary to incorporate Bleadon, Hutton and Locking (and specifically Locking Parklands).
- The Parish Council size of Hutton remains unchanged at 10.
- Parish of Hutton remains unwarded.
- The Weston-super-Mare boundary is not extended to include a section of Hutton around Woodside which is an extension of Oldmixon, therefore the current parish boundaries for Hutton be retained.

This was all based on the overwhelming feedback from the second consultation.

The Parish Council would once again like to thank all those that responded to the Community Governance Review (CGR) 2025.

North Somerset Council Additional Housing Consultation and Follow on Outline Planning Application for Circa 415 Homes on Land North Of Banwell Road North Of Elborough Village Hutton / Locking Last year, North Somerset Council, in preparation for the North Somerset Local Plan and in response to a new National Planning Policy Framework which confirmed a significantly higher mandatory housing requirement for North Somerset - conducted a consultation to identify where additional development is possible at sustainable locations across North Somerset.

This consultation was in relation to potential new housing sites, which identified several additional sites in the Parish of Hutton as most suitable for development for housing. These additional sites included the following:

- Land to the west of Elborough – 70 additional homes.
- North of Banwell Road, Locking/Elborough – 315 additional homes.

The Parish Council opposed and objected to the new housing being built in the vicinity of Elborough Village, which was sent to North Somerset Council Planning Policy last year:

This Parish Council opposition listed numerous reasons for its objection, which included a lack of support and strong opposition for any new housing within the Parish - which was a key Issue in the conclusion to the Parish of Hutton Survey Report Feb 2021.

It is believed that North Somerset Council will review all the representations made and then submitting them along with its Local Plan and supporting documents to the Government to be scrutinised by an independent inspector. The inspector will decide if the Local Plan complies with the necessary requirements for it to be adopted and used in decision making.

Our North Somerset District Councillors may be able to add more on the subject during their report. However, this has now moved on very recently.

The Parish Council has now received the Outline Planning Application for a residential development Land North Of Banwell Road North Of Elborough Village Hutton / Locking of circa 415 dwellings, a new Country Park together with a retail and community facility, Incidental public open space, allotments, with new access arrangements to Banwell Road and Old Banwell Road.

An opportunity to discuss this further and in more detail will be at Agenda Item 4 – Open Forum.

Conclusion

Parishioners and electors are reminded that the Parish Council is a non-political organisation and all the Parish Councillors, freely give their time, commitment and service in support of the Parish. A huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes to support the Parish, not all of which is seen by parishioners, who may just see the end result.

You may or may not agree with all the Parish Council decisions, but please respect the legal right for the Parish Council to make that decision, which they try to do in the Parish's and EVERYONE'S best interest.

Finally, I would like to give my thanks to all the Parish organisations, clubs, committees, societies, groups and volunteers, which inspire and support all generations and to all the parishioners, thank you, for what you do to support the Parish.

This concludes my report, which I would like to submit to the Annual Parish Meeting 2026.

3.2 North Somerset District Councillors

District Councillors Terry Porter & Mike Soloman in attendance. Report read by Terry Porter

This last year has finally seen the completion of the 20 MPH scheme for Hutton. It took some time but we finally got the scheme, although not the one that we really wanted.

It did not cover the high risk areas at either end of the village.

We are at present seeking assistance from the Police for some enforcement as there is still much speeding through the village.

There are early plans for highway improvements at the junction of Church Lane and Main road to make it safer for pedestrians at this junction. Draft plans will be out in the summer.

There is also a possible extra scheme for works near the entrance of Hutton School.

There was an electoral commission boundary review early in the year. We did have the proposition for a Parish Boundary change that would see Woodside moved into Weston.

Thanks to a very strong response from the residents, especially those from the Woodside estate, this proposition was soundly turned down. The number of Parish councillors was kept the same.

The tenant has now moved from Grange farm and we are waiting to hear more from North Somerset for their plans for the farm. It is shown as suitable for housing in the North Somerset local plan, at present under consideration.

We have also had a planning application for housing in Elborough, along with housing in Locking. This land is also listed for residential accommodation in the North Somerset local Plan. The application is at present out for consultation, and the closing date is 7th May. The government forced North Somerset Council to increase our housing requirement from around 14,000 houses to 23,800.

