

EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Vice Chairman Councillor Mrs Valerie Shellard invited Mrs Teresa Harvey of Sedgemoor District Council to address the Parish Council on the use of RTL3 monies. A number of questions were asked. The Vice Chairman thanked Mrs Harvey for her informative presentation. Mrs Harvey then departed from the meeting.

The Vice Chairman then invited a Trustee of Secret World Wildlife Rescue Centre to address the meeting on the Trust's plans to erect an Animal Hospital Centre. A number of questions were asked. The gentleman was thanked by the Vice Chairman for his presentation and then he also departed from 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 July 2008** which commenced at **8.05 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT: Councillors Mesdames V Shellard (Vice Chairman) K Bennett K Cooke G Hendy Messrs G Boyer R Puddy and the clerk Mr B Poole

In addition there were five members of the public present two of whom were representing the Pre-School Alliance together with District Councillor Mr M P Herbert and County Councillor Mr M Healey

"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 age sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights"

51.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) Messrs Kidner & Litton together with District Councillor Mrs J Moreton

51.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
51.8.1	G Hendy	Personal	Committee Member – New Hall Management
51.8.1	R Puddy	Personal	Chairman and Trustee New Hall Management

51.3 To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th June 2008

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th June 2008 as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

51.4 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 KB
Nothing to report

- (3) Village Computer GB
Councillor Gordon Boyer provided the financial background various options.

Resolved that the Parish Council would pay for an additional dedicated telephone line to be installed and would also subsequently pay the broadband charges on that line.

- (4) “East Huntspill” Signs BP
(5) Weight Restrictions NL
(6) Deer Signs BP

The Clerk reported on the outcome of a meeting that he had had with Mr Chris Betty of Sedgemoor Highways in the company of Councillor Mrs Valerie Shellard. It had been agreed that village name plates would be installed on both Withy Road and New Road from the direction of West Huntspill.

Councillor Ray Puddy pointed out that he had been pressing for the name of East Huntspill to be put on finger posts located on the A38.

- (7) Letter Box BP
Royal Mail’s response was noted to the effect they were not intending to replace the damaged letter box at Watchfield Corner.

- (8) Naming of the Commemorative Stones BP
Resolved to accept the quotation from Burnham Funeral Services for the supply of two granite plaques complete with inscription and design at £250.00 each and to employ a stone mason to smooth surface of both markers and fix plaques to face in the sum of £500.00 – Total cost £1000.00

- (9) Gap in the ditch BP
The Clerk gave an update on the matter

- (10) Rubbish in the ditch – New Road BP
Resolved to write to all the households opposite the Children’s Play Area to ask them to desist if appropriate from throwing/depositing rubbish in the ditch such as grass cuttings.

- (11) “MUGA” Speaker BP
See commencement of the meeting

- (12) Dog Order Legislation GB
Councillor Gordon Boyer confirmed that the new dog orders for the village would come into existence the very next day – 22nd July 2008.

- (13) Village Calendar VS
Councillor Mrs Valerie Shellard confirmed that she was currently collating the various photographs that were to be used with the project.

- (14) Community Projector/Laptop VS
 It was noted that this subject matter would be progressed in the month of August when County Councillor Mark Healey had held his planned meeting with the representatives of his ward councils.
- (15) Vehicular access to Church Road NL
 This matter had been conveyed to Sedgemoor Highways when the Parish Clerk had had his meeting
- (16) Provision of Dog Bins – see 50.10.2 BP
 It was agreed that initially three bins would be purchased and that Councillor Gordon Boyer would subsequently agree on the three locations.
- (17) Defective Fence – Playing Field KB
 It was noted that this had been repaired
- (18) Pre-School Alliance BP
 The Clerk reported on what arrangements he had made with Shattock Associates with regards to the planned survey.

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

(27)	EH Village Hall	Hall Hire – March April & May @ £7.00	21.00	
(28)	SDC	Playing Field Rent – 24/06/08-28/09/08	56.25	
(29)	Staples Ltd	Stationery	38.86	6.80
(30)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – June 2008	565.39	
(31)	RoSPA	Playsafety Ltd Report	60.00	10.50
(32)	Telecomm	Broadband Services – April – June 08	19.56	3.42
(33)	Mr J Bennett	Playground Fence Repairs	20.40	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

51.6 Planning

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

25/08/00016 – Approved 25/06/08

Renewal of Planning Permission 25/03/00029 for the retention of use of land and buildings as a wildlife hospital removal and resisting of fencing enclosures aviaries sheds retention of surfaced car park and enclosures in paddock and erection of stables
 New Road Farm New Road East Huntspill

25/08/00017 – Approved 25/06/08

Renewal of planning permission 25/03/00032 for the internal and external alterations to Barns A and C removal of unauthorised windows and replacement by timber cottage style casements to Barn A and New Road Farmhouse
 New Road Farm New Road East Huntspill

25/0800020 – Approved 02/07/08

Erection of rear conservatory
 14 Church Road East Huntspill

25/08/00021 – Refused – 19/06/08

Use of land for horticultural purposes on a permanent basis, retention of shed, mess room, two poly tunnels, aviary and greenhouse
 On land North of Threeways Catherine Street East Huntspill

25/08/00023 – Approved 08/07/08

JS

Erection of two story extension to NW elevation on site of existing (to be demolished)
6 Chapel Lane East Huntspill

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

25/08/00022

RP

Change of use and conversion of barn to residential dwelling
Barn 4 Kings Farm Withy Road East Huntspill

The Council had no objections to this application.

