

# EAST HUNTSPILL 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2006** that commenced at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

**PRESENT** Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) Mrs K Cooke together with Messrs G Boyer N Litton F Kidner R Puddy J S B Woolley and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were 5 members of the public present together with District Councillor/County Councillor Mr Mark 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 sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”**

## 34.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillor Mrs V Shellard and District Councillors Mrs J Moreton M P Herbert

## 34.2 To receive any declarations of interest

34.4.9	N Puddy – Personal	Neighbour
34.8.1	R Puddy – Personal	Village Hall Member
34.9.10	J Woolley – Personal	Club Member

## 34.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2006

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2006 be signed and approved as being a correct record subject to the under mentioned amendments

Remove the word “was” and the initials KB at 33.8.1

Change the words “Balance per Bank Statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> March” to “Balance per Bank Statements as at the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006”

The clerk pointed out that the original format of words were those requested by Councillor John Woolley some six months ago. He also suggested that if Councillors spotted typos then he would be glad to see that they were attended to before the meeting. This would save unnecessary amendments to minutes.

Councillor Woolley also stated in his dialogue that there had been some inaccuracies in previous accounts. The clerk remonstrated with him by saying that his behaviour was indefensible in making a general statement in front of the public without giving the clerk an opportunity of defending himself.

## 34.4 Matters Arising

### For the purpose of report only

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

(a) Stone

The clerk reminded the meeting that a member of the public had expressed the view that the Parish Council should not now proceed with the scheme

- (2) Missing Letter Box and Bus Shelter BP

It was noted that personal contact had been made by the clerk with regards to the missing letter box and a formal response is now expected.

Burnham without Parish Council is to carry out a survey to ascertain if the local residents wished to have the bus shelter re-built.

- (3) Youth Shelter – Update JW

It was noted that Councillor John Woolley had obtained a quotation for the building of a youth shelter.

**Resolved** that the matter should be placed on the December Agenda for further discussion

- (4) Stones BP

It was noted that this matter was proceeding.

- (5) Third Pinch Gate – Road Crossing

No further progress to report

- (6) New Turf

Concluded

- (7) Regular cutting of Brambles – Children’s Playground

Concluded – account for payment received

- (8) “New Road” Sign

Still outstanding

- (9) Bay Tree Farm

No report

- (10) Cradle Swing

Concluded

- (11) Overhanging bushes – The Chapel and adjacent to Crown Stores

Concluded

- (12) Arrangements to co-opt a Parish Councillor to replace Mr D Barlow

**Resolved** that posters should be placed in the village seeking a volunteer to fill the post caused by the resignation of Mr D Barlow

### 34.5

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

(44)	U. of Gloucestershire	Diploma Course	570.00*	
		1/3 <sup>rd</sup> payable over 18 months i.e £30.00		
(45)	Wicksteed Leisure	Single Tier Rubber Cradle Seat	86.50	15.14
(46)	Staples	Stationery	49.34	8.64
(47)	Bruce Poole & Company	Postage – October	6.08	
(48)	EH Village Hall	Hire of Committee Room	28.00	
(49)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses	541.54	
(50)	Mr K Giles	Fixing of Swing Seat	35.00	

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

**Resolved** that final cheques be drawn to finalise the Village Appraisal Accounts as follows  
New Village Hall £88.55 – East Huntspill Pre School £45.88 – East Huntspill Garden Club £13.68 – East Huntspill History Action Group £13.47

**Planning****(1) To receive an update on the following outstanding applications****25/05/00015 – Approved 09/11/05**

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

**25/06/00009 – Approved 20/07/06**

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

**25/06/00010 – Approved 01/07/06**

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- Approved 31/07/06**

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

RP

**25/06/00012 – Approved 29/08/06**

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

VS

**25/06/00013 – Approved 19/09/06**

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

**25/06/00015 – Approved 23/09/06**

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

FK

**25/06/00017- Approved 26/09/06****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****25/06/00018 – 17/11/06**

Change of use conversion and extension of barns to dwelling garaging and office  
Barns to the West of Withy Road Farm Withy Road East Huntspill

## 34.7

**Open Spaces - To receive reports from the brief holders****(1) Playing Field**

JW

Councillor John Woolley provided a fairly lengthy verbal report on the current state of the playing field in which he highlighted a recent problem of a car being driven a in the field and causing wheel track ruts.