The Government Planning Policy has changed over the past few years, and the presumption now has to be to grant the housing unless it will cause demonstrable harm.

3.3 Village Hall Committee

Written report by Hutton Village Hall Committee – Unable to attend, the report was read by Chair Peter Dutton

Hall Maintenance and Improvements

Significant work last year was carried out to refurbish the space at the rear of the small Hall, making it a safe and usable area for those who require a secure outdoor environment. This project was only made possible with the assistance of funding from Hutton Parish Council, with the Hall contributing the remaining required funds.

This year's first main project is to get the Main Hall floor refurbished at a cost of over £5000, again the council have been kind enough to assist us in our funding of this. The refurbishment will see the floor stripped cleaned and relined with both badminton court lines and a new padel board court before being resealed. Hopefully, this will prolong its life and ensure easier cleaning.

Expanding Activities and Facilities

Our hirers are increasingly diverse, with groups ranging from martial arts to more relaxed activities such as chair yoga. In line with expanding our offerings, the Hall has recently purchased a table tennis table to encourage participation from anyone interested in playing. Marion will be sharing more details about this.

Events and Income

Our open mike nights continue to be well supported, attracting an increasing number of talented musicians from both the local area and Hutton itself. These events, together with our Bar, continue to generate a respectable income for the Hall. If anyone is interested in volunteering to cover a shift at the bar, please contact either myself or Marion so we can arrange appropriate training.

The hall has planned upcoming community events to mark its 50th anniversary including a walking treasure hunt, hall open day, 70s night and a barn dance.

Planning for the future

On going issues around constant roof repairs have led us to getting a proper quote for repair works to our current lower-level flat roofing. This has come in at around £72000 so if anyone knows of someone with deep pockets.... We are open to suggestions.

3.4 CofE Hutton Primary School

Report written by Charlie Barwell - unable to attend, the report was read by Chair Peter Dutton

As a school we continue to be a part of Kaleidoscope MAT, a 7 school Trust. We have had an evolution of the leadership team; meaning we have a part time Executive Head, a part time Head of School, an Assistant Head and two class-based phase leaders. We also have a new and experienced Special Educational coordinator, after the previous one was promoted to Assistant Headteacher. The rest of the staff remain stable.

We have a new vision for the school:

“Access to opportunity for every child—empowering them to be ambitious, compassionate, and ready to make a positive difference.”

As well as new values: Connectedness, Awe and Wonder, Wholeness and Wellbeing

This year our school priorities have been Maths and Writing, Spirituality, the use of assessment and the disadvantaged.

We continue to work well with the church and are about to launch our pupil chaplaincy initiative in term 6. We visit the church regularly and Larissa comes into the school to lead acts of worship as well as supporting in her role as a governor.

Parking and traffic are still a concern but we are looking at various solutions. We have just been informed that the rear gate has access restrictions on it. The Trust are looking into this.

The school continue to work with the Dabaso group and the school had their annual carol singing around Weston as well as a school concert, to raise money for them.

In this same vein, we are looking for other groups within the community that we can work with to raise money for community bases projects. Please contact the school if there are any thoughts on this.

3.5 St Mary's Church - PCC

Report written by Rev Larissa Trust – Rector – unable to attend, report was read by Dave Bradley

This year has seen my first full year as Vicar of St Mary's and it has been a very busy time.

Services take place at 10am on Sunday mornings on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. Holy Communion is celebrated on 1st Sunday of the month. On the 2nd Sunday of the month and alternate 5th Sundays we worship in our sister church St Augustine's, Locking. Both churches continue to be supported by Rev Geoff Hobden our retired minister and Jane Barry who is our lay reader. I am very pleased to report that St Mary's former Rector Rev Bernard Stevenson has also recently returned to St Mary's to support mission and worship.

We are so blessed to have Eric Holdaway and our choir leading us in worship, week in, week out. Their willingness to adapt and be creative makes life so much easier for me and enriches us all. I so value their support at weddings, funerals and school services. Particular thanks must also be extended to our bellringers. As many of you will be aware we recently lost Margaret Bailey who served as tower captain among many roles in the village. We are indebted to her for her many years of service along with her husband John. She will be remembered for her enthusiastic training of a number of ringers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. John and the whole family are always in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time and she will be very sadly missed.

