EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2026 AT THE PAVILION

Present: - Chairman Boyer, Cllrs Kidner, L Adams, Ingram, Cooke, Clatworthy, plus 2 parishioners along with the Parish Clerk & Ranger

2026/10A To receive any apologies of non-attendance, declarations of interest and dispensations
County Cllrs Aujla & Healey – report sent. Cllr Roberts & N Adams sent their apologies.

2026/10B To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 10th September 2026 – these were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Adams Jnr and seconded by Cllr Kidner– all in favour

2026/10C Items from the previous agenda –

1. **Unitary response from Somerset Council –** the Clerk had contacted the leader of the opposition at Somerset Council re the "no show" of the Unitary Cllrs to Parish Council meetings. The response was that he will speak to both on their return to Somerset Council.
2. **National Highways presentation (provisional)** – the Chairman updated the meeting that Highways are now looking to come along – possibly March/April2027
3. **Pavilion Grant (£1000) to contribute to grass maintenance –** it was agreed that the PC would make this contribution to enable the football pitches to be in good condition with the extra teams playing at New Road. Cllr Cooke to let the Clerk have a copy of the quote. The Chairman stated that in other Parishes, the football clubs have obtained grants from the Football Association for this procedure.
4. **Inconsiderate parking – New Road update –** pictures of cars parked at the corner of Church Road/New Road were sent to Highways. A car had been clamped (although this was done by the DVLA) – this will be ongoing
5. **Internet at pavilion (grant £500 – given 18.05.26) –** Cllr Cooke informed the meeting that internet is now available at the Pavilion and the password given to Cllrs

2026/10E To receive the following reports
Unitary Cllrs – distributed prior to the meeting.
Village Ranger – due to a postal "glitch" the reports from the Ranger were not received by the Clerk. As soon as they arrive, the Clerk to distribute his report. The Ranger gave a report on the footpaths which had been repaired

2026/010F To discuss:

1) **Budget 2027/28 – pre- work –** Cllr Adams and the Clerk presented a year to date spend against the precept budget for 01.04.26 – 30.09.26. An initial proposal for the 2027/28 precept was presented to the Cllrs. It was agreed that copies be distributed to all the Council for their input at the November meeting to finalise the precept.
2) **Parish Litter Pick up –** the Clerk had been sent correspondence to arrange a parish litter pick up day. After much conversation it was agreed, that the Ranger already does an excellent **j**ob litter picking with over 12 bags per week being picked up!!
3) **National Planning Policy Framework –** the Clerk had received a notification from Somerset Council re some of the changes being made to planning applications. There were a few anomalies in the proposals given, but has been assured that training will be made available for the full Council
4) **Peoples Emergency Briefing –** the Clerk had been contacted by the Rev Judson, re the possibility of showing an emergency briefing film and wanted support from the Council. The Clerk to contact Rev Judson and enquire how the PC can help
5) **Community Resilience Day –** this is to be held at Milford School with the Rivers Authority making various presentations during the day. It is to be held on WEDNESDAY October 21st, refreshments and stalls will be available. A link will be sent to the Clerk to place on our web site for parishioners to attend

2026/10G 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

2026/10H To receive the following brief holders' reports

Open Spaces – All OK
Footpaths and bridleways – the Ranger is working weekly with the trimming back some of the brambles etc on the footpaths
Roads and transport – Cllr L Adams stated that the average speed within the parish is 27mph. Highs were recorded of 71mph
Communications group/website /Facebook – in hand
East Huntspill School and Preschool – all ok
Village Hall – all good
Pavilion – all ok
Speed Watch – all ok
Councillors – Cllr Ingram informed the meeting of the threat of the Asian Hornet to Somerset, 3 cases have been found, the closed being in Ashcott. Current details of how to spot them will be placed in all the notice boards, web site and social media to make parishioners aware of the danger
Chairman – a Poppy Wreath will be placed at the Remembrance Service in November – the PC agreed that a donation of £100 be made to British Legion
Christmas Tree – the Clerk to enquire with the Church with the possibility of installing a fixed waterproof socket to enable the Xmas tree lights to have power. He is to obtain quotes from accredited electricians to install one

2026/10i Finance - to approve the following payments and the bank reconciliation

Date	Payment to	Description	Amount
30.09.26	NICHOLS MANAGEMENT	SID DATA SEPTEMBER – INV 260043	£60.00
30.09.26	EAST HUNTSPILL CC	3 PLAYING FIELD CUTS	£255.00
30.09.26	GB SPORT & LEISURE	PARTS FOR REPAIR TO GYRO	£105.60
30.09.26	STEVE CHICK	GRASS CUTS SEPTEMBER	£365.00
30.09.26	JIM MURRAY	CLERKS SALARY SEPTEMBER	£507.20
30.09.26	MALCOLM SWEET	RANGERS SALARY SEPTEMBER	£520.00
30.09.26	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	£332.82
30.09.26	PKF LITTLEJOHN	EXTERNAL AUDIT	£252.00
30.09.26	MALCOLM SWEET	EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER	£288.16

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 LA and 2nd FK- all in favour

Items for the next agenda: CLERKS AND RANGERS REVIEW

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Next PC meeting **THURSDAY November 12th 2026** starting at 7.00pm in the pavilion

Signed …….

Date ……