**(2) Footpaths & Bridleways**

GB

Nothing to report

**(3) Roads & Transport**

Councillor Litton gave a report on a number of items of correspondence pertaining to traffic movement in the village

## 34.8

**To receive the following Village Reports****(1) Village Hall**

RP

It was noted that the Xmas Fayre was taking place this on coming Saturday

- (2) SALC BP  
Nothing to report
- (3) Cluster Group JW  
Nothing to report
- (4) Councillors
- (a) John Woolley
- (i) Telegraph Pole
- He raised the question of the recent installation of an additional telegraph pole at Nut Tree Close. On speaking to the affected owner it was deduced that they were happy with the position
- (ii) Factory pathway/Church Road
- Concern was raised at the manner that SWEB had left the general area after working on the pathway adjacent to the factory and Church Road. Councillor Gordon Boyer agreed to investigate
- (iii) Waste Paper Bank
- He gave to the meeting an explanation why the paper bank had not been emptied of late
- (b) Kathryn Cooke
- She indicated that the reflectors on the bollards appeared not to be as effective as they might be. The clerk agreed to bring the problem to the attention off SCC Highways.
- (c) Nigel Litton
- He advised the meeting that the "No Through Road" sign was missing on Westhill Lane
- (d) Ray Puddy
- Reported that the cleansing vehicle appeared not to be visiting Hackness Lane yet again
- (e) Gordon Boyer
- Indicated that the road sign for Withy Grove Road was missing
- (f) Francis Kidner
- Advised the meeting that a rumour had been circulating around the village whereby the collection made at the procession on the day of the Harvest Home by The Bason Bridge Inn was for their own purposes. This was incorrect the money collected had been donated as follows Air Ambulance and cancer Care £86.07 each and £30.00 to East Huntspill Primary School
- (g) Jenny Salway
- (i) Referred to her recent visit to The Centaur Centre Cheltenham Race Course when she attended the Graduation Ceremony for the clerk Mr Poole on receiving the Higher Education Certificate in Local Policy Administration.
- (ii) She also reported on the laying up of the British Legion Standard that had recently taken place

(5) District Councillors

Councillor Jane Moreton had proffered her apologies with a request that her e-mailed report is placed in the circulation pack.

(6) County Councillor

Councillor Mark Healey gave an up date on the proposed amalgamation of the County Fire Service. He also pointed out to the meeting the future aspirations spurred on by the recently published Government White paper of the County Council wishing to become a unitary authority which was not supported by the District Councils.

(7) Village Beat Officer

It was noted that PC Paul Hockin was no longer the Village Beat Officer and that PC Tracey Stiles had been appointed in his stead.

(9) East Huntspill School

The School had received a further HMI visit the results of which would eventually be posted on their web site

(10) The Clerk

Mr Poole indicated to the Parish Council that if Councillor Woolley continued to act in such a cavalier fashion towards him by making uncorroborated general statements in open Council that were neither accurate nor justified and were totally inappropriate he would have no alternative but to consider his position as clerk. Neither could Councillor Woolley be allowed to continually hijack Parish Council meetings by speaking on occasions for over twenty minutes on one subject.

**34.9**

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

(1)	CAB	Fund Seeking Letter and Annual Accounts	C
(2)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> – Issue 643 – 30/10/06	C
(3)	SALC	Agenda & Minutes – North Area 14/12/06 Somerset Rural Youth Project questionnaire	C JS
(4)	Huntspill News	November 2006	C
(5)	Wicksteed	Catalogue	C
(6)	SPFA	“The Playing Field” Autumn 2006	C
(7)	Clerks & Councils	Direct - November 2006 – Issue 48	C
(8)	SLCC	South West Regional Conference 08/12/06	BP

The clerk asked if any Councillors wished to attend - no

(9)	Countryside Alliance	“Love your Post Office”	C
(10)	Mrs K Bennett	EH Garden & Horticultural Club – Trophy?	BP

**Resolved** that the Parish Council would subscribe up to £60.00 in order that a perpetual cup could be obtained for the best in the show.

(11)	SDC	Declarations of Interest	C
(12)	SDC	“What’s On” Leaflet – Nov/Dec	C
(13)	SCC	Copy letter to Mr Anderson – B3141	NL
(14)	SLCC	Somerset Branch Winter Meeting and AGM – 02/12/06	C
(15)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 644 – 13/11/06	C
(16)	Police	Change of Community Beat Officer	BP

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

(17)	Age Concern	Letter seeking funds	BP
(18)	SCC Highways	Winter Service 2006/07	C
(19)	SALC	White Paper – Notice of Area Meeting – 14/12/06	C
(20)	SDC	Precept Requirement 2007/08	BP
(21)	St Margaret’s Hospice	Seeking Funds – Magazine	C

**34.10**

**Other Business referred to the Clerk**

(1) To resolve to commence planning for the 2007 Annual Parish Meeting

(2) Resolved that the Parish Council commence planning by setting up a small working group  
Councillor John Woolley will move the following two motions:

That this Parish Council formulates an Emergency Policy

Resolved that the Parish Council formulate an Emergency Policy by setting up a sub Committee

That this Parish Council considers some Village Youth Initiatives in order to combat any future Possible bad behaviour taking place within the village

Resolved that the Parish Council investigate the possibility of forming a Youth Council

(3) Councillor Francis Kidner will move the following resolution

That this Parish Council transfer it's Banking arrangements to The Co-operative Bank

Resolved that once the Councillors had an opportunity of reading the publicity material the Parish Council would pass a formal proposition

(4) To note the publication of the Local Government White Paper - Strong and Prosperous Communities

Noted

**34.11**

**Date of next Meeting**

**Planning Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary**

**Parish Council Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006**