We have begun a new monthly prayer meeting which is at 10am on the fourth Thursday of the month. Prayer underpins everything we do and Jane Barry has done a great deal of work on making the church more prayer friendly. If anyone wishes to join us we would love to see you.

It has been good for us and the village to welcome the Malankara Indian Orthodox Church into St Mary's on a Saturday morning every other month. I am delighted that we can support a fledgling congregation find a base to worship. I am told that they are particularly appreciative of the rural hillside surroundings which are similar to how churches are situated in India. I am so pleased that our church building is able to bless another congregation when we are not using it.

We are good at "Special services". These include Mothering Sunday, Safeguarding Sunday, Memorial Service and Remembrance Sunday. Jane inspired the uniformed groups at the Georges Day service. When I arrived I made the decision to hold a Christingle service on a Saturday in mid-December and a Nativity on Christmas Eve. This has been good for outreach if not for my and others sanity on Christmas Eve! However we have a lovely time. Over Christmas we facilitated Christingle Services for the Brownies, 34th Cubs and 34th Beavers. Jane and I led a school Christingle assembly.

In 2025 we had 6 funerals and 3 interments and 3 baptisms. Sadly no weddings.

Messy Church is held once a month on a Saturday afternoon in the church building. Messy Church in Hutton has now been running for 15 years, and we continue to give thanks for its place in the community. During 2025, we were encouraged to see a steady flow of families attending our sessions, with numbers gradually increasing. Each session has opportunities to explore Bible stories in creative and engaging ways with crafts and activities that help both children and adults connect with the message in a hands-on and memorable way.

We are grateful for our committed team of helpers, whose dedication and enthusiasm make Messy Church possible. This is another area in which Margaret Bailey served and we will miss her. We now see Messy Church as growing into a church in its own right – not as a halfway house or stepping stone for families to join a Sunday morning congregation.

Jane and I regularly deliver Collective Worship at Hutton VC Primary School. Years Reception, 1, 2 visited the church this year making decorations for the Christmas Tree festival and hearing the story of the Grumpy Owl and the Noisy Stable. Year 3 visited the church during the harvest seasons. We also facilitated the year 6 leavers assembly last year. I am a school governor and Jane is a trustee of Kaleidoscope MAT. I have supported the school doing governor visits to Hutton School and also their partner school Becket.

A particular joy for me has been, in partnership with my fellow minister, running a group for children and young people in Haywood Village. This is something we can invite children and young people to from Hutton, Locking as well as the estates.

Since the last APM Jackie Llewellyn has taken over the role of Benefice Administrator and we are so grateful for all she has accomplished in a short time. The office is open to the public on 10am-2pm Mondays and Thursdays. The office is located in St Augustine's Church Centre, Locking.

I am pleased to say that we are due to welcome Bishop Fiona Gibson to the benefice on 16th, 17th and 20th May 2026. She is due to visit Messy Church on 16th, a joint service at St Augustine's Locking at 10am on Sunday 17th May, an assembly at Hutton CE primary school on Wednesday 20th along with other more specific meetings on the same day. Please do join us at the 10am Sunday service in Locking if you would like to hear her preach.

If anyone reading would like to explore spiritual questions or would like to have a conversation about an aspect of the Christian faith then please don't hesitate to make contact. I am also available to provide prayer and pastoral support. I would be delighted to meet you.

God bless, Larissa

3.6 Hutton/Dabaso Twinning Committee

Report read by Michaela Pass

We have taken stock this year following the 25th anniversary milestone, re-working our suite of policy documents and Constitution, so that our original vision is evolving to meet the needs of the next 25 years. We have developed a website - news and information about upcoming events is therefore more accessible. Our practical work this year has focussed on improving connectivity between Dabaso and Hutton.

