



EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2026 AT THE PAVILION

Present: - Chairman Boyer, Cllrs Kidner, Adams, Clatworthy, Roberts, five parishioners plus the Parish Clerk & Ranger

2026/07A To receive any apologies of non-attendance, declarations of interest and dispensations
County Cllrs Aujla & Healey – report sent. Cllrs Cooke & Ingram sent their apologies.

2026/07B To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026 – 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

At this juncture, the Chairman closed the meeting to allow a parishioner to talk about an old planning application (25/26/00005). Due to information given it was agreed that the Clerk to write to Somerset Council to ask for the possibility of the PC's comments to be retracted

The meeting was then reopened at 7.15pm

2026/07C Items from the previous agenda –

- 1. Car park gate re security & signage** – the new security posts have now been installed at the entrance to the playing field at New Road. The gate at the car park, to be discussed at the August meeting re the possibility of a new gate to include a pedestrian access when the gate will be closed.

2026/07D To receive the following reports

Unitary Cllrs – distributed prior to the meeting
Village Ranger - distributed prior to the meeting

2026/07E To discuss:

- 1) New Councillor** - the Parish Council interviewed Nigel Adams. It was agreed agreed to co-opt him to the Council. Proposed by Cllr Kidner & Clatworthy (with 1 abstention). The Clerk to let him have the appropriate forms and welcomed him the Parish Council
- 2) “Lego block”** – as the Council now has the new security posts installed by the entrance to the playing field , the Clerk to ask Gary who donated the block to see if he wants it back, or the clerk to contact Woolavington PC to see if they need one for their field

- 3) **Financial update** – the Clerk had distributed the quarterly figures for the Parish Council and invited Cllrs for any queries in the accounts. None were forthcoming and clerk informed the meeting that we have spent 30% of the precept to date
- 4) **Winter Grit Boxes** – the Clerk had received an email from Somerset Council about the stock levels of grit in our parish. He is to inform SC where the “dumpy bags” x 2 are located and the stock levels being around a ¼ full
- 5) **Inpost/Amazon Lockers** – Cllr Adams informed the meeting of the possibility of installing a unit at the pavilion car park. A meeting with the supplier is to take place at the end of July and the Clerk to find out what the implications are with the Parish Council insurance

2026/07G Planning Applications – NONE

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
25/26/00005	Barn A, Moor Row Farm, Merry Lane East Huntspill TA9 3PS	Change of use of building land for sale, storage, preparation, cleaning and restoring to vehicles (to include ancillary repairs of motor vehicles (Retrospective)

2026/07H To receive the following brief holders’ reports

Open Spaces – None
Footpaths and bridleways – the Ranger is working weekly and trimming back some of the brambles etc on the footpaths
Roads and transport – Cllr Adams distributed the Speed Indication Device findings about the number of vehicles travelling through our parish along with their speed. This information to be placed on the webs site and passed onto the local PCSO officer.
Communications group/website /Facebook – in hand
East Huntspill School and Preschool – in hand
Village Hall – all good
Councillors – Cllr Clatworthy asked about the signage needed to stop the children climbing over the fence at the bottom of the field. The Clerk to arrange new signage
Chairman – None
Clerk – informed the meeting of the reply from SALC re the lease of the field. The PC is correct that by having the Cricket club using the field is a Health & Safety issue for the public, and especially children using the parks equipment

2026/07i Finance - to approve the following payments and the bank reconciliation

Date	Payment to	Description	Amount
30.06.26	A&W COOKE	INSTALLATION OF SECURITY BOLLARDS	£380.00
30.06.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS SALARY JUNE	£507.20
30.06.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS SALARY JUNE	£520.00
30.06.26	HMRC	PAYE/NIC FOR CLERK	£332.82
30.06.26	EH CRICKET CLUB	2 GRASS CUTS OF PLAYING FIELD	£170.00
30.06.26	STEVE CHICK	GRASS CUTTING JUNE	£365.00
30.06.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS EXPENSES JUNE	£19.90
30.06.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS EXPENSES JUNE	117.00
30.06.26	FLEXIMEDIA	PLAYGROUND INSPECTION PADS	£95.00

**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 FK and 2nd JC - all in favour**

Items for the next agenda: add under brief holders report Pavilion and Speed Watch

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Next PC meeting **THURSDAY AUGUST 13TH 2026** starting at 7.00pm in the pavilion

Signed

Date