



# EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 AT THE PAVILION

**Present:** - Cllrs Kidner, Roberts, Cooke, Ingram, Adams. One parishioner plus the Parish Clerk & Ranger

**2026/05A To receive any apologies of non-attendance, declarations of interest and dispensations**  
County Cllrs Aujla & Healey – report sent. Due to work commitments, Chairman Boyer sent his apologies. Cllr Clatworthy due to family bereavement

**At this juncture, the Vice Chairman Cllr Adams chaired the meeting**

The Chair stood down, and the Clerk then asked for nominations to become Chairman. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Boyer would continue as Chairman. In his absence, Cllr Boyer had confirmed that he would accept the position if elected. The Clerk to see Cllr Boyer to sign the acceptance form, then Vice Chairman Adams retook the meeting

**2026/05B Election of officers and Cllrs responsibilities 2026/2027**

Position of Responsibility in East Huntspill Parish Council	Councillor/s	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	BOYER	LA	LI
Vice Chairman	ADAMS	KC	CR
Finance	KIDNER/ADAMS	KC	LI
Footpaths & Bridleways	BOYER	LA	CR
Village Hall	ROBERTS	LI	FK
Roads and Transport	ADAMS	FK	CR
Open Spaces	INGRAM	KC	LA
Pavilion Community Hub	COOKE	CR	LI

School	COOKE	LA	CR
Web Site/Social Media	CLERK/ADAMS	FK	LI
Personnel	ADAMS	CR	FK
Local Community Network (LCN)	ALL		
Grievance Procedure	AS AND WHEN NEEDED		

**2026/05C To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April 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

**2026/05D Items from the previous agenda –**

- 1. Pavilion Update** – Cllr Cooke informed the meeting of all the works activity going on with the Community Hub. A regular Wednesday coffee morning is going well. It is planned for regular organisations to attend to answer any queries, for example a visit by Wessex Water was well received. A date for your diaries **WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2026** – MP Tessa Hunt will be attending

**2026/05E To receive the following reports**

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

**Village Ranger** – report received and will be distributed to Councillors. The Ranger is concerned that the used needles still have not been removed from near the play area . The Clerk to write to Somerset Council asking for this to be done. Repair work is to be carried out with some of the rotten posts in the play area.

**2026/05F To discuss:**

- 1. Dog Fouling** – the Clerk had received an offer from Keep Britain Tidy for some No Dog signs. It was agreed that Cllr Cooke would laminate some and post around the Parish
- 2. Licensing Application – Community Pavilion** - the Clerk had received an application from Somerset Council to grant a drinks premises licence for the Pavilion. The Clerk had distributed an email from Mr A Beechey objecting to the application. After much discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council to support the application. Since the Parish now only has one public house which has intermittent trading hours, and that the Pavilion would only be serving alcohol on an as and when basis, for a function etc, like the Village Hall.

## 2026/05G Planning Applications –

Application Number	Location	Proposal
25/26/00003	5 Factory Lane, Bason Bridge, East Huntspill TA9 4RN	Extension to North of the existing building <b>The Parish Council agreed a comment be placed on the planning portal</b>

### 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
25/26/00004	1 Ashlea Park, East Huntspill TA9 3QQ	Proposed side extension to include garage to ground floor and bedroom/ensuite to the first floor

## 2026/05H To receive the following brief holders' reports

<b>Open Spaces</b> – in hand
<b>Footpaths and bridleways</b> – in hand
<b>Roads and transport</b> – Cllr Adams distributed a details analysis of the SID reports – a copy of the summary will be placed on the web site. The average speed through the Village is 26.6 mph.
<b>Communications group/website /Facebook</b> – in hand
<b>East Huntspill School and Preschool</b> – in hand
<b>Village Hall</b> – all good
<b>Councillors</b> – please see notes below
<b>Chairman</b> – None
<b>Clerk</b> – None

Cllr Cooke informed the Parish Council of the possibility of the Cricket Club moving from their existing ground to the New Road play area. As the Parish Council rent the field from Somerset Council, the Clerk to write to them asking if this would be in order re the lease terms

## 2026/05i Finance - to approve the following payments and the bank reconciliation

Date	Payment to	Description	Amount
30.04.26	EAST HUNTSPILL CRICKET CLUB	GRASS CUTS X 1	£85.00
30.04.26	GB SPORT AND LEISURE	APRIL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION	£48.00
30.04.26	NICHOLS MANAGEMENT	SID DATE – INV 0469	£60.00
30.04.26	JIM MURRAY	APRIL SALARY 2026	£507.40
30.04.26	MALCOLM SWEET	APRIL SALARY 2026	£520.00
30.04.26	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	£332.62

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payment to</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
30.04.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS EXPENSES APRIL	£109.35
30.04.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS EXPENSES APRIL	£124.89
30.04.26	RICHARD YOUNG	INTERNAL AUDIT	£50.00
30.04.26	FLEXIMEDIA	WEBSITE ANNUAL HOSTING	£393.00
30.04.26	MAXWELLS PAYROLL	JAN/FEB/MARCH	£99.00
30.04.26	SALC	AFFILIATION FEE 2026/27	£626.33
30.04.26	STEVE CHICK	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE 1/9	£365.00
	<b>GRANT APPLICATION</b>	<b>AS AGREED AT THE APRIL MEETING</b>	
30.04.26	ALL SAINTS CHURCH	UPKEEP OF GRAVEYARD	£3000.00
30.04.26	CHURCH HALL	CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS FLOOR REPAIR	£600.00
30.04.26	EH CRICKET CLUB	PITCH COVER X 1	£500.00
30.04.26	COMMUNITY PAVILION	INSTALLATION OF WI-FI	£500.00

**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 CR and 2<sup>nd</sup> LI all in favour**

**2026/05J**

**To approve audit documents for 2025/2026**

- a) Approval of Governance statement**
- b) Approval of Statement of Accounts**
- c) Approval of financial risk assessment**

As the Chairman was absent, it was agreed unanimously by the Parish Council to endorse the above, with the Clerk to arrange signature of the Chairman as not present at the meeting

**Items for the next agenda: Cricket Club**

**The meeting closed at 8.05 pm**

Next PC meeting **THURSDAY JUNE 11th 2026** starting at 7.00pm in the pavilion

Signed .....

Date .....