

EAST HUNTSPELL 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 16th July 2007** that commenced at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman allowed a number of the members of the public to address the Parish Council on the conduct and outcome of the last Planning Committee and the discussions that were held at that meeting in respect to Planning Application 25/00029. At the Chairman's request the clerk read the following statement:

Before doing so District Councillor M Paul Herbert withdrew from the meeting.

"In principal the Parish Council did not object to the proposed development. It did however wish to see greater recognition of the stated aims regarding future housing in the village as set out in the Village Plan 2003-05. This set out the need for affordable housing. This aim could not be achieved if only larger houses were being envisaged for the site. The Parish Council therefore recommended a greater mix of smaller units such as 2 Bedroomed Houses and Bungalows. The Parish Council also recognised the need for continuing sustainability within the village and that the proposed site was designated by Sedgemoor District Council for housing development in the local plan"

The clerk also explained the process when and how the Parish Council could sit in camera in certain situations. He agreed that it was not subsequently proven to be necessary at the last Parish Council Planning Meeting.

A number of questions then followed which were answered by either the Chairman the Councillors the Clerk and the District Councillors present.

The Chairman then formally opened the meeting and District Councillor M Paul Herbert returned to the meeting.

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

In addition there were nine members of the public present together with District Councillors Mrs Jane Moreton and Mr M P Herbert County Councillor Mark Healey and PCSO Sam Haydon and a PCSO colleague

"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"

41.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

None

41.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
41.6	M P Herbert	Prejudicial	Executive Member – SDC Planning
41.8.1	R Puddy	Personal	Chair/Trustee - New Hall Management

41.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th June 2007

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th June 2007 as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

41.4 Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

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

None | BP |
| (2) | Youth Shelter – Update

The clerk indicated that he was anxious to have a meeting on site with members of the Open Spaces Committee. Councillor Mrs Kay Bennett to arrange. | KB |
| (3) | Stones

Delivery of plaques awaited | BP |
| (4) | “New Road” Sign

Delivery and installation awaited from SDC | BP |
| (5) | Village Emergency Policy – Working Party | |
| (6) | Youth Council | |
| (7) | Barrier Costings

No action/progress to report | KB |
| (8) | Village Walk – 1 st July 2007

Councillor Gordon Boyer reported that although only a small group took part the outcomes from the day were extremely encouraging which he confirmed that he would follow up on in due course. | GB |
| (9) | Village Newsletter

No report | KC |
| (10) | Village Computer

The Clerk confirmed that the proprietor of The Crown Stores was prepared to house the village computer subject to certain safeguards such as Insurance and Broadband Services being resolved | BP |
| (11) | “East Huntspill” village signs

The Clerk confirmed that he was due to meet SCC Engineer Mr Chris Betty to choose suitable sites in the next two weeks | BP |
| (12) | Members Register of Interest

The Clerk reminded members of the need to return to him as a matter of urgency the Register of Interest forms in order that he might forward them on SDC. | BP |

- (13) Insurance Schedule NL
- The clerk confirmed that the revised schedule had been received and passed to Councillor Litton
- (14) Footpath – Opposite New Hall GB
 (15) Dogs on leads GB
- Councillor Gordon Boyer confirmed that he was dealing with both these issues
- (16) Amenity Grant Application BP
 (17) “The Clean Sweep” Programme
- The clerk confirmed that he had submitted the required applications
- (18) Lloyd Maunder Lorries
- Councillor Nigel Litton confirmed that he had made the required contact only to learn that the use of the Lorries on this bridge fully complied with the weight restrictions. There was however still some doubt as to whether it was laden or un-laden weight.
- (19) Deer – Signs
- Councillor Litton asked Councillors to advise him as to where they would like these proposed signs installed.
- (20) Gold Corner – Bridle Path Sign
 (21) Cote Corner/Burtle Lane – Cages
- No action as yet
- (22) Village Bus Service
- County Councillor Mark Healey gave the meeting an update on the recently reinstated bus service

41.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of July

(44)	UofG	9 th Payment	30.00	
(26)	SDC	Playing Field Rent	56.25	
(27)	Dan Manley	Grass Cutting	176.00	
(28)	NALC	“Cracking the Code” Seminar	35.00	6.12
(29)	SLCC	National Conference	77.66	13.59
(30)	SDC	Uncontested Election Costs – 03/05/07	71.12	
(31)	BP&Co	Postage – June 2007	12.42	
(32)	B Poole	Clerk’s Salary – June 2007	544.49	
(33)	Telecomm	Broadband – 01/05/07 – 30/09/07	19.00	3.32

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

Resolved that Parish Clerk be added to the Bank Mandate as a signatory in order that he may be able to make transfers to and from the Current and Reserve Accounts lodged with NatWest Bank Burnham-on-Sea

District Councillor M Paul Herbert left the meeting

41.6 Planning

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

25/07/00016 – Approved 05/07/07

Erection of dwelling with side attached Garage
 Land to the west of 2 Chapel Lane East Huntspill

