

# EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes** of a meeting of **East Huntspill Parish Council** held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007** that commenced at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

**PRESENT** Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) Mesdames K Cooke together with Messrs G Boyer F Kidner 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 Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton.

**“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”**

**37.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance**

Councillor Mrs V Shellard (Illness)

**37.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
37.8	R Puddy	Personal	Chair/Trustee – New Village Hall
37.10.2.2	R Puddy	Prejudicial	Chair/Trustee – New Village Hall
37.10.2.6	R Puddy	Prejudicial	Relative of applicant
37.10.2.7	K Cooke	Prejudicial	Club Vice Chairman

**37.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007 be signed and approved as being a correct record.

**37.4 Matters Arising**

**For the purpose of report only**

(1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting BP

None

(2) Youth Shelter – Update JW

It was noted that the clerk was waiting for further quotes

Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton arrived at the meeting. The clerk had already given her apologies for a possible late arrival.

- (3) Stones BP
- It was noted with some relief that the stones were now in situ. Thanks were expressed to Councillors Woolley and Boyer together with the clerk for seeing the matter to conclusion.
- (4) Third Pinch Gate – Road Crossing NL
- Councillor Litton indicated that Somerset County Council had now come to the view that there was insufficient room to install this gate. It was agreed that this subject matter should now be removed from the agenda.
- (5) “New Road” Sign
- Waiting for confirmation that the sign has been installed
- (6) Working Group – 2007 Annual Parish Meeting BP
- The clerk confirmed that both Councillor Cooke had himself had met and would put firm proposals to the Parish Council at its March meeting.
- (7) Village Emergency Policy – Working Party
- (8) Youth Council
- No progress to report
- (9) Barrier Costings JW
- Councillor Woolley gave an update on his suggested proposals. It was noted that quotations were being sought.
- (10) Rubbish – New Road & Factory Lane/Church Road JW
- It was noted that the Council were waiting for an update report from SDC
- (11) Enhanced Two Tier Authority BP
- The clerk confirmed that he had taken the required action on the Council’s behalf

### 37.5

#### To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of February

(44)	UofG	4 <sup>th</sup> Payment	30.00	
(63)	Staples	Stationery	67.20	11.76
(64)	EH Garden Club	Purchase of Trophy	60.00	
(65)	Staff	Salary & Expenses – January 2007	498.92	
(66)	B Poole & Co	Postage – January 2007	8.00	
(67)	UofG	Field Trip – April 1/3 <sup>rd</sup>	83.33	

**Resolved** that the accounts as presented be paid

### 37.6

#### Planning

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

- 25/06/00020- Refused 14/02/07** **FK**  
 Erection of livestock building  
 Livestock Building OS Field 3973 New Road East Huntspill
- 25/06/00023 – Approved 21/02/07** **JW**  
 Erection of two storey side extension  
 10 Combe Terrace East Huntspill
- 25/06/00022 – Refused 02/02/07** **FK**  
 Erection of extension to South elevation of stables  
 OS Field No 1979 South of New Road East Huntspill
- 25/07/00001 – Approved 12/02/07** **RP**  
 Erection of Haybarn  
 Haybarn on land off Factory Lane Bason Bridge

**25/07/00002 – Approved 16/02/07** **FK**  
Erection of four bay garage block (alternative setting)  
Hackness Villa New Road East Huntspill

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

**25/07/00003** **RP**  
Erection of Agricultural building to house cattle  
Off Factory Lane Basonbridge Highbridge

**25/07/00006** **FK**  
Erection of single storey rear extension  
Knoll View Mark Road Walrow Highbridge

The Council had no objection to these two applications

**25/07/00007 – 01/03/07** **RP**  
Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling  
Barn to the west of Withy Road Farm Withy Road East Huntspill

The Council recommended approval of this application on the basis that it was clearly diversification of another wise unused agricultural building that would fall into disrepair otherwise. It was consistent with other similarly approved applications in the village.

**27/07/00008** **RP**  
Erection of conservatory to SE elevation  
Sunnyside Withy Road East Huntspill

The Council had no objections to this application.

**37.7 Open Spaces - To receive reports from the brief holders**

(1) Playing Field JW

(a) To consider quotations for repair to:

- (i) Repair to play area surfaces to swing area
- (ii) Repair to swings
- (iii) Replace in total the wet pour surface

**Resolved** that for the time being only the repair to the swings would be carried out.

Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton reminded the Council of need to be aware of its responsibilities especially in the area of Health & Safety and to maintain regular and specific written reports. The clerk indicated that Councillor Woolley currently undertook the weekly inspections and kept a written report.

**Resolved** that a watching brief would be maintained in respect to the play area surfaces and that the 2007 RoSPA report would be used as an indicator as to any future action that might be required

**Resolved** that Mr Manley be asked to provide a quote to lay two paving slabs in the entrance way of the Children's Play Area

(2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

Following a suggestion by Councillor Boyer it was

**Resolved** that a Walk the Village Footpaths & Bridleways Day should be sponsored and encouraged by the Parish Council

(3) Roads & Transport NL

Councillor Litton indicated that he had recently attended a transport consultation meeting organised by SCC in partnership with Woolavington Parish Council. The outcome of the meeting was that a 7.5 ton weight restriction should be sought.

