



EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2026 AT THE PAVILION

Present: Chairman Boyer - Cllrs Kidner, Roberts, Cooke, Ingram, Adams. In attendance the Rev Christine Judson , the Parish Clerk & Ranger

2026/04A To receive any apologies of non-attendance, declarations of interest and dispensations

County Cllrs Aujla & Healey – report sent. Cllr Clackworthy sent their apologies.

Cllr Cooke and Roberts re planning 25/26/00004. Cllr Cooke re agenda points 04 E (2&3)

2026/04B To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 12th March 2026 – these were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Ingram – all in favour

2026/04C Items from the previous agenda –

- 1. Pavilion Update** – Cllr Cooke informed the meeting of all the works that have been carried out at the pavilion. New double patio doors installed, front entrance made more accessible, food now being served with the new kitchen installed. Bookings now being taken for functions to be held at the pavilion. If anyone wishes more information of how to book the Pavilion, then please contact Kathryn on info@easthuntspillcommunitypavilion.co.uk
- 2. Speed Watch update** – the Community Speedwatch group has now been registered with Avon & Somerset Police. The Parish Council is looking for a Speed Watch co-ordinator. If any Parishioner is interested then please contact the Clerk at clerk@easthuntspillparishcouncil.org or ring 07714 300981 for more details
- 3. Unsafe Bridge update** – the dangerous bridge on footpath BW13/7 was reported to Somerset Council, subsequently the clerk contacted our Unitary Cllrs for help in getting it repaired. An email was received by the Clerk informing him “expect the works to be completed this week” dated 16.03.26. The Clerk to write again

2026/04D To receive the following reports

Unitary Councillor – report received and will be posted onto the web site

Village Ranger – report received and will be distributed to Councillors

2026/04E To discuss:

- 1. Parish Council Policies** – it was agreed unanimously to adopt the following policies
 - a) Complaints Procedures
 - b) Grant Policy
 - c) I.T. Policy
 - d) Privacy Policy
 - e) Financial Risk Assessment

- 2. Quotes for Grass Maintenance for play area and Football Pitch cutting.** After discussing all the quotes received, it was agreed unanimously to award Steve Chick for the play area and East Huntspill CC for the playing field for all the grass cutting

- 3. Grant applications** – the Clerk read out all the applications received. It was agreed to award the following grants:

All Saints Church – upkeep of East Huntspill Graveyard	£3000
Church Hall – contribution to the floor repair	£600
East Huntspill Cricket Club – pitch cover	£500
Community Pavilion installation of WIFI + other work	£500

These were agreed unanimously by the Cllrs and will be paid at the May meeting

- 4. White lining request** – the Clerk had received an email from Somerset Council asking for possible white line road markings. The PC to make application of 10 sites identified of needing attention. The Clerk to write to Highways

- 5. Somerset Plating Field Awards** – it was agreed to enter our playground into the competition to be inspected during May 2026

2026/04F Planning Applications –

Application Number	Location	Proposal
25/26/00004	1 Ashlea Park, East Huntspill TA9 3QQ	Proposed side extension to include garage to the ground floor and bedroom/ensuite to the first floor The Parish Council agreed to support this application

Planning applications Still under consideration

Application Number	Location	Proposal
25/24/00012	Land at Church Road, East Huntspill TA9 3PG	Erection of 20no. dwellings with associated access, public open space and landscaping

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of some activity on the planning portal with changes to the house designs

2026/04G To receive the following brief holders' reports

Open Spaces – in hand
Footpaths and bridleways – in hand
Roads and transport – Cllr Adams has been working away from home, and will play catch up with the information
Communications group/website /Facebook – nothing to report
East Huntspill School and Preschool – nothing to report
Village Hall – all good
Councillors –
Chairman – None
Clerk – None

2026/04H Finance - to approve the following payments and the bank reconciliation

Date	Payment to	Description	Amount
31.03.26	EAST HUNTSPILL CRICKET CLUB	GRASS CUTS X 2	£170.00
31.03.26	SOMERSET COUNCIL	DOG LOO EMPTYING – JAN/FEB/MARCH	£202.80
31.03.26	NICHOLS MANAGEMENT	SID DATA – INV 0395	£60.00
31.03.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS SALARY MARCH	£542.80
31.03.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS SALARY	£520.00
31.03.26	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	£297.22
31.03.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS EXPENSES MARCH	£121.50
31.03.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS EXPENSES MARCH	£155.23

2026/04I It was agreed that £30,000 be transferred from the deposit account to the current account

**These will be paid by the Clerk through the Unity Trust online banking facility.
It was resolved to approve the bank reconciliation, and payments.
Proposed by CR and 2nd LA all in favour**

Items for the next agenda:

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next PC meeting THURSDAY MAY 14TH 2026 INCLUDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm in the pavilion

Signed

Date