

EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the meeting commencing Mr Matthew Norton addressed the meeting on his recent successes in the under 17 English Hammer Throwing League. He indicated that after a forced few month of rest due to a previously sustained injury he hoped to take part competitively again. When that happens he would wish to make an application to the Parish Council for a grant towards his training equipment. He was thanked for attending the meeting.

Mr Binning of 5 Church Road expressed concern at the recent closure of The Crown Inn especial that in his view the car park was now very vulnerable for unwanted “guests”. It was suggested that the clerk write to Punch Taverns to express Mr Binning’s concerns and that of the Parish Council. Mr Binning was also thanked for attending the meeting.

PC Sheila Dickenson in respect to the “No Cold Calling” initiative advised the meeting that the village was almost fully covered with posters and hoped to cover the remaining areas in the few weeks. Once this was done the village would have a 100% cover. She also retired from the meeting. She also mentioned that Speed Watch Training would be taking place on the 20th October 2009.

The meeting then commenced at 7.55 pm

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council held in the Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on Monday 21st September 2009 that commenced at 7.30 pm when the following business was transacted.

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

Additionally three members of the public were present together with District Councillors Mrs Jane Moreton M Paul Herbert and County Councillor Mr Mark Healey.

61.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) (illness)

61.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

61.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th July 2009

Resolved that the Minutes a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th July 2009 as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

61.4 Past Subject Matters

For the purpose of report only

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

BP

None

- (2) Weight Restrictions NL
Councillor Nigel Litton provided a comprehensive verbal update under 61.7.3
- (3) Village Calendar VS
Awaiting receipt of proofs
- (4) Provision of Dog Bins GB
Thanks to Councillor Boyer these have now been installed in the agreed locations.
- (5) Affordable Housing Village Survey BP
See 61.No further progress at present to report
- (6) New Road – Bus Stop BP
SCC has been advised of the Council's acceptance of its proposals
- (7) Police Scheme – “Cold Call” VS
See commencement of the meeting
- (8) Village Newsletter VS
It was noted that this matter would in future be reported under Village Reports
- (9) Village Web Site BP
See 61.10.4
- (10) Youth Shelter BP
It was noted that the formal installation ceremony took place on the evening of the 27th August when a Bar-B-Q was provided by SRYP. A large number of Councillors Residents and Young People were present. The Clerk reported the receipt from Viridor Credits Environmental Company cheque in the sum of £5,000.

61.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of August/September

(29)*	Staples	Stationery	139.96	20.99
(30)*	Monster Play	Youth Shelter	10595.00	1589.25
(31)*	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – July 09	698.21	
(32)*	Mr K Balch	IT Services	94.84	
(33)*	SDC	Supply of 4 no Dog Waste Bins	360.88	54.13
(34)*	Moore Stephens	Audit of Parish Council Annual Return 31/03/09	135.00	20.25
(35)*	Premier Trophies	Commemorative Plate – Youth Shelter	90.00	
(36)	Mr B Poole	Salary and Expenses – August 2009	595.55	
(37)	EH Village Hall	Hire of Committee Room	24.00	
(38)	NALC	Clerk's Networking Lunch (39.13/5.87)	13.04	1.96
(39)	NALC	Annual Conference (483.39)	147.48	13.66
(40)	L Barnes	Catering – Youth Shelter Project	70.65	

Resolved that those accounts marked with an asterisk be ratified and those not so marked as presented be paid

61.6 Planning

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

25/09/00013 – Refused 25/08/09

Erection of single storey extensions to rear and sides to include garage on site existing (to be demolished) and front porch
Spring Haven Watchfield

25/09/00012 – Target Date 27/07/09

Erection of agricultural workers dwelling
Riverview Farm Factory Lane Basonbridge

GB

25/09/00008 – Approved 05/08/09

Erection of replacement dwelling
Corner Cottage Catherine Street East Huntspill

FK

25/09/00014 1 Approved 19/08/09

Erection of part single storey part two storey extension to South elevation and detached garage
Land at New House Farm Mark Road Walrow

FK

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

25/09/00016

Change of use from recreational are to use of land to site 10 static caravans
Land to the South East of Westhill Farm Caravan Park Catherine Street East Huntspill

FK

It was noted that this was not a dissimilar planning application as one previously submitted 25/09/00016 and was subsequently refused.

The Parish Council refused this application on the basis that it would impact on a very narrow lane with no turning or passing points. Existing users of caravans use private driveways (2) and a farm gateway to pass. There is an existing licence for 36 static/mobile homes and 20 tourers which produce a minimum of 56 cars passing through Catherine Street. Neighbours have voiced concerns on the grounds of safety as a number of children and horse riders use this lane regularly.

The impact on the countryside of 10 more 'metal boxes' is not welcome

It is noted that single applications in this area are refused although a need for affordable housing is paramount.

(3) Appeals

25/09/00001 – Target Date 18/06/09

Variation of condition 2 of a Planning Permission 25/02/34 to allow occupancy of the log chalets for tourism purposes for 12 months of the year
Land at Well End Farm New Road East Huntspill – Appellant Mr A Wall

25/09/00002 – Target Date 28/09/09

Erection of an annexe to side elevation of dwelling to form garage/stable with first floor living accommodation as amended by agents e-mail dated 9th April
Ivy Cottage Catherine Street East Huntspill

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

(1) Playing Field

KB

It was noted that the opening of the youth shelter was judged a great success

(2) Footpaths & Bridleways

GB

Nothing to report

(3) Roads & Transport

NL

Reference was made to a recently held up date meeting with SCC. One suggestion from East Huntspill Parish Council was that a restricted number of permits should be issued to companies who required regular access to businesses in the village. This was not likely to be allowed