In Hutton we held a very productive meeting with Hutton CE School Head, Dabaso Rep, Chair and Secretary and identified some areas for development:

A whole school Assembly took place in November at Hutton CE School, presented by Maragaret Sills (Chair) and Charlotte House (Secretary), supported by Emily Middle (Dabaso Rep) and Eric Holdaway. We told the children the story of the Twinning, sang Kenyan songs and had some Q&A

A Family Quiz is planned later this term, to take place in the school, run by the Twinning committee
Increased of news of the Twinning via the school newsletter

Planned a video call between the two school Heads, hopefully followed by email communication between year groups

Incorporated Kenya into the Hutton curriculum with a sustainability theme

Additionally, we have:

Purchased a storage container and stored all fundraising equipment efficiently. Amongst other things, we now own a small party tent, gazebos and a bar, all of which are used to provide enjoyable events for the village

Initiated a re-run of sustainable cups for events, used by both the Twining and PC. Local sponsors can advertise their business

Offered to donate something to the village – the last contribution was the defibrillator. The proceeds from raffles are separate -as not specifically designated for spending in Kenya - so can be allocated to benefit our own community in Hutton. We would welcome suggestions

In Kenya we have:

Repurposed three Y9 classrooms equipping them with the infrastructure for Internet connection, alongside computers for these classrooms, the head teacher and staffroom

- Installed cables, security equipment, Starlink and Wi-Fi to enrich teaching and learning
- Resourced IT support and technical training for the teachers
- Continued funding 8 x bursaries for a handful of very able but impoverished students to attend secondary (boarding) school

- Supported the clinic with additional medication and supplies
- Funded further training for the nurses

Fundraising: During the year our fundraising events have included the Hutton Garden Party last July, The Big Bash in Sept, Wassailing in Jan, with the Family Quiz to come. As well as raising funds for our Kenyan community, we are adamant that our events should be accessible and enjoyable for Hutton villagers and local communities. We are grateful to the Parish Council for sharing their marquee space, this year on 5th Sept 2026, and for their trust in us to cater for a larger number of attendees. Here's to another successful venture!

We extend the invitation to all stakeholders, whether they are Hutton residents. Anyone is welcome to get involved with the Twinning by reading our regular newsletter items and participating in our fundraising events.

3.7 Hutton-in-Bloom

First report written and read by Louise Beamish

The last year has been a better year for Hutton in bloom probably the best since I have been co Ordinator.

Team planting days work really well especially with the summer planting everyone helps where they can.

We do struggle with some jobs as we are a very small team and most members over 70

The summer displays looked lovely through the village and Elborough.

The sponsors tea was held in June a chance for the team to meet up with those that support us all through the year.

In the autumn a local handyman charged us a small amount to help change a lot of the barrels at the old inn.

The barrels at the old inn are now mostly permanently planted .

All areas were planted for winter 2025.

We put the village christmas tree up with the help of Terry porter.

The team enjoyed a number of social events including the annual summer social and a christmas dinner.

Unfortunately our treasurer has had to resign due to health issues .

We will need someone to take on this position ASAP.

Unfortunately one of our bloomers Margaret Bailey passed away recently . She was a valued member of our team along with her husband John.

The cider press is going to be refurbished within the next few weeks kindly being paid for by a parishioner in memory of his wife .

We also have been given some money in memory of Robin Black which he hope to spend on a tree to be planted in his memory

I would like to thank all our sponsors , the parish Council, Terry porter, the watering team and all those who support us .

Special thanks go to my team without them there would be no Hutton in bloom

Second report written and read by Elizabeth Cayford

I would like Hutton, Elborough, Woodside & their Parish Council to know that without Louise our coordinator. We would not have Hutton Bloomers, Christine a Bloomer in Woodside on her own Elborough & Bob volunteer at Woodside alone, there would be no flowers anywhere

Louise & another offered to be co-ordinators a few years ago. Soon Louise was left alone , only just holding us together in her first year. Lots of problems & not knowing plants or how we worked.

Louise has learnt lots & impressed the team how she leads. Big problems arised, loosing members & our watering van.

We are now only 1/3 of numbers we used to be. But have a strong group helping each other & more to keep Hutton Blooming. Louise is the youngest the rest in 70 & 80's not all in full health.

Our longest serving Bloomer Bernie is definitely the best Bloomer in the west. Louise holds us together by laughs & asking us not telling us what to do. Terry Porter has also given advice, support. & hands-on help from his years experience. This year Terry has twisted Louise's arm, completely round in its socket! She's gone & done it. Entering us into Britain in Bloom Competition.

