



EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

2026/03A To receive any apologies of non-attendance, declarations of interest and dispensations
County Cllrs Aujla & Healey – report sent. Cllrs Adams and Cooke sent their apologies.

2026/03B To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 12th February 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

2026/03C Items from the previous agenda –

- 1. Pavilion Update** – a new sign is now in place, and the kitchen has been fully fitted out. Drinks and snacks were served to the people attending football last week. More work to be undertaken with the installation of a new patio door, leading out to the field
- 2. Speed Watch update** – the Community Speedwatch group has now been registered with Avon & Somerset Police and training will take place soon

2026/03D To receive the following reports

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

Village Ranger – the Ranger identified the bridge on footpath BW 13/7 being dangerous – the Clerk had reported this on the Somerset Council footpath site

2026/03E To discuss:

- 1. Contribution to Church re Xmas lights** – it was agreed that a payment of £10 be sent to the Church
- 2. Parish Council Policies** – it was agreed unanimously to adopt the policies
 - a) Financial Regulations
 - b) Code of Conduct
 - c) Standing OrdersThe other policies will be adopted at the next meeting
- 3. Play Equipment Inspection reports** – the Ranger had carried out some inspections of the play equipment and had made some repairs. The Rocker See Saw is showing signs of wear on the bearings. The Clerk to ask for a quote to repair

4. **Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Fouling** – it was agreed that the Clerk to write to Somerset Council asking that the WHOLE OF THE PLAYING FIELD area be included in the protection order
5. **Quote for grass maintenance for play area/football pitch** – 2 quotes for each of the areas had now been received and an extension to the end of March for the other contractors to send their tender to the Clerk. This will be discussed at the April meeting
6. **Annual Parish Meeting** – this will take place before the Parish Council meeting on Thursday April 9th. Lynne Ingram will give a talk about the possible threat of the Asian Hornet in Somerset.
7. **Grant applications** – 2 requests have been received and as the closing date is Friday 27th March – decisions will be at the April meeting

2026/03F Planning Applications –

Application Number	Location	Proposal
25/26/00001	Ashton Farm, Withy Road, East Huntspill TA9 3NW	Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of fodder and machinery The Parish Council agreed to support this application
25/26/00002	New Road Farm, New Road East Huntspill TA9 3PZ	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from Commercial, Business and service (Use class E) to 1No. dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) This application was granted by Somerset Council 10.03.26

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

2026/03G To receive the following brief holders' reports

Open Spaces – the Clerk had received a catalogue of new play equipment for the Cllrs to see ideas of a replacement climbing frame. To discuss at the April meeting
Footpaths and bridleways – see point 2026/03D
Roads and transport – None as Cllr Adams away
Communications group/website /Facebook – nothing to report
East Huntspill School and Preschool – nothing to report
Village Hall – all good
Councillors – Cllrs Roberts and Ingram had attended a LCN meeting and gave a verbal report of what was discussed
Chairman – None
Clerk – None

2025/03H Finance - to approve the following payments and the bank reconciliation

Date	Payment to	Description	Amount
28.02.26	ZURICH MUNICIPAL	INSURANCE FOR PARISH COUNCIL	1682.29
28.02.26	SCRIBE ACCOUNTS	SOFTWARE RENEWAL TO MARCH 27	£532.80
28.02.26	NICHOLS MANAGEMENT	SID DATA – INV 0277	£90.00
28.02.26	STEVE CHICK	REMOVING XMAS TREE AT CHURCH	£45.00
28.02.26	HMRC	PAYE/NIC CONTRIBUTION	£297.42
28.02.26	JIM MURRAY	SALARY FEB	£542.60
28.02.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS FEB SALARY	£520.00
28.02.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS EXPENSES FEB	£14.95
28.02.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS EXPENSES FEB	£116.75

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

Items for the next agenda:

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Next PC meeting **THURSDAY APRIL 9TH 2026** following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm in
 the pavilion

Signed

Date