61.8 To receive the following Village Reports

(1) Village Hall

RP

Details were given of the forthcoming events planned for the month of October

(2) SALC

Details in the circulation pack

(3) Councillors

(a) Councillor Kay Bennett

Advised the meeting that SDC drop in office had now moved to The Princess 9.30am - 12.30pm on a Tuesday

(b) Councillor Kathryn Cooke

Announced that the Village Harvest Home was a great success

(c) Councillor Gerry Hendy

Asked whether or not the Parish Council would consider purchasing the Playing Field from SDC

(4) District Councillors

(a) Councillor Jane Moreton

Drew the meetings attention to the fact that The Local Development Framework Consultation was now in the public arena

(b) Councillor M Paul Herbert

He also advised the meeting that a consultation was also in the public arena in respect of the National Grid and Hinkley Point C

(5) County Councillor

Councillor Healey mentioned that the IT Equipment would be delivered in the next few weeks. He also hoped that the Parish Council would give consideration to providing financial assistance to Sedgemoor Community Transport

(6) Village Beat Officer

See commencement of the meeting

(9) East Huntspill School

VS

It was announced that a new Head Teacher had recently taken up the post

(10) The Chairman

JS

Not present

(11) The Clerk BP

He reminded the councillors present that the Regional SLCC Conference would be taking place at The Four Pillars Hotel Swindon on the 3rd December

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

(1)*	SDC	Forum for Green Groups	C
(2)*	SDC	Sedgemoor LDF Newsletter	C
(3)*	SDC	LDF News update – July 2009	C
(4)*	NALC	DISExtra Issue 714 – 27/07/09	C
(5)*	NALC	DISExtra Issue 715 – 10/08/08	C
(6)*	Police	Change of personnel – Neighbourhood Inspector	C

(7)* Mrs T Burgess Model Aircraft Group BP

The Clerk advised the meeting of the background to this matter and as to the action taken to date by Mrs Burgess

(8)*	Viridor Credits	Landfill Communities Fund – Funding Agreement – 331293.394	BP
(9)*	Thatch	August 2009	C
		Review of the year 01/04/08 – 31/03/09	C
(10)*	SSCN	Summer 2009 – Issue 9	C
(11)*	SPFA	The Playing Field – Summer 2009	C
		Annual Report and Accounts 2008/09	C
(12)*	SALC	Various Papers	C

(13)* Arts Centre Letter seeking Grant Funding BP

Agreed to be held over for further consideration when the grant funding meeting takes place later in the financial year

(14)*	SCC	National Highways and Transport Survey	C
(15)*	SCC	Tour of Britain Cycle Race 2009	NB
(16)*	Miss K Tripp	7.5 Tonne Limit – Watchfield Corner – Walrow Industrial Estate	NL

The meeting noted the contents of the correspondence and the response given by the Clerk

(17)*	Community Council	AGM 2009 and Showcase – 15/09/09	C
(18)*	SLCC	“The Clerk” – July 2009 – Vol 41 No 4	C
(19)*	NALC	DISExtra Issue 716 24/08/09	C

(20)* Sedgemoor CAB Request for Grant Funding BP

Agreed to be held over for further consideration when the grant funding meeting takes place later in the financial year

(21)* CRM Web Site Quotation BP

See 61.10.4

(22)* Viridor Youth Shelter – Cheque £5,000.00 BP

Noted

(23)	SALC	Training Events	C
		Annual Report & Accounts	C
		Annual General Meeting & Minutes – 26/09/09	C
		Summary of Consultation Papers issued by DCLG	C
(24)	Huntspill News	September 2009	C
(25)	EDG Energy	Hinkley Point C Site Investigation Works	C
(26)	Cllr Mrs J Moreton	Annual Civic Service Invitation	JS

(27)	Clerks & Councils	“Direct” – September 2009 Issue 65	C
(28)	Digital Switchover	Information	C
	Agreed to ask the Company to send a speaker to a subsequent Parish Council Meeting		
(29)	The Clerk	September 2009 Vol 41 No 5	C
(30)	SDC	Policy RLT3 Application	VS
(31)	Victim Support	Seeking Funding	BP
	Agreed to be held over for further consideration when the grant funding meeting takes place later in the financial year		
(32)	RCC	Affordable Housing Project – List of Identified Sites	BP
	The receipt of this information was noted-		
(33)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 717 – 05/09/09	C
(34)	SDC	Training on Planning	C
(35)	SDC	Local Green Groups Meeting 16/09/09 CANCELLED	C

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(36)	Police	Community Policing Awards 2009	C
(37)	SDC	LDF Report Issue No 2 September 2009	C
(38)	Police	E-Mail from Inspector Roger Tolley	C
(39)	SDC	Coastal Strategic (Parish) Cluster Workshop	C
(40)	National Grid	Hinkley Point C Connection Project	C
(41)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 718 21/09/09	C
(42)	SCC	Community Plans	C

61.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To consider the appointment of a Village Ranger

Resolved that further investigations and costings should be carried out

- (2) To note the posting of the “Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return”

Noted

- (3) To receive and note the external auditor’s report for the year ended 31st March 2009

Received and noted with a copy being placed on the village notice boards

- (4) To resolve to accept Customers Really Matter quote

Resolved that the quote as set out in their letter of the 26th Jul 2009 in the start up and design sum of £495.00 plus vat and monthly support costs of 29.99 per month be accepted

- (5) To receive a pictorial update on the Concept for the Children’s Play Area

Received however the Parish Council noted that the design presented by Halcrow on behalf of Sedgemoor District Council was located on the part of the field in the use/ownership of the school

61.11 Date of next Meeting - Monday 19th October 2009 commencing at 7.30 pm.