



EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2026 AT THE PAVILION

Present: Chairman Boyer -Cllrs Kidner, Roberts, Ingram and Cooke. In attendance the Parish Clerk & Ranger

- 2026/02A To receive any apologies of non-attendance, declarations of interest and dispensations**
County Cllrs Aujla & Healey – report sent . Cllrs Adams and Clatworthy sent their apologies. Cllr Cooke declared an interest in agenda point 2026/02H (Finance payment)
- 2026/02B To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 8th January 2026 –**
these were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Cooke – all in favour
- 2026/02C Items from the previous agenda –**
- 1. Pavilion Update** – Cllr Cooke informed the meeting of the progress of the kitchen facilities in the Pavilion Community Centre. A few “tweaks” are needed before the planned opening can be planned. The PC thanked Katherine for all her hard work and effort with this project for the Community
 - 2. Speed Watch update** – the Community Speedwatch group has now been registered with Avon & Somerset Police. The group has undergone their training. It was agreed that Cllr Adams would become the Co-ordinator for the group. Once this has been done, proposed site locations will be submitted to the Police where the training will be begin.
- 2026/02D To receive the following reports**
- Unitary Councillor** – report received and will be posted onto the web site
- Village Ranger** – **distributed to Cllrs prior to the meeting** – the Ranger had cleaned the bus shelters. He is amazed at the amount of rubbish in which he has to pick up in the Parish. He has also been trimming back to overgrown footpaths.
- 2026/05E To discuss:**
- 1. Contribution to Church re Xmas lights** – it was agreed that the Clerk to write to the Church explaining that the PC did not ask for a contribution to the wrecked football pitch following the cancellation of the Vintage Car Rally last year, so this enquiry about the electricity was declined

2. **Web site alterations** – it was agreed to run with the site at present
3. **Play Equipment Inspection reports** – the Clerk had received the annual inspection reports for GB Sport & Leisure. There were a couple of concerns, which the Clerk asked the Ranger could he repair, especially the wooden climbing frames. If not to let the Clerk know to have GB Sport & Leisure to remedy
4. **LCN (Local Community Network) representative for the PC** – Cllrs Ingram, Cooke and Roberts stated that they would be willing to attend a quarterly meeting. The Clerk to let the admin team at LCN of their contact details
5. **Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Fouling** – it was agreed that the Clerk to write to SC asking that the wording be updated to include the **WHOLE OF THE PLAYING FIELD** area in the protection order
6. **Quote for grass maintenance for play area/football pitch** – only one quote for both sections have been received before the cut off date Friday March 6th 2026. To be discussed again at the March meeting
7. **New Motorway Junction update** – the Clerk had attended a Teams meeting with National Highways. The scheme is still in its consultation period, but the plan is for work to commence sometime in 2027 and be completed sometime 2030 at a cost of £5 billion

2026/02F Planning Applications –

Application Number	Location	Proposal
25/25/00006	Cornmoor Farm, Cornmoor Lane, East Huntspill TA9 3NZ	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use of agricultural buildings to 1No. dwelling house (ClassC3) and associated building operation This application is now with the Planning Inspectorate and the PC observations stay the same from 13.06.25
25/25/00020	New House Farm, Mark Road, Walrow TA9 4RA	Conversion of Dutch Barns to create 6No. holiday let dwellings The Parish Council agreed to support this application with one abstention

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

2026/02G To receive the following brief holders' reports

Open Spaces – the Ranger had been busy in the Parish and gradually working his way through all the jobs. At this juncture Cllr Ingram asked about the possibility of resurrecting the possible pump track project. It was agreed that she would contact some interested parties and submit their request to the PC to help with their project
Footpaths and bridleways – a few footpaths and stiles have been cut back and repaired
Roads and transport – See minute 2026/02C/2
Communications group/website /Facebook – nothing to report
East Huntspill School and Preschool – nothing to report
Village Hall – all good
Councillors – Cllr Kidner informed the meeting of a shed near Old New Road. The Clerk to investigate and report back
Pavilion – see minutes 2026/02C
Chairman – None
Clerk – the Clerk distributed a copy of the Cllrs interest form, which will be placed on the SC and EH web sites

2025/02H Finance - to approve the following payments and the bank reconciliation

Date	Payment to	Description	Amount
31.01.26	SOMERSET COUNCIL	EMPTYING OF DOG LOO BINS OCT/NOV/DEC	£202.80
31.01.26	EH CRICKET CLUB	FOTTBALL PITCH GRASS CUTS X 2 NOV/DEC	£170.00
31.01.26	MAXWELLS ACCOUNTANTS	PAYROLL OCT/NOV/DEC	£150.00
31.01.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS SALARY JAN	£542.80
31.01.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS SALARY JAN	£520.00
31.01.26	HMRC	PAYE/NIC CONTRIBUTION	£297.22
31.01.26	GB SPORT&LEISURE	MUGA ANNUAL INSPECTION	£228.00
31.01.26	GB SPORT&LEISURE	PARTS TO REPAIR FITNESS ZONE	£159.00
31.01.26	NICHOLS MANAGEMENT	SID DATA MISSED INVOICES X 2	£120.00
31.01.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS EXPENSES JAN	£57.51
31.01.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS EXPENSES JAN	£148.21

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 FK and 2nd CR

Items for the next agenda: POLICY UPDATES

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Next PC meeting **THURSDAY MARCH 12TH 2026** starting at 7.00pm in the pavilion

Signed

Date