



EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14th AUGUST 2025 AT THE PAVILION

Present: Chairman Boyer - Cllrs Kidner, Adams, Cooke, Ingram and Roberts In attendance the Parish Clerk and the Ranger. Mr Howgate from the football club

2025/08A To receive any apologies of non-attendance, declarations of interest and dispensations

County Cllrs Aujla & Healey - no report – No Apologies from Cllr Harvey.

Cllr Kidner declared an interest in planning 25/25/00009

2025/08B To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 10th JULY 2025 – these were accepted as a true record and were proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Adams – all in favour

2025/08C Items from the previous agenda –

- 1. New Ranger update** – the Clerk had updated the Ranger's job description, and with one amendment to the file, it was agreed to advertise the position on social media and the website along with all notice boards.
- 2. New location of SID near Watchfield** – Cllr Adams has sent the preferred location on Church Road nr to Bason Bridge Brewing company. The Clerk to write to Highways and the Police for permission.

2025/08D To receive the following reports

Unitary Councillor – NONE RECEIVED

Village Ranger – distributed to Cllrs prior to the meeting

The Ranger was asked to remove the small tree near the boulders in the Play area – as it has died. He is to liaise with the hedging contractor about the flaying of the hedge perimeter of the playing field. He stated that the gate near the entrance to the play area is faulty. The Clerk to contact GB Sport & Leisure for a price to replace the gate

2025/07E To discuss:

- 1 Pavilion modifications and update on the new Committee** – Cllr Cooke informed the meeting that a committee has now been formed. There was still a problem opening a bank account, which is in hand and should be opened before the September meeting. At this juncture Mr Howgate addressed the meeting about the state of the football pitch. With all the dry weather some large cracks had appeared. It was agreed that costings to be found by the Pavilion Committee to scarify the ground. He also mentioned that, if everything went to plan, another pitch can be planned to bring in more revenue to the pavilion

- 2 **Planning “prior to approval”** – the Clerk informed the meeting that several applications are being issued for prior to approval. These usually do not come to the PC for comments. As the planning department at Somerset is in turmoil with backlogs of applications, it was agreed that the Clerk to now present to the Council ALL applications with a few chosen words, expressing our concerns
- 3 **. Gov.uk new emails** – SALC are advising PC’s the need for a .gov.uk email address. The Clerk had been given a name of a provider. It was agreed that the Clerk to discuss with the provider what is in fact needed for the web site and the Clerk’s email address. He is to report back at the next meeting

2025/08F Planning Applications -

Application Number	Location	Proposal
25/25/00007	Colworth House, Withy Road, East Huntspill TA9 3NW	Change of use of agricultural land for recreational dog walking The Parish Council agreed unanimously to object to this application
25/25/00009	New Road Farm, New Road, East Huntspill TA9 3PZ	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed Change of use of Barn (use Class E) to 1no. dwellinghouse (Use class C3) The Parish Council agreed unanimously to submit a comment only to this application

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
25/24/00018	Cote Farm, White House Lane East Huntspill TA9 3PD	Erection of an agricultural building for general storage purposes

2025/08G To receive the following brief holders' reports

Open Spaces – Nothing to report – all work which he undertook, has been completed
Footpaths and bridleways – nothing to report
Roads and transport – Cllr Adams presented to the PC a detailed analysis of the SID data over the past few months. The average speed through the village stands at 28mph.
Communications group/website /Facebook – A job description to be placed on the web site and Facebook advertising the position for a new Ranger
East Huntspill School and Preschool – nothing to report
Village Hall – all good
Councillors – none
Pavilion – none
Chairman – none
Clerk – asked permission to buy a printer for his clerk's work (agreed unanimously)

2025/9H Finance - to approve the following payments and the bank reconciliation

Date	Payment to	Description	Amount
31.07.25	Jim Murray	Expenses to end of July 25	£216.95
31.07.25	Steve Chick	Rangers Salary July 25	£627.60
31.07.25	Jim Murray	Clerks salary July 25	£542.80
31.07.25	HMRC	PAYE – employers NIC	£313.36
31.07.25	Steve Chick	Rangers expenses July 25	£16.20
31.07.25	Steve Chick	Playing field upkeep July	£350.00
31.07.25	Nichols Management	SID DATA – inv nfm24/0062	£90.00

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 2nd LA– all in favour and signed off

Items for the next agenda:

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Next PC meeting **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH 2025** starting at 7.00pm in the pavilion

Signed

Date