

EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman Mrs T J Salway invited Mr Matthew Wall to address the meeting on planning proposal 25/09/0000. He indicated that he was very much against the proposal which was adjoining his property. The Chairman indicated that the Parish Council would not make any comments in the public part of the meeting but would do so formally when the meeting had been duly opened. She thanked Mr Wall for attending and added that he was at liberty to remain for the remainder of the meeting.

The young people present again elected Brad Erich to be their spokesman. He indicated that they were challenged at the previous meeting to raise some money towards the Youth Shelter and was pleased to hand over the sum of £60.00 which had been raised by his group the previous week-end. Their presentation and worthwhile endeavours was received with unanimous acclaim. They then departed from the meeting. The clerk was asked to send a letter of acknowledgement to the group c/o Jordan Lockyer.

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council held in the Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on Monday 16th February 2009 that commenced at 7.30 pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT: Councillors Mesdames T J Salway (Chairman) 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

There were seven members of the public present that included five young men led by their spokesman Brad Edrich together with District Councillors Mrs Jane Moreton Mr M Paul Herbert and County Councillor Mr Mark Healey.

56.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

None

55.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
56.4.1	Cllr M Healey	Prejudicial	Member of the Grant Funding Committee
56.4.1	Cllr J Moreton	Prejudicial	Member of the Grant Funding Committee
56.6.2	F Kidner	Prejudicial	Known personally to the applicant
56.7.1	K Cooke	Personal	Committee Member – Cricket Club
56.8.1	T J Salway	Personal	Trustee – New Hall Management
56.8.1	G Hendy	Personal	Committee Member – New Hall Management
56.8.1	R Puddy	Personal	Trustee New Hall Management

56.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2009

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2009 as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

56.4 Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting BP
Representation from a group young people – Youth Shelter and Increased Street Lighting
The Clerk reminded the meeting of why they attended last months meeting. He gave a synopsis of what progress had been made to day in respect to the permissions needed and the grant funding applications.
- (2) Play Equipment KB
It was noted that all the necessary repairs stemming from the RoSPA 2008 Report had now been completed
- (3) Weight Restrictions NL
Councillor Nigel Litton gave a verbal up date to the meeting and he took note of a number of salient points regarding the difficulties some contractors were experiencing in gaining efficient access to and from the village. He promised to relay them to the next scheduled meeting on the 27th February.
- (4) Deer Signs BP
(5) Dog Order Legislation GB
Nothing to report
- (6) Village Calendar VS
Councillor Mrs Valerie Shellard provided the meeting with provisional costings received from one printer.
- (7) Provision of Dog Bins BP
The Clerk asked for direction from the Councillors as to where they wished to install the agreed 5no dog bins. Agreed that this would be finalised at the March Meeting.
- (8) Affordable Housing Village Survey BP
It was noted that the Council were waiting to hear as to re-scheduled meeting date
- (9) New Road – Bus Stop
The meeting was advised by the Clerk that he was waiting to hear as to the proposed date of the visit from the various agencies.
- (10) Directional Sign – Church Hall
It was confirmