



EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026 AT THE PAVILION

Present: - Chairman Boyer, Cllrs Kidner, Cooke, Ingram, Clatworthy, One parishioner plus the Parish Clerk & Ranger

Prior to the meeting being opened, Christine Judson addressed the Council, thanking the Council for their grant towards the upkeep of the All-Saints Churchyard. She informed the meeting of the Cricket for Farmers event and plans are ongoing re the vintage car show being moved to later on in the year

- 2026/06A To receive any apologies of non-attendance, declarations of interest and dispensations**
County Cllrs Aujla & Healey – report sent. Cllrs Adams and Roberts. Cllr Cooke re agenda point 06F
- 2026/06B To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 14th MAY 2026** – these were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Cooke and seconded by Cllr Ingram – all in favour
- 2026/06C Items from the previous agenda –**
- 1. Licencing Review discussion** – the application for an alcohol licence was agreed at the May meeting by the Council for the Community Pavilion but on reflection 2 Cllrs expressed had contacted the Clerk to see if a licence for “occasional events” be managed using a Temporary Event Notice. As the Clerk had already given the go ahead at Somerset Council, the licence had been granted.
- 2026/06D To receive the following reports**
- Unitary Councillor** – no report had been received
- Village Ranger** – report received and was distributed to Councillors. Just to let you know, that in the month of May, the Ranger had picked up **47 bags of rubbish**.
- 2026/06E To discuss:**
- 1) Cricket Club Proposal of moving to New Road** – the Clerk informed the meeting that he had contacted the Property Lawyer at Somerset Council, to ascertain if the cricket club could move to the playing field on New Road. This is a copy of her findings – *“Therefore, using the field for playing cricket would be acceptable in principle, but the land should remain a general playing field and not be used solely or exclusively as a cricket pitch.* The Chairman allowed Cllr Cooke to explain the feasibility of the move. A vote was taken and it was agreed that with Health & Safety issues that permission would not be granted. There was one abstention

- 2) **“lego block at New Road field entrance** – with the block needed to be moved to let a contractor into the field for maintenance, it was brought to the Parish Council’s attention, that the gap between the gate and the block was too wide, enabling vans etc into the field. It was agreed that the block be moved to secure the entrance to the field. The possibility of folding post was discussed, Cllr Cooke to investigate with the Chairman. It was agreed that with some anti-social at the playing field, the gate at the entrance would now be locked at various times, and a sign purchased showing the opening/closing hours.
- 3) **New Councillor interview** – the Parish Council had received an interest from a parishioner in becoming a Cllr. It was agreed to invite him to the July meeting – prior to the Council meeting starting to formally interview him
- 4) **Garden Club Planters** – the Chairman and Cllr Clatworthy agreed to meet up and reposition the planters in the Parish. This followed an email from Mrs Bennett
- 5) **Anti-Social behaviour at playing field** – the Clerk had received an email from a parishioner concerned with the number of motorbikes, etc using the car park and field on New Road. See point 2 above re gate being closed in the evenings
- 6) **SALC Gypsy Roma Traveller sessions** – the Clerk had an email from SALC highlighting a TEAMS meeting session from the traveller liaison officer from Somerset Council. The Clerk to distribute to the Cllrs for them to book in

2026/06F Planning Applications –

Application Number	Location	Proposal
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 restoration of vehicles (to include ancillary repairs of motor vehicles) (Retrospective) The Parish Council agreed unanimously to object to 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

2026/06G To receive the following brief holders' reports

Open Spaces – in hand
Footpaths and bridleways – the Ranger is working weekly and trimming back some of the brambles etc on the footpaths
Roads and transport – speeding was discussed again. Cllr Clatworthy to let the Clerk have a picture of the demolished chevron road sign near her land to get Highways to replace ASAP. The Clerk to ask traffic management to possibly look at the speeding along New Road
Communications group/website /Facebook – in hand
East Huntspill School and Preschool – in hand
Village Hall – all good
Councillors – Cllr Clatworthy stated that the hedge near the school is overhanging onto the pavement. She is to let the clerk have the address so a notice can be served on the occupier to trim back Cllr Cooke informed the meeting of how successful the Community Pavilion is with coffee morning and lots of interest being shown by parishioners
Chairman – None
Clerk – informed the meeting of the new costs that will be implemented to the Parish Council regarding the next planned election in May 2027

2026/06H Finance - to approve the following payments and the bank reconciliation

Date	Payment to	Description	Amount
31.05.26	HMRC	PAYE/NIC CONTRIBUTION	£332.82
31.05.26	NICHOLS MANAGEMENT	SID DATA – MAY – INV 0512	£60.00
31.05.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS SALARY MAY	£507.20
31.05.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS SALARY MAY	£520.00
31.05.26	SOMERSET PLAYING FIELD ASS.	YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION	£15.00
31.05.26	STEVE CHICK	GRASS CUTTING MAY	£365.00
31.05.26	EH CRICKET CLUB	PLAYING FIELD CUTS 06.04/20.04/04.05	311.00
31.05.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS EXPENSES MAY	£390.55
31.05.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS EXPENSES MAY	£170.86
31.05.26	ALL SAINTS CHURCH	CONTRIBUTION TO ELECTRIC RE XMAS LIGHTS	£10.00

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 – there was one abstention

Items for the next agenda:

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Next PC meeting THURSDAY JULY 9TH 2026 starting at 7.00pm in the pavilion

Signed

Date