



# EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the meeting District Councillor Bob Filmer notified the Council that planning appeal 14/25/009, regarding an application for a caravan storage area, had been dismissed. Cllr Filmer also reported that Sedgemoor District council is online for a balanced budget without significant reductions and that the Council Tax Support Grant will continue to be passed to parish councils in full.

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council, held in the Church Hall, Church Lane, East Huntspill on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 commencing at 7:30pm when the following business was transacted:**

**Present:** Councillor G Boyer (chairman) together with Councillors H Dixon, F Kidner, N Litton, S Croll, J Selway, C Wright, M Wall.

There were 2 members of the public in attendance along with District Councillor Bob Filmer and County Councillor Mark Healey (who joined the meeting late at item 112.9).

### **112.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

Apologies received from the clerk, Bruce Poole, and District Councillor Andrew Gilling.

### **112.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

None.

### **112.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**

**Resolved;** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014, which had been circulated, are approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the chairman.

### **112.4 Past Subject Matters - For the purpose of report only**

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| (1) Matters raised by members of the public                   | 111     |
| None  |         |
| (2) Defective Lights  | 111.4.2 |
| No report   |         |
| (3) National Grid Letter                                      | 111.4.4 |
| • No report. Matter referred to clerk, ref; item 112.11 below |         |

- (4) SCC Library Service Consultation 111.5.1
- East Huntspill is unaffected by the consultation
- (5) Sign at Cote/Church Road 111.8.2c  
No report
- (6) Defective Lights at Bason Bridge & Puddle Factory Lane 111.9.c  
No report
- (7) Footpaths Map 111.9.c
- Cllrs Dixon & Croll requested to receive copies of the local footpaths map for publication on the website and parish magazine respectively. Cllr Boyer agreed to provide the copies.
- (8) Overgrowth – Westhill Land & Walrow 111.9.c
- No report. Matter referred to clerk, ref; item 112.11 below

### 112.5 Resolutions

To receive and consider the quarterly budget prepared and submitted by the clerk.

Received; members agreed to consider the budgetary proposals and submit comments to be discussed at a meeting to be scheduled in January 2015.

### 112.6 Finance & Personnel Committee

To approve the following items of expenditure

Item	£	£ VAT element
(57) Jimas Village Newsletters	362.00	-
(58) Staff Salary & Expenses	1104.89	-
(59) Microshade VSM Monthly Hosting fee	43.00	8.60

Resolved: The invoices are agreed for payment

### 112.7 Planning Committee

To receive the Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and to note the decisions.

Received and noted.

### 112.8 Open Spaces Committee

112.8.1 To receive the following brief holders reports;

- (a) Playing Field KC  
No report.
- (b) Footpaths & Bridleways GB
- Complaints have been received of dog fouling on the path outside the school. Matter referred to clerk, ref; item 112.11 below.

(c) Roads & Transport

NL

- Bus services within East Huntspill are not affected by the recent Somerset County Council bus consultation.
- The Speed Indicator System fitted in the village has evidenced that vehicles speeding through the village remains a significant problem.
- Some of the white lines on roads through the village have been worn away and are in need of repainting. Cllr Litton agreed to contact Somerset Highways dept for action.

**112.9 To receive the following Village Reports**

(a) Village Hall

MW

- The village hall is being actively used. The next function, a delayed Christmas meal, is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Tickets cost £15 and can be bought from Mary Puddy.

(b) SALC

- The sum applicable under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 will increase in 2015/16 to £7.36 per elector.

(c) Councillors

- Cllr Croll reported that the village magazine has been well received in the community. Cllr Croll volunteered to write a letter of thanks to Liz Burke for her valued assistance in delivering the publication.

(d) District Councillors

BF/AG

No report

(e) County Councillor

MH

- News is expected after Christmas regarding the completion of the development at Middlemoor and the resultant increase in lorries through the village.
- It was suggested that local councillors who witness vehicles speeding through the village should take note of the vehicle registration & description, along with the date and time, so that the police and/or operators can be informed.
- It has been agreed that the Health & Wellbeing budget will continue through 2015/16.

(f) Beat Officer

No report

(g) East Huntspill School

HD

- The school welcomes applications for a new Parish Council governor following the resignation of Cllr Dixon.

(h) East Huntspill Pre-School

JS

- The pre-school continues to be well supported and plans to carry out building works, for which it will seek funding.

(i) East Huntspill Pavilion Group

No report

(j) Coastal Cluster Group

GB

- The YMCA Muga at Highbridge was approved.

- The electronic scoreboard at Burnham Cricket Club was approved.

(k) The Chairman

GB

- Somerset County Council have submitted to the government a minerals study regarding fracking.

(l) The Parish Clerk

BP

- In the absence of Bruce Poole, Parish Clerk, Cllr Boyer notified the Council that he had received a letter from Mr Bruce Poole giving three months' notice of his resignation from the post of Parish Clerk to East Huntspill Parish Council.

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

(1) SLCC 2014-2016 National Salary Award

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(2) Huntspill News Dec 14 – Jan 15 Issue

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**Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda:** None

**112.11 Other Business referred to the Clerk**

- 112.4 (3) BP to chase National Grid for a response to the letter from the Parish Council.
- 112.4 (8) BP to chase action regarding overgrowth at Westhill Land & Walrow.
- 112.5 BP to schedule a Councils meeting in January to discuss the circulated budget papers.
- 112.6 BP to add agenda item to the next Council meeting regarding a request by the churchyard for a donation in excess of £500 for works to be carried out.
- 112.8 (b) BP to pass on the matter of dog fouling on the path outside the school to the PCSO and the Dog Warden.

**112.12 Date of next Parish Council Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015**