We have also managed to get help from some villagers. Hutton news editor Tony has helped us with this, helping what we put in Hutton News. So thanks to Terry. Tony & volunteer villages. It's not too late for more to say they will come to our tidy up Hutton on Monday 11th MAY . If you can't make we can find you something to do in your own time.

How long we can continue is unknown. But we are still going. We need the help of the PC cost of plants, thank you & sponsors.

The help of others in Hutton, Elborough & Woodside. Being a Bloomer is not a requirement. Offers of help by calling Louise & asking if there is a job they can do, once a year better than none.

The staff at Old in have taken over watering their barrels. Villagers watering plants near their homes, our thanks to all.

A big thanks must go to Louise Bloomers co-ordinator, for KEEPING THE BLOOMERS GOING & THE FLOWERS IN HUTTON PARISH. I think Bloomers deserve a pat on the back too.

3.8 Horticultural Society

Report written and read by Show Secretary, Terry Porter

We held our 2025 Hutton Village show at the festival week with our Annual show on Saturday 30th August. It was a good show with the weather bright at times and rain showers.

In agreement with the Twinning association and the Parish Council, to assist the twinning in getting the Big Bash set up easier we agreed to close the show at 4.00 pm.

To cater for this we opened the show at 1.00pm to keep the open times of the show the same.

We were fortunate that the computer system worked well and we had completed the judging and placing out nearly all the prize cards by the opening at 1.00 pm. Our thanks go to our judges who did an excellent job.

We had good support in setting out the show on the Friday, and this year we only sold cans of alcohol in the Bar, as the main bar for the BIG BASH was situated in a separate tent. This seemed to work satisfactorily.

Attendance in the show was down a little, but this was most probably due to the rain showers.

Entries this year were good in most sections. We do benefit from a number of top exhibitors from outside of the village supporting our show..

In the vegetable classes we are fortunate we are still one of the shows that Bill Maggs from Winscombe still supports with some outstanding exhibits,

There were some villagers that also did very well, Christine Avery won the Wintone Trophy for an excellent large display of flowers and vegetables, together with trophies in the Allotment holder classes.

The handicraft section in the show is always a very high standard

We have excellent flower growers in the village. Margaret Bailey won the Chairmans cup, Virginia Hollis-Bassett won the M.J. Hart cup for Roses and Mary Ford won the Oldmixon trophy

This year there were more exhibits in the decorative, or flower arranging classes, a trend we have seen for the past few years. The trophies here were shared between Liz Britton, Rosemary Brooke and Julie Bradley.

There are many good cooks in the village, and many showed their wares in this year's show.

Jemma Davidson had many winning exhibits and won the Hutton Cup for most points in the domestic section, competing against Poppy and Scarlet amongst many other villagers.

The Ian memorial trophy for the best Victoria sponge was won by Cynthia Riley, and in the Riverside trophy, for the best fruit cake, Andrew Sills retained the trophy, and I understand he made a new cake on the morning of the show, not happy with his earlier entry.

We are fortunate that Hutton school provides excellent support for the show with its host of children's pictures, painting and handwriting.

We did hold another successful Proms on the Sunday evening with music by Weston Brass, although numbers were down again. We kept ticket prices the same.

Thanks to Eric for organising the singers to accompany the Band. We have booked Weston Brass again for this year.

3.9 Hutton Drama Club

Tony Pass read a written report by Peter Foord

Following a very successful 2024/2025 season, in which the club put on the pantomime "Puss in Boots", and our first murder mystery evening, both of which was well attended, we have started the year well in January, with the pantomime "Peril in Pantoland" which has turned out to be our most successful show this century. The record cast of nearly 40 put on five performances of which four were completely sold out. A great way to start our 50th year!

At the moment the club is going through a bit of a resurgence and we have gained quite a few new members in the last few months. Long may it continue!

