

EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of **East Huntspill Parish Council** that was held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Monday 16th October 2006** that commenced at **7.30 pm** when the following business was be transacted.

Prior to the official commencement of the meeting the clerk advised the meeting that in the absence of the chairman due to holidays it was necessary to elect a chairman for the evening. Councillor Francis Kidner was so proposed and seconded whereupon he assumed the chair.

He then invited Mrs Kathryn Cooke to make the statutory declaration as a Parish Councillor. This she did and then took her place on the Council seats.

PRESENT Councillors Mr Francis Kidner (Acting Chairman) Mrs K Cooke and V Shellard together with Messrs G Boyer N Litton R Puddy J S B Woolley and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were 4 members of the public present together with District Councillors Mrs J Moreton M P Herbert

“Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race gender sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

33.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillor Mrs T J Salway

33.2 To receive any declarations of interest

33.6	M Paul Herbert	SDC Executive Member
33.8.1	R Puddy – Personal	Village Hall Member

33.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the joint Meeting of the Finance Committee and Personnel Committee held on Monday 17th July 2006 and the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th September 2006

Resolved that the Minutes of the joint Meeting of the Finance Committee and Personnel Committee held on the 17th July 2006 be signed and approved as being a correct record subject to the word “cursory” being deleted

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th September 2006 be signed and approved as being a correct record

33.4 Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

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| (1) | Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting | BP |
| | (a) Speeding in the village | |
| | (b) Increased HGV use | |
| | (c) Paper Recycling Bin – Full up | |
| (2) | Missing Letter Box and Bus Shelter | BP |

The clerk gave an update on these matters

- (3) Youth Shelter – Update JW

Councillor Woolley provided a further update

- (4) Stones BP

Resolved nem con that the project should still proceed and that Councillor Valerie Shellard would arrange the selection of the stones

- (5) Third Pinch Gate – Road Crossing

Councillor Nigel Litton provided the meeting with an update as to the contents of Mr Martin Hills e-mail

- (6) New Turf

Councillor John Woolley informed the meeting that a supply of turf had been organised in the next two weeks

- (7) Regular cutting of Brambles

Resolved that Mr N Lukins be instructed to cut at least twice a year each of the hedges surrounding the Children's Playing Field

- (8) "New Road" Sign

The clerk advised the council that the sign was on order

- (9) Bay Tree Farm

This matter was being monitored by SDC enforcement

33.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of June

(40)	SDC	Rent – Playing Field	56.25	
(41)	Telecomm	Broadband Services	30.42	5.32
(42)	B Poole & Co	Postage – September	7.72	
(43)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – September	727.12	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

The Council noted the receipt of a set of accounts from the clerk showing the financial position of the Council for the period 1st April 2006 to 30th September 2006

District Councillor Paul Herbert left the meeting

33.6 Planning

- (1) To receive an update on the following outstanding applications

25/05/00015

Erection of stable block and access
OS Field No 1979 South of New Road East Huntspill

25/06/00009

Change of use from agricultural land to garden
Land to the South of Corner Cottage Catherine Street East Huntspill

25/06/00010

Renewal of Planning Permission 1/25/02 for industrial development for use classes B1, B2 and B8 and formation of access
Land to the north of Factory Lane Basonbridge Highbridge

25/06/00011

Erection of extension west elevation of garage
Riverstone Farm Merry Lane East Huntspill

RP

25/06/00012

VS

Raise roof height of existing single storey rear extension and erection of first floor extension
111 Church Road Basonbridge Highbridge

25/06/00013

Installation of Replacement Bridge
Eastern Moor Bridge to the south of Merry Lane

25/06/00017

RP

Erection of single storey side (NW) extension and balcony, decking and installation of two rear dormers
Withy Bank Withy Road East Huntspill

(2) To consider and respond to the following planning applications

25/06/00015

Erection of conservatory to SE Elevation
Stone End Cottage New Road East Huntspill

Resolved that the application be approved

FK

(3) To consider and respond to the following Premises Licence

New premises licence – Post Office Counters 109 Church Road Basonbridge

Resolved that the licence be approved

District Councillor Paul Herbert returned to the meeting

33.7 Open Spaces - To receive reports from the brief holders

- (1) Playing Field JW

Councillor Woolley indicated that there was evidence of the return of moles. It was noted that a new swing seat had been ordered

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

Nothing to report

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

It was noted from correspondence just received that SCC were intending to provide to the village on a casual basis a "Speed Visor"

It was also noted that SCC were aware of two local companies namely Brake Bros and Keedwells who were increasingly using the village for their transport runs.

