



EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER 2025 AT THE PAVILION

Present: Chairman Boyer - Cllrs Adams, Kidner, Roberts, Ingram In attendance the Parish Clerk, Ranger, and 1 Parishioner

2025/12A To receive any apologies of non-attendance, declarations of interest and dispensations

County Cllrs Aujla & Healey - report sent – Apologies from Cllrs Clatworthy & Cooke
There were no declarations of interest

2025/12B To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 13th November 2025 –
these were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Adams – all in favour

2025/12C Items from the previous agenda –

- Pavilion Update** – Cllr Cooke was not at the meeting, but the kitchen is work in progress and waiting on the tradesmen to complete electrical and worktops
- Speed Watch update** – despite articles on the web site and social media, there has been no interest in setting up a Speed Watch Group. The Clerk to ask the local PCSO to possible attend the next meeting
- Somerset Council procedure with issues** – the Clerk informed the meeting that the new procedure of reporting potholes/overgrown hedges is a very slow process. Two items were asked by the Clerk on the 18th November, and to date, other than a registration number , nothing has been done

2025/12D To receive the following reports

Unitary Councillor – a report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. This will now be placed on a link on the web site

Village Ranger – distributed to Cllrs prior to the meeting – the Ranger had sent his report for work undertaken within the Parish, which included repair to footpaths and stiles, graffiti removal. He had reported a new handle is required for the keep fit equipment. The Clerk to order the spare part.

2025/12E To discuss:

- 1 **Financial update -to agree precept 2026/2027** – with no other amends to his proposal at the November meeting, it was agreed unanimously to agree the new budget for 2026/27. It means a 2.62% increase year on year. In real terms a tax band D household will be paying £0.03 **LESS** than the previous year. The slight reduction is achieved when all the other services have been taken into consideration
- 2 **Playground Equipment update** – the Clerk had been in touch with the PC's insurance agent to ask about any possible claims being made against the Council. If the PC has regular inspections plus an Annual Inspection, we are covered. The Clerk to book the inspections for the next 12 months
- 3 **Repositioning of SID** – the Clerk had been in touch with Highways, to ask for permission to move the SID (speed indicator device) to various other locations within the parish. All the paperwork to apply for this was given to Cllr Adams to complete.
- 4 **Election Cost** – Somerset Council had informed the Clerk of the new increases for any election in East Huntspill. They advise that a provision should be made to cover any eventualities. The Council has been over the past 3 years, setting aside a contingency for elections
- 5 **Electoral New Boundaries** – the Local Government Boundary Commission has reopened their consultation on possible new division boundaries. Various options have been forwarded by groups, with East Huntspill being banded from one group to the other. To that extent we are asking all residents and local organisation, to share their views. This can be accessed by the link <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/somerset> - this closes on 14th January 2026

2025/12F Planning Applications – No new applications

Application Number	Location	Proposal

Planning applications Still under consideration

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

2025/12G To receive the following brief holders' reports

Open Spaces – The new Ranger has settled in well for all his duties, including stile repairs
Footpaths and bridleways – In hand with the Ranger
Roads and transport – there had been an accident on Church Road, near Watchfield. The accident had been reported, but it was agreed to inform Highways of the need for new white lining at the spot
Communications group/website /Facebook – Clerk asked Cllrs to look on the site and let him know of any amends required
East Huntspill School and Preschool – nothing to report
Village Hall – all good
Councillors – Cllr Kidner informed the meeting of a shed that has appeared under the motorway bridge – New Road/New Bridge Road. Cllr Admas to let the clerk have a photo to send to Highways
Pavilion – none
Chairman –
Clerk – none

2025/12H Finance - to approve the following payments and the bank reconciliation

Date	Payment to	Description	Amount
30.11.25	Jim Murray	Clerks expenses November	£14.95
30.11.25	Jim Murray	Clerks salary November	£542.60
30.11.25	Ranger	Rangers salary November	£520.00
30.11.25	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	£297.42
30.11.25	Steve McGreavy	Payment for disabled alarm in pavilion	£144.00
30.11.25	Nichols management	SID DATA	£60.00

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 LA and 2nd LI – all in favour

Items for the next agenda: NONE

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Next PC meeting **THURSDAY JANUARY 8TH 2026** starting at 7.00pm in the pavilion

Signed

Date