

EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the start of the meeting the following people made representations to the Parish Council.

1. Messrs Alan Beechey & Rob representing Huntspill Crowns Football Club outlined their proposals to the Parish Council in regards to a possible Changing Room facility on the Playground. They also set out some ideas on what could be installed to prevent vehicles driving across the field.

The Chairman thanked them for attending the public part of the meeting and then declared that she was formally opening the meeting.

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council that was held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Monday 21st February 2011** commencing at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) Mesdames K Bennett K Cooke G Hendy V Shellard together Messrs G Boyer F Kidner N Litton R Puddy and the clerk Mr B Poole

In addition there were four members of the public present plus County Councillor M Healey and District Councillors Mrs J Moreton.

74.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

District Councillor Mr M P Herbert and PC Sheila Dickenson

74.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

74.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th January 2011

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th January 2011 that had been duly circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such

74.4 Past Subject Matters

For the purpose of report only

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

2. Mr Pugh's Planning Application

The Clerk confirmed that as requested he attended SDC's Planning Committee Meeting and confirmed that it was approved.

- (2) Weight Restrictions NL

See 74.8.2

- (3) Affordable Housing VS

It was noted that the Development Site has finally received formal approval from SDC in regards to various conditions

- (4) Village Web Site BP

Councillor Mrs Valerie Shellard advised the meeting that it was back to square one and that it will be necessary to seek an alternative web master.

- (5) Playbuilder Project New Road Playing Field BP

It was noted that the Clerk was currently pursuing an insurance claim

- (6) Computer Equipment VS

Resolved that a policy be put into place so as to ensure that the equipment was available for use in both the Church Hall and the Village Hall

- (7) Precept 2011-12 BP

It was noted that SDC was formally advised as to the precept requirements for 2011-12

74.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the two months those marked with an asterisk having been paid under delegated powers due to the forced cancellation of the December Meeting

(60)	SLCC	Annual Subscription 2011	68.44	
(61)	Staples	Stationery	95.23	19.05
(62)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – January	656.64	
(63)	SLCC	Practitioners' Conference (248.00)	82.66	
(64)	IIMC	CMC Certification Fee	20.55	
(65)	SLCC	Books	38.25	

Resolved that the accounts as listed be passed for payment.

74.6 Resolutions

- (1) **To agree a strategy in respect to the appointment of a Village Ranger**

Resolved that an appropriate advert be placed in the Huntspill News

- (2) **To resolve to purchase a Chairman's Collarette**

Resolved that an initial design be submitted to two manufacturers to obtain a quote

The Chairman at this juncture suspended Standing Orders in order to allow members of the public present to be consulted.

- (3) **To consider some form of celebration in connection with the Royal Wedding**

The Meeting gave tacit approval of what was currently planned to take place

- (4) **To resolve to present to each East Huntspill Child who will be under the age of 16 on the 30/04/11 a celebratory mug to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton**

Resolved that quotes should be obtained in the first instance

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders

- (5) **To resolve to accept the reasons for absence from Councillor Miss G Hendy**

The Parish Clerk set out the legal reasons as to why a Parish Councillor would lose their seat through automatic disqualification. As Miss Hendy was in attendance there was not a need to take a further action.

74.7 Planning

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

25/10/00034 – Approved 18/02/11

VS

Erection of ten dwellings and two flats with associated landscaping parking and access relocation of existing access
Land to the south west of Hackness Farm Church Road East Huntspill

25/10/00042 – Approved 02/02/11

Application for non-material minor amendment to Planning Permission 25/09/00019 for the re-positioning of front door retaining three original windows and installation of one window
Mill Farm New Road East Huntspill

25/10/00043 – Approved 18/02/11

Erection of two holiday lodges and formation of new access
Land at Wallenden Farm New Road East Huntspill

25/10/00044 – Approved 18/02/11

Change of use from agricultural land to additional area for touring caravans
On land to the NE of Phippin's Farm New Road East Huntspill

52/10/00018 – Council Date 31/12/10

A wind energy development comprising four wind turbines each with a maximum overall height of up to 120 m together with access tracks hard standing areas information board electricity sub station temporary construction compound and amended vehicular access
Land to the south of Poplar Farm Puriton Road West Huntspill

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

25/11/00001 – Council Date 07/02/11

Removal of hedgerow to amalgamate field no's 9154 and 9458 approx 120 m
Hedgerow at Hackmead Factory Lane Basonbridge

It was noted that the Parish Council had no objections to this applications

(3) Enforcement

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at this juncture to allow one member of the public present to be consulted

(6) Appeals

E25/00060 – Council Date 21/02/11

Without planning permission, change of use to a mixed use for the purposes of agriculture and as a base for the operation of a plant hire and groundworks contractors
Hackness Villa New Road East Huntspill

Resolved to advise the Planning Inspectorate of the Parish Councils support for this change of use on economic and employment sustainability grounds.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders

74.8 Open Spaces – To receive reports from the following brief holders

(1) Playing Field KC

A discussion was had as to the range of equipment currently available and it was agreed that consideration should be given to providing additional structures for the younger age.