25/08/00031

KC

Erection of a livestock building
OS Field No 8251 East of Court Farm Cottage Cote

The Council had no objection to this application and noted the letter of support submitted by District Councillor M Paul Herbert

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

(1) Playing Field

KB

It was noted that the required fence repairs had been completed.

It was also noted that a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee was planned for the 6th August when a number of subjects would be discussed including the recently received RoSPA Report.

(2) Footpaths & Bridleways

GB

See 51.4.12

(3) Roads & Transport

NL

Concern was expressed by (a) how long the work appeared to take and (b) that the signs were left up over the week-end when it was necessary to do so.

51.8 To receive the following Village Reports

(1) Village Hall

RP

Fun Day on the 9th August 2008

(2) SALC

Nothing to report

(3) Councillors

(i) Councillor Geraldine Hendy

In the company of Councillor Kathryn Cooke evidence was found of possible drug taking in the Playing Field. This fact to be relayed to PCSO Linda Ebdon

She also asked what progress had been made with regards to a litter bin being installed in the Church Road Bus Shelter. The Clerk said he was still chasing this particular matter

(ii) Councillor Kathryn Cooke

Councillor Kathryn Cooke announced that the Cricket Club had been successful in securing a grant of £8,500 which would allow them to place an all weather cricket pitch in the Playing Field.

She also mentioned the arrangements she had made with a girls school in Shaftesbury to accept free of charge a potential club house. This action was endorsed by the Parish Council

(iii) Councillor Kay Bennett

She reminded the meeting of Annual Village Show due to take place on the 2nd August.

(iv) Councillor Gordon Boyer

He expressed concern at the increasing number of people who were using their invalid carriages on the main road as opposed to the pavements.

(v) Councillor Valerie Shellard

Raised the concerns of a Parish Councillor who had asked what powers a Building Inspector had with regards to planning permissions.

(4) District Councillors

M Paul Herbert advised on his new responsibilities with respect to SDC

(5) County Councillor

(6) Village Beat Officer

No reports

(9) East Huntspill School

VS

Councillor Mrs Valerie Shellard advised the meeting of the arrival of the new Head Teacher Mr Duncan Cruickshank and the retirement of Mrs Alison Norcross. It was reported that Mrs Norcross very much appreciated the letter from the Parish Council wishing her a happy retirement.

(10) The Chairman

JS

(11) The Clerk

No reports

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

(1)	SCC	Parish Path Liaison Officers	C
(2)	A&S Police	Appointment of Independent Members	NB
(3)	HMR&C	Vat Repayment 2007/08	BP
(4)	SCC	Temporary Road Closure – Burtle Road	NL
(5)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 686 23/06/08	C
(6)	SDC	Affordable Housing Open Day – 17/07/08	NB
(7)	Community Council	Annual Review 07/08	C
(8)	Clerks & Councils	Direct – July 2008 – Issue 58	C
(9)	The Huntspill News	July/August	C
(10)	Royal Mail	Letter Box – Walrow	BP
(11)	SCC	Somerset Community Safety Newsletter – Special Edition	C
	SCC	Somerset Community Safety Newsletter – Summer 2008	C
(12)	SDC	Parish Magazines & Newsletters	BP
(13)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> – Issue 687 07/07/08	C
(14)	RoSPA	Play Area Safety Inspection Report	KB
(15)	SDC	Copy Correspondence – 16 Church Road East Huntspill	BP
(16)	Town Council	Civic Service Invite	JS
(17)	Community Council	Social Accounts Summary	C
		Thatch – Summer 2008	C
(18)	SDC	Corporate Strategy 2008-2013	C
(19)	SCC	Temporary Road Closure – Moor Road East Huntspill	NL

(20)	SDC	Diseased Sycamore Tree – 14 Church Road East Huntspill	BP
(21)	Monster Play Systems	New Brochure – Green Playground Solutions	KB

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(22)	Moore Stephens	Notification of possible increased audit fees	BP
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The Clerk reported to the meeting on the possibility of additional charges being raised up to £1,000 by the Auditors in respect to enquiries that were being made by an electorate of the village. This was the same gentleman that raised questions at the Annual Parish Meeting.

(23)	Sage Accounts	Credit Note notification - £90.00	BP
(24)	Community Action	Details of Workshops	C
(25)	NALC	DISExtra – Issue 688 – 21/07/08	C

51.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To give further consideration to providing financial assistance to the Pre-School Alliance to assist them with the replacing of their Hall floor.

Resolved to provide financial assistance up to a sum of £2,000 - £1,000 of which to be provided by County Councillor Healey's fund.

- (2) To agree locations for the installations of Dog Bins in the village

See 51.4.16

- (3) To resolve to grant delegated powers to the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Clerk for the closed period of August

Resolved

- (4) To note the arrangements for the Affordable House Village Survey

Resolved that each Parish Councillor would deliver and collect the survey envelopes in accordance to their own planning area

- (5) To agree to explore the possibility of being involved in a potential Playbuilder partnership

Resolved to take positive action

51.11 Date of next Meeting

Monday 15th September 2008 commencing at 7.30 pm.