**Resolved** that this ambition be supported

**To receive the following Village Reports**

- (1) Village Hall RP
- Councillor Ray Puddy reported that they fund raising committee had held two very successful evenings. They like a number of other parts of the village had also suffered some minor vandalism.
- (2) SALC BP
- Nothing tangible to report
- (3) Cluster Group JW
- Councillor Woolley reported that the subject of two tier and unitary authorities was discussed whereby the majority feeling was against a unitary authority for Somerset.
- (4) Councillors
- (i) Ray Puddy
- Reported on the traffic survey taking place in the village
- (ii) Kathryn Cooke
- Reported on the spate of vandalism and what action she had taken and what PC Tracey Stiles had undertaken
- (iii) John Woolley
- Noted that the fencing adjacent to the footpath at Bay Tree Farm was in need of repair
- (iv) Gordon Boyer
- Reported that as from last Saturday the new bridge was open off Withy Grove Road
- (5) District Councillors
- Mrs Jane Moreton confirmed that her written report was placed in the monthly circulation pack.
- (6) County Councillor
- (7) Village Beat Officer
- (9) East Huntspill School
- (10) The Chairman JS
- No reports
- (11) The Clerk BP
- (i) Village Newsletter
- The clerk reminded the Council that they needed to take ownership of this operation in order to ensure the success of the venture. He was happy to collate the reports but a volunteer(s) was needed for future publications.
- Resolved** that the first publication should be produced in May/June and to contain the annual reports.
- (ii) Computer
- The clerk reported on the recent success of securing a computer package to the value of £1000 from BT Community Connections. Clerk to investigate of housing it at the Post Office.
- Resolved** to support the scheme including the future funding of the internet connection

## 37.9

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

(1)	Trustees	Huntspill Consolidated Charities Report 2006	C
(2)	SCC	Somerset Access – Annual Newsletter 2006	C
(3)	Miss L Ryan	Seeking Grant Funding	BP
(4)	SCC	Area Working Panels – 15/02/07	C
(5)	SDC	Sedgemoor Play and Youth Survey – 22/02/07	JW/C
(6)	Timberline	Brochure & Pricelist	JW
(7)	SCC	Rights of Way Network Management – Reminder	GB
(8)	Monster Inc	Newsletter – January 2007	C
(9)	Mrs J Moreton	E-Mail – Re-Cycling Bins	BP
(10)	GB Sports & Leisure	Quotations – Play Area	JW
(11)	EH Pre-School	Grant Funding Letter	BP
(12)	BT	Community Connections Award	BP
(13)	SDC	Events – 2007	C
(14)	SALC	Items of Interests – January 2007	C
(15)	SPFA	“The Playing Field” – Winter 2006/07	C
(16)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 649 – 29/01/07	C
(17)	Mr J Woolley	Plan – Youth Shelter	BP
(18)	EH Church Hall	Grant funding Letter	BP
(19)	The Huntspill News	February 2007	C
(20)	SCHIP	Home Improvement Agency – New Initiative	C
(21)	The Local Community	January & February Newsletter – Issue No 24	C
(22)	SALC	Potential Councillors Training Taster	C
		Agenda & Minutes – North Area – 15/03/07	C
		Consultation on Amendments Code of Conduct	C
		RSS Update – November 2006	C
		SRYP – Newsletter – Autumn	C
(23)	NALC	Review of the Quality Town & Parish Council Scheme	C
(24)	SCC	Rights of Way – response	GB
(25)	Shaw & Son Limited	The Parish Councillor’s Guide	C
(26)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> – Issue 650 – 12/02/07	C
(27)	St George’s Day	“Enjoy England” Magazine	C
(28)	SCC	Area Working Panels – 15/02/07	C

**Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda**

(29)	Miss Reid	E-Mail – Condition of Play Area	JW
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Miss Reid’s comments were noted but not necessarily agreed with in respect the swings as these were designed deliberately to be at they were. The other comments were noted and would be acted upon.

(30)	CLG	Revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members	C
(31)	SDC	Temporary Road Closure – Church Road – Harvest Home	BP

## 37.10

**Other Business referred to the Clerk**

- (1) To consider SDC’s Dog Control proposals

**Resolved** that the following responses be made

- (a) Does the Parish Council agree that the Quantock Hills should be excluded from the requirement to remove canine faeces?

**Yes**

- (b) Are there places within the Parish Council other than the Children’s Play Area in which dogs should be kept on a lead? If they are to be included then the Parish Council would be required to pay the cost of the fencing and signage.

**No**

- (c) Are there any areas of land within the Parish Council from which dogs should be banned other than the Children’s Play Area. If they are to be included then the Parish Council would be required to pay the cost of the fencing and signage.

**No**

(d) Do we as a Council wish to assist in the enforcement of any of the Orders?

**Would give consideration to proposals**

(e) Are there any areas within the Parish Council where we consider the number of dogs taken onto any by one person should be limited?

**No**

(2) To consider applications for Grant Funding

**Resolved that the following sum be given**

(1)	All Saints Church	£ 150
(2)	New Village Hall Trust	£1000
(3)	Miss L Ryan	£ 75
(4)	Pre School Learning Alliance	£ 300
(5)	East Huntspill Church Hall Committee	£ 250
(6)	Miss E Hunter and Master William Puddy	£ 75 each
(7)	East Huntspill Cricket Club – New Fencing	£ 200
(8)	CAB	£ 10
(9)	Age Concern	£ 10
(10)	Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance	£ 50

**£2195**

37.11

**Date of next Meeting**

**Planning Committee – 5th March 2007 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary**

**Parish Council Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007**