The club is now well into rehearsals for our summer show which will be a murder mystery evening to be staged in June. The evening will consist of two plays and a skit all packaged together with a cheeseboard supper. It promises to be a fun evening especially as the second of the plays, "Murder at Teatime", which is loosely based on Alice in Wonderland, will allow the audience to join in by examining the evidence, questioning the suspects and then predict who the murderer is, with a prize for the best answer. The first play is a murder mystery with a comic twist which goes by the fascinating title of "Body of the Play". We will be performing these plays on 25th, 26th and 27th June. Generally the summer show is only two nights but this year we have added a third night on the Thursday, one because it is our 50th anniversary and two, because we sold out last years show.

Another exiting development is that we are looking into the possibility of running a junior drama workshop during the summer to encourage some of the very enthusiastic young chorus members who took part in this years panto, to come back and possibly take on bigger roles in next year's pantomime which we will be starting on after the summer holidays.

As always, we are looking for new people to join us, whether it be on stage, behind the scenes or front of house, so if you know of anyone who may be interested please send them our way.

3.10 Hutton Football Club

Report written and read by Winston Roberts

As another season for the club draws to a close, we reflect on some of the successes both on and off the pitch.

We are still one of the biggest football clubs in the South West. Our junior sides grew by around 5% this season – with over 350 children, along with 67 registered senior players. We are up at around 80 volunteers across all our age groups who help manage, coach and referee and then hundreds more that help out with all sorts of things.

The pitch works we had done a few years ago has really bedded in and this season, apart from the wettest Jan/Feb on record, we haven't had to call many games off. We have also spent a lot of money to completely rip up the patio and relay it, due to being a health and safety issue, and added a pergola for visitors to enjoy in the Sun and Rain!

We now have:

Two Adult (Mens) Teams

An Under 18's Team

A Vets (Over 35) Team

21 Youth teams (including two all-girl teams) and

An Under 6 Development Centre, for 4,5 & 6 year olds. Which has been hosted in Winterstoke sports Hall on Saturday mornings. We will soon be advertising for reception and year one children to start again for the coming season.

Hutton Comets, our Pan Disability weekly session for children between 5 and 11. Is now in its 2nd year and we are still the only grassroots club in the area to be able to do this, and with accreditation. We currently have 12 children signed up, who all enjoy their sessions as much as the coaches!

We are also looking forward to marking small 3 a side pitches at St Marys in the summer, ready for our u7 age group, and we continue to use the Hutton School pitch for our u8s team.

I am pleased to say that our events this year have continued to be successful.

In the summer we were delighted to help out at the Hutton Big Bash again, running the BBQ. It was great fun.

Our junior tournament was held over two days in June, with over 500 games played, and we are so pleased to say without any issues of parking, it did help that the road opened up a few weeks before!

Our presentation in June went well, it was our first time hosting it down at Springwood in a marquee kindly lent to us by Terry! A great success, which is planned for the 13th June this year.

We hosted another amazingly successful village Fireworks display in November.

3.11 Community Speed Watch

Report from Brian Hanks, read by Chair Peter Dutton

Ref village main rd 20 mph zone have rxd guidance from CSW HQ. There has to be a 3 month trial period from completion date to allow motorists to adapt. Depending on the results we may be able to get approval to reinstate the relevant csw sites.

So as it stands it will be june before the assesment takes place.

Subject to decision could be another 2/3 months before we can start sessions. Sorry its not good news but we shall be starting sessions in Elborough next month.

3.12 Neighbourhood Policing Team - Avon and Somerset Police

No report presented.

Chair Pete Dutton made reference to monthly reports received by the Neighbourhood Policing Team with monthly crime stats. Reminding all, that these can be located on the Hutton Parish Website. The Parish Noticeboard also displays the dates of when a representative from the Neighbourhood Policing Team can be found attending the Hutton Village Coffee Mornings.

3.13 Scouting Groups

Report read by Gareth Coombes - Group Lead volunteer

What a year it has been for the group with 130 member and still growing.

A big thank you to leaders for what the do for the groups and the villages.

With the easter egg hunt, taste of Somerset and the Santa float showing scouting in Hutton over the last 12 month.

With having from 4 years to 18 years lots go on each week from learning to sing round a fire to making fires to cook on.

Lots of camping going on over the year some the first night away from home to other with over 50 nights away with lots planed for the rest of the year.

The big think for this is 49 of us going to Kandersteg internation scout camp site in Switzerland in august doing new activities and meeting scouts from around the world.

