



# EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 AT THE PAVILION

**Present:** Chairman Boyer - Cllrs Adams, Clatworthy, Cooke, Kidner, Roberts In attendance the Parish Clerk, Ranger, plus new Ranger and 6 Parishioners

- 2025/11A To receive any apologies of non-attendance, declarations of interest and dispensations**  
County Cllrs Aujla & Healey - report sent – Apologies from Cllr Ingram. Declarations of interest were declared by Cllrs Kidner and Clatworthy re planning 00008. Cllr Kidner also declared an interest in planning 00016
- 2025/11B To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – these were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Adams – all in favour

**At this juncture, the Chairman welcomed Jenny Clatworthy, being Co-opted as a new Parish Councillor.**

**She then signed the Declaration of Office Form**

- 2025/11C Items from the previous agenda –**
- 1. Pavilion Update** – Cllr Cooke informed the meeting that the new kitchen area is nearly complete. Grant applications have been made including the Lotto. The Chairman asked her to perhaps contact Gravity for a possible grant. The alarm had been triggered a few times, and the electrician is to be contacted to resolve.
- 2025/11D To receive the following reports**
- Unitary Councillor** – a report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. This will now be placed on a link on the web site
- Village Ranger – distributed to Cllrs prior to the meeting** – Steve Chick informed the meeting that the Church had given him permission to erect the Christmas Tree and lights outside the Church. The Parish Council wish to thank Mr Graham Caldwell for his very kind donation of the Christmas Tree for the Community.
- Steve also brought along his award he received from Somerset Council Chair for Service to the Community – for which the PC had nominated him for his sterling work throughout the Parish
- The PC then welcomed the new Ranger -Malcolm Sweet who will now be taking over from Steve.

**2025/11E To discuss:**

- 1 Financial update -proposed precept 2026/2027** – the Clerk, along with Cllr Adams presented a proposal for the precept for the next financial year. He explained in full detail of all the various departments with decreases and increases in the budget. The Cllrs to see if any amendments are required and will report back at the next meeting
- 2 Speed Watch Group/PCSO Hale** – it was hoped that the local PCSO would attend, to give the Council more detail of how to set a group up for East Huntspill. It was agreed that the Clerk to place a feature on the web site asking for any parishioners interested in setting up a group to contact the Clerk. Cllr Cooke to place an article on the social media sites.
- 3 Playground Equipment** – the Clerk informed the meeting of some litigation at his other PC he is Clerk for, re a child allegedly falling from a piece of playground equipment and injuring themselves. The Clerk had checked with the playground inspection contractor to see if the PC was covered. The advice was to have signage placed at key areas, as the equipment is being maintained correctly. The Clerk to arrange the signage.

**2025/11F Planning Applications – No new applications**

Application Number	Location	Proposal
25/25/00008	Court Farm, Burtle Road, East Huntspill TA9 3PD	Erection of covered agricultural yard  <b>The Council agreed to support this application</b>
25/25/00014	40 Ashlea Park, East Huntspill TA9 3QQ	Fell 2No. Acer Campestre (T1 & T2) (TPO ref T1 & T2) to within 1m above the ground  <b>The Council agreed to make a no comment on the planning portal</b>
25/25/00015	South View, Catherine Street, East Huntspill TA9 3PX	Change of use of garage/home office to holiday let and erection of new garage on site of existing timber shed (To be demolished)  <b>The Council agreed to support this application</b>
25/25/00016	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)  <b>The Council agreed to object to this application</b>
25/25/00017	Cote Farm, White House Lane, East Huntspill TA9 3PD	Erection of an agricultural building for general storage purposes  <b>The Council agreed to make a no comment on the planning portal</b>

### 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

### 2025/11G To receive the following brief holders' reports

<b>Open Spaces</b> – The new Ranger has settled in well for all his duties.
<b>Footpaths and bridleways</b> – Ranger has been proactive with repairs to some bridges and trimming back the brambles
<b>Roads and transport</b> – Cllr Adams stated that there had been 5 accidents this month – the average speed is 27.38 – top speed was 91 mph at 7.30am!!!
<b>Communications group/website /Facebook</b> – Clerk reported new web site live
<b>East Huntspill School and Preschool</b> – nothing to report
<b>Village Hall</b> – all good
<b>Councillors</b> – Cllr Kidner informed the meeting of an overgrown hedge at Durston Farm. Clerk to send letter asking for them to trim. Also, a couple of street lights are on 24 hours. He is to let the Clerk know the lamp post numbers to write to highways
<b>Pavilion</b> – none
<b>Chairman</b> –
<b>Clerk</b> – none

### 2025/11H Finance - to approve the following payments and the bank reconciliation

Date	Payment to	Description	Amount
31.10.25	Jim Murray	Clerks expenses Oct 25	£72.71
31.10.25	Steve Chick	Rangers Salary Oct 25	£627.60
31.10.25	Jim Murray	Clerks Salary Oct 25	£542.80
31.10.25	Malcolm Sweet	New Rangers Salary Oct 25	£520.00
31.10.25	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	£328.81
31.10.25	Maxwells Accountants	Payroll Services July/Aug/Sept	£90.00
31.10.25	Steve Chick	Rangers expenses Oct 25	£60.66
31.10.25	ChelCam Construction	Work carried out at the pavilion	£1150.00
31.10.25	Steve Chick	Grass cuts for Oct 25	£350.00
31.10.25	Huntspill News	Advert in Newsletter	£30.00
31.10.25	East Huntspill Cricket Club	Football pitch cuts July/Aug/Sept/Oct	£340.00
31.10.25	Fleximedia	Work re new domain name	£110.00
31.10.25	Malcolm Sweet	Rangers Expenses Oct 25	£29.00
31.10.25	Nichols Management	SID DATA files	£60.00
31.10.25	Somerset Council	Emptying dog loo bins July/Aug/Sept	£202.80
31.10.25	Steve McGreavy	Electrical work at pavilion	£843.00
31.10.25	Water2business	Water at pavilion	£114.32

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> CR – and signed off,**

**Items for the next agenda:     NONE**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next PC meeting **THURSDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 2025** starting at 7.00pm in the pavilion

Signed .....

Date .....