(2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

Agreed that copies of the definitive map should be made available in the village and copies placed in the village notice boards

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

Councillor Litton explained to the meeting what the latest proposals were being proposed by Somerset County Council. In essence the proposals would allow exemptions for any businesses that were required to deliver to local establishments in the village.

74.9 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall RP

Very successful Flea Market and Valentines Dinner

- (2) SALC BP

In the circulation pack

- (3) Councillors

- (a) Councillor Nigel Litton

- (i) Rook Scarer

He advised the meeting that he intended to report the nuisance to SDC

- (ii) Overhanging Brambles

Agreed that action in these matters should be followed up by the Parish Council

- (b) Councillor Gordon Boyer

Said it was absolutely vital that dog owners kept control of their animals when walking the village footpaths.

- (c) Councillor Ray Puddy

Asked why the Cricket Nets were still up during the winter months

- (d) Councillor Kathryn Cooke

Asked why the Parish Council was not able to offer suggestions for street names especially as the new development that had been entitled Church Meadows was so far away from the church when indeed the development itself was immediately adjacent to Chapel Lane.

- (e) Councillor Kay Bennett

She reported that she had received good support for the proposed flower show schedule

- (f) Councillor Valerie Shellard

- (i) Blue House

Asked who had chosen such an outstanding colour for a rural village such as East Huntspill

- (ii) Chestnut Trees

She hoped with the recent sale of the property that the problems experienced in the past would no longer persist

- (iii) Bus Services

She expressed concerns that the budget cuts being taken by SCC would not result in a reduced bus service to the village.

(iv) Enhancement of the Village

She asked that the Parish Council give consideration to opening up a short length of Station Platform at Bason Bridge. It was agreed that a working party of volunteers should be set up.

(4) Village News Letter and Web Site

Subject matters discussed elsewhere

(5) District Councillors

Councillor Moreton explained that the recent SDC Budget Meeting had agreed a nil increase.

(6) County Councillor

Councillor Healey also confirmed that SCC agreed a nil increase despite 8 hour meeting and 34 speakers from the public.

Councillors Moreton and Healey requested permission to withdraw from the meeting

(7) Village Beat Officer

PC Sheila Dickenson had submitted in her absence a written report which was referred to by the clerk

(9) East Huntspill School

VS

(10) The Chairman

JS

Nothing to report

(11) The Clerk

(a) Planning the Annual Parish Meeting

A brief discussion was had on the proposed format

(a) Planning the May Meeting

The clerk explained the problem he was likely to have due to his impending visit to America.

Resolved that alternative arrangements be set in place in order that the prescribed meeting is held in shorten form.

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

(1)	NALC	<i>DISExtra</i> Issue 751 – 28/01/11	C
(2)	NALC	Legal Topic Note – November 2007	C
(3)	Mr S Potts	Letter of Objection – Planning Application 52/10/00018	BP
(4)	Mrs V Shellard	Update on Hinkley Point C	C
(5)	NALC	Localism Bill – Media Background note	C
(6)	Mr L Cross	Letter of Objection – Planning Application 52/10/00018	BP
(7)	Mrs S Cross	Letter of Objection – Planning Application 52/10/00018	BP
(8)	DCLG	The Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee	C
(9)	Mrs G Hendy	Letter explaining recent absences from meetings	BP
(10)	The Huntspill News	February 2011	C
(11)	All Saints Church	Application for a grant	BP
(12)	SDC	<i>newsupdate</i> February 2011	C
(13)	EH Church Hall	Application for a grant	BP
(14)	SALC	North Area Agenda and Minutes	C
(15)	SPFA	<i>The Playing Field</i> – Winter 2010/11	C
(16)	EH Village Hall	Application for a grant	BP
(17)	EH Horticultural Show	Application for a grant	BP
(18)	Huntspill Art Group	Application for a grant	BP
(19)	SRYP	"Solutions through Play" Barnardo's	C

(20) Somerset West Energy Bulletin C

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(21) NALC DIS*Extra* Issue 752 11/02/11 C
(22) National Grid Community Update C
(23) SDC District and Parish Council Elections – 5th May 2011 BP

74.11 Other Business referred to the Clerk

None

74.12 Date of next Meeting Parish Council Meeting 21st March 2011