A big thank you to Steve De-bruin for all his hard work in making this happen for the scouts from getting fundraising to being the main planning lead for this.

What for the group for the next few years

With one of the big thinks we are on the look out for new scout volunteer to help the group grow and moving with some roles on the trust committee all ways helping with the fund raising.

With the scout now over 40 years in the village there is signs of its age with floors and the ceiling we been insured the work will be done soon and hopefully ready for September term when weather changes again a big thank to the parish for what they do to sport the group.

3.14 Hutton Parish News

Report read by Editor Tony Pass

The Annual Parish Meeting provides a good time to review the effectiveness and the impact of the Hutton Parish News and to get feedback on the value for money it provides.

It is now fifteen months since I took over the role of volunteer editor of the Hutton Parish news and 5 issues have been delivered through your doors. This year has added awareness of the responsibility it carries as we achieve 50 years of this publication. Those original pioneers starting up what would be an important communication tool and the many dedicated people over the years editing and delivering it house to house have ensured it has not just continued but has evolved with the village and the parish changes.

The Hutton Parish News is not just a publication; it is the voice of our community, a reflection of our collective identity, and a beacon of information. It is a platform that brings us together, shares our stories, and fosters a sense of belonging.

The success lies in the contributions that are sent to me. I really want to thank the vibrant community of contributors that keep my inbox full of all the activities going on and with news and reports on events that have happened. Without them there would be a lot of blank pages!

I have three aims for my time as editor of the Hutton Parish News;

I want people to be excited when it drops through their front door.

It should be the main point of reference for anything happening in the Hutton Parish area.

I aim to encourage more people to be engaged activities in the village and surrounding areas.

How I see it:

A communication tool for the Parish Council to inform and educate on council functions and decisions. An information tool on who our councillors are, and how a resident would get in touch with them. By showing their photos, I hope it creates a more human side to the council and encourages more effective communication.

It will be a guide to events happening in the village. By promoting these and more people attending, it adds life and vitality to the village and surrounding areas, for now and the future.

It will provide a snapshot of activities in the village. It will celebrate village life, whether that is Hutton Village, Elborough, Woodside or Foxglove Meadows.

A publication that advertisers want to be in -to make the magazine cost effective so it is around for many more years to come.

How I aim to achieve this:

Keep it fresh and current. Reflect the village and the surrounding areas.

Involve all the local groups – encourage their participation in the newsletter.

Showcase the best of Hutton Parish.

Communicate to contributors and advertisers.

Celebrate people who carry out business in the parish.

Champion people who make the parish of Hutton a better place.

I aim to keep it flexible, to keep it evolving based on feedback from residents.

And finally

I thoroughly enjoy putting together this newsletter and I want to thank everyone for the kind feedback I receive. It does mean a lot to me!

I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me. I welcome your ideas, feedback, and collaboration as we move forward. The Hutton Parish News is our collective endeavour, and I am excited to see what we will achieve going forward, and maybe some in this room will witness the 100th anniversary edition in the future.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to continuing to serve you as your editor.

4. Open Forum

A large number of residents in attendance wished to discuss the Outline Planning Application - 26/P/0536/OUT - Land North Of Banwell Road North Of Elborough Village Hutton / Locking.

Chair Peter Dutton opened the forum with the following statement;

The Parish Council will hear residents' comments and note all views expressed.

Following the public participation session, the Parish Council will proceed with its formal consideration of the matter at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 5th May.

The Outline Planning Consultation deadline is now the 7th May.