JS

- 25/07/00017 – Approved 25/05/07** **RP**
Change of use of agricultural land for inclusion within garden area
Land to the east of 14A Church Road East Huntspill
- 25/07/00020**
Erection of four buildings to form industrial units
Land at Factory Lane Basonbridge
- 25/07/00023**
Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land as a lorry park and operating centre for heavy goods vehicles
Meade Farm New Road East Huntspill
- 25/06/00024** **FK**
Erection of building to form three stables
Long East Barn New Road East Huntspill
- 25/07/00019 – 13/07/07** **RP**
Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling
Barn 2 Kings Farm Withy Road East Huntspill
- 25/07/00020** **GB**
Erection of four buildings to form industrial units
Land at Factory Lane Basonbridge
- 25/07/00021- Approved 10/07/07** **JS**
Erection of a dwelling with garage and formation of access
Land adjoining Orchard View 8 Church Lane
- 25/07/00024 – Target Date 29/06/07** **FK**
Use of additional area of land to site 19 static caravans at existing caravan park
Land to the South East of Westhill Farm Caravan Park Catherine Street
- 25/07/00025** **RP**
Erection of two storey side extension on site of existing (to be demolished)
Rosalea Withy Road East Huntspill

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

- 25/00029** **JS**
Erection 21 dwellings garages and formation of access
Smithy Farm Chapel Lane East Huntspill
- 25/07/00032 – Target Date** **KC**
Erection of extension to livestock building
Livestock Building Court Farm Cote
- The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application
- 25/07/00033 – Target Date 25/07/2007** **VS**
Replacement building for storage and repair of agricultural machinery
Agricultural Store Heron Bank Westhill Lane Basonbridge
- The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application

District Councillor M Paul Herbert returned to the meeting

41.7 Open Spaces - To receive reports from the brief holders

- (1) Playing Field **KB**

All agreed that an Open Spaces Committee Meeting should be convened as soon as possible in order to discuss a number of matters relating the Playing Field.

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB
 Already reported under matters arising
- (3) Roads & Transport NL
 Lines completed in Withy Grove.
 It was noted that the joint meeting with SCC Woolavington PC and East Huntspill PC would be held on the 24th July regarding the proposed weight restrictions protocol. Councillor Litton indicated that would not be available to attend but he would wish to know how the proposed restrictions if accepted were to be policed.
- (4) Other
 None

41.8 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall RP
 Stage progressing well – Fun Day organised for the 29th July
- (2) SALC BP
 Nothing to report
- (3) Cluster Group VS
 Councillors Salway & Shellard attended the last meeting and advised that the next meeting was planned for 10th October
- (4) Councillors
 (1) Councillor Kay Bennett
 Advised the Council of the impending Village Annual Garden Show on the 4th August
 (2) Councillor Valerie Shellard
 Advised the Council that she had written to SDC as an individual in respect to the Smithy Farm Planning Application
- (5) District Councillors
 District Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton reminded the meeting of the announcement expected in the next week in respect to Somerset County Council's unitary bid. She also referred to a footpath on the parish boundary between East and West Huntspill which the County Council was proposing to have an easement extinguished. She suggested that the clerk should ascertain from the West Huntspill clerk exactly what was happening
 District Councillor M Paul Herbert spoke on the current waste collection services
- (6) County Councillor
 County Councillor Mark Healey gave an updated report on how successful the recent merger of Fire Brigades had progressed.
- (7) Village Beat Officer
 PCSO Sam Haydon addressed the meeting and agreed that she hoped to visit the village as much as possible although in concert with her beat manager they had a large number of communities to supervise

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| (9) | East Huntspill School | VS |
| (10) | The Chairman | JS |

The Chairman reported on the recent visit to the school and the opening of the pre-alliance new play area which she had officially performed.

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| (11) | The Clerk | BP |
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Mr Poole reminded the Councillors of the planned Training/Information Day scheduled for the 13th October 2007

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

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| (1) | SDC | Cluster Group Minutes & Agenda | JS |
| (2) | SLCC | Branch Meeting – 20/07/07 | C |
| (3) | Huntspill | News – July/August 2007 | C |
| (4) | NALC | DISExtra Issue 660 – 02/07/07 | C |
| (5) | SCC | Parish Emergency Plan Information | JS |
| (6) | PCSO Sam Haydon | E-Mail of introduction | BP |
| (7) | Zurich Municipal | LCAS Annual Health & Safety Seminar 2007 | C |
| (8) | SDC | Training for Parish Councillors 16/07 or 24/07 | C |
| (9) | Clerks & Councils | Direct – July 2007 Issue 52 | C |
| (10) | SDC | Local Development Framework Stage 2 Issues & Options | RP |
| (17) | SDC | “What’s On” July 2007 | C |

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

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| (18) | Energy Saving Trust | Warmer Improved Somerset Homes (WISH) | C |
| (19) | NALC | DISExtra Issue 661 – 16/07/07 | C |
| (20) | Community Council | Somerset AGM – 11 th September 2007 | C |
| (21) | Mr T Pugh | Letter of Support – Planning Application 25/00029 | BP |
| (22) | Road Safety Partnership | Leaflet | C |

41.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To receive East Huntspill Village Hall Trust Annual Accounts 31/12/06
- (2) The Code of Conduct
 - (i) To Resolve to formally adopt with immediate effect the mandatory Model Code of Conduct as is applicable to Parish Councils of 2007 with specific inclusion of paragraph 12 (2) “Effect of prejudicial interests on participation”.
 - (ii) To Resolve to amend the Standing Orders accordingly
- (3) Archiving of Records

To resolve to prepare for archiving and to agreed location for archiving Parish Council records
- (4) To resolve to grant delegated powers to the Chairman Vice Chairman and Clerk for the closed period of August

41.11 Date of next Meeting - Planning Committee – 6th August 2007 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary - Parish Council Meeting 17th September 2007