33.8 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall KB

It was noted that the recently held Race Night had been extremely successful and that a member of the public had single handed raised £1000 through Car Boot sales

- (2) SALC BP

Details of training days were included in the pack

- (3) Cluster Group JW

Councillor Woolley gave a brief synopsis of the recently held meeting

(4) Councillors

(a) Councillor Woolley

(i) Fire

He was of the view that an emergency policy should be put into place following the recent farm fire and asked that it be placed on the agenda

(ii) Rubbish

He described the problems he had recently experienced in having some larger items of rubbish being picked from his home that had been discarded onto the Playground. He acknowledged that both the clerk and Councillor Herbert had assisted in resolving the issue with SDC

(b) Councillor Puddy

Advised the Council on the recent problems he had also experienced regarding the bulk collection of cans. The District Councillors present could not offer any logical answer as to why they had not been collected

(c) Councillor Litton

Asked the clerk if he could be put back on the recently revised address list

(d) Councillor Shellard

(i) Hedge

Reported on an overhanging hedge at The Chapel – clerk to action

(ii) Fence

She reported on discussions she had had with some neighbours of 3 Church Road who were concerned at the height of the boundary fence. Her enquiries with SDC indicated that the fence was within the regulated height and therefore nothing further could be actioned

(e) Councillor Kidner

Reported that there were a numbers of briars overhanging close to Orchard Stores

(5) District Councillors

Reported on the proposals SDC was actioning in regards to affordable housing and the structures that had been put into place by the organisation now responsible for local social housing

(6) County Councillor

(7) Village Beat Officer

No reports available

(9) East Huntspill School

Two dinner ladies had been recently appointed and would take up their posts as soon as they had received CRB clearance. Also a new senior teacher was about to be interviewed.

(10) The Clerk

The Clerk reported on his recent attendance at the NALC Conference in Liverpool and his Diploma Residential at Cheltenham together with his intended attendance at the SLCC Conference in Plymouth this on coming week-end

He also advised the Council on his recent pass in the Higher Education Certificate in Local Policy with the University of Gloucestershire

33.9**To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails**

- (1) To note the resignation of Mrs Kay Bennett

Noted as was the letter of thanks recently sent by the clerk thanking Mrs Kay Bennett for her past services to the Parish Council

(2)	SLCC	Local Government Information Unit Reports Joining Forces Parish & Town Council Clustering	C
(3)	NALC	Conference Programme & Handouts	C
(4)	Air Ambulance	Letter seeking funds	BP
(5)	SDC	Coastal Parish Cluster Group notification	JW
(6)	SDC	Parish Council Vacancy – Notice	NB
(7)	SDC	“Quantock Fringes Walking Festival” Leaflet	C
(8)	bibic	Invitations – 4 th & 11 th October	C
(9)	Victim Support Somerset	Letter seeking funds	BP
(10)	SCHIP	Letter seeking funds	C
(11)	E Hunter & W Puddy	Letter seeking funds	C
(12)	SCC	Outcome of Meetings with Town & Parish Councils	C
(13)	HMRC	Employer Bulletin October 06 Issue 24	BP
(14)	UofG	Local Policy – Residential School details	C
(15)	Wesport	Volunteers in Sport Seminars	C
(16)	SPFA	Annual Report & Accounts 2q005/06	C
(17)	The Huntspill News	October 2006	C
(18)	SDC	Remittance Advice Amenity Grant 06/07 - £311.33 Precept 2 nd Instalment - £6,375.00	BP
(19)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 641 02/10/06	C

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(20)	SALC	Items of Interest & Training Dates	C
(21)	SCC	Cropping and Ploughing Public Rights of Way	GB
(22)	SDC	“What’s On” – October 2006	C
(23)	Nat West	Letter to Councillor John Woolley	BP
(24)	SCC Highways	Speed “Visors”	NL
(25)	SDC	Parish Council Vacancy	BP
(26)	SDC	Parish Reception – 23/11/06	JS

33.10**Other Business referred to the Clerk**

- (1) Mrs Kay Bennett Overhanging Tree – Rose Cottage

Matter already concluded

33.11**Date of next Meeting**

Planning Committee – 6th November 2006 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary

Parish Council Meeting 20th November 2006