- This allows 2 opportunities to meet and discuss before the consultation closes (30th April Annual Parish Meeting & 5th May Annual Parish Council Meeting).
- North Somerset Council have put up notices and sent letters to approx. 30 surrounding properties.
- The application is available on the NSC website.
- Currently 107 Objections on the North Somerset Council website.
- There has also been a mail drop by Hutton Parish Council.
- In March 2025 - Hutton Parish Council objected to the North Somerset Local Plan 2040 Additional Sites Housing Consultation.
- In December 2025 – Hutton Parish Council also objected to the Consultation on the North Somerset Council Local Plan 2014 Pre-Submission Plan (Regulation 19) – Adoption of Open Space and Green Infrastructure – Large Sites for development – Land to the West of Elborough and Land North of Banwell Road, Locking/Elborough.
- Access from Banwell Road / Cedern Avenue roundabout: For the Elborough part of the scheme, the original intention was to add a fourth arm to the existing Banwell Road / Cedern Avenue roundabout. It is now proposed to move the entire roundabout slightly to the north, further away from the existing homes, and include a fourth arm up into the development.
- Access from Old Banwell Road: For the Locking part of the scheme, the original intention was to provide vehicle access into the site from as many as four access points along Old Banwell Road. It is now proposed that vehicle access to all of the homes in that part of the scheme will come from a single access point on Old Banwell Road, located a short distance to the west of the A371 junction.
- Change in number of homes proposed: As a result of the above changes, the number of homes proposed in the two parts of the scheme has changed. In the Elborough part, the re-location of the roundabout has led to a reduction in the number of homes, from circa 295 down to circa 270. In the Locking part, the removal of the additional access points has enabled an increase in the number of homes, from circa 105 to circa 145. Overall, across the two parts of the development, the total number of homes has increased slightly, from circa 400 to circa 415.

Residents in attendance raised a number of significant concerns regarding the proposed development. The principal issues highlighted included the anticipated increase in traffic movements and the unsuitability of the existing road network, particularly through Hutton village and at surrounding junctions where accidents and congestion are already experienced. Concerns were also expressed regarding the lack of existing infrastructure to support a development of this scale, including pressure on GP surgeries, hospital services and other community facilities, particularly given the site's close proximity to the substantial developments already under way at Haywood Village and Locking Parklands. Residents further commented on the importance of reinforcing previous developer breaches of planning conditions within the locality. Additional concerns related to the loss of village identity and the perceived detrimental effect on the character and "soul" of Elborough Village, including the view that the design and access proposals appear as an extension of the Locking Parklands style of development and are not in keeping with the award-winning layout and setting of Elborough Village. Extensive concern was also raised regarding flooding and drainage, with residents noting that the area already suffers from undersized drainage infrastructure, regular flooding, and that some Elborough properties have required flood doors. It was further noted that the site lies within a natural valley where surface water already collects, and residents fear additional hard surfacing will exacerbate this. Other concerns raised included increased pollution, impact on mental wellbeing of existing residents, highway safety, loss of the strategic gap between settlements, and whether additional housing numbers could be better accommodated within existing surrounding developments rather than through further loss of open greenfield land.

Also in attendance were two District Councillors together with an Enforcement Officer from North Somerset Council, who provided clarification on a number of matters raised by residents.

The Enforcement Officer explained that any breach of planning condition can only be pursued where a specific requirement has been expressly written into and secured by condition as part of a planning consent.

District Councillor Terry Porter outlined that North Somerset Council's current housing requirement has significantly increased following Government housing targets, resulting in a substantial call for sites process across the district. It was explained that, under current planning guidance, North Somerset Council are advised to approve applications unless demonstrable planning harm can be clearly evidenced.

It was further clarified that formal agreement from surrounding residents is not required in order for land to be promoted through the call for sites process.

In response to questions regarding traffic through Hutton village, District Councillor Porter noted that traffic calming measures had previously been introduced following the development of Elborough Village. However, no specific traffic calming proposals have yet been confirmed within the current application, and further detail has been requested from the Highways Authority.

District Councillor Porter also advised that resident objections would carry the greatest planning weight where focused on matters such as flooding and drainage, highway impact and safety, and the future maintenance and practical management of the proposed country park.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would collate all written representations received, together with comments raised during the open forum, into a summary document to be published on the Parish Council website.

A vote was taken of the 44 attending and participating members of the public and the results were as follows:

Objection to the proposed development on the Land North Of Banwell Road North Of Elborough
Village Hutton / Locking - 43 (97.7%)

Abstention - 1 (2.3%)

In Favour - 0 (0%)

5. **Date of next Annual Parish Meeting** is to be advised, but will fall within the dates of 1st
March – 1st June 2027.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:26pm.

Followed by Tea, Coffee & Biscuits served on behalf of the Parish Council, by Councillors A Sills and L
Eddins.

.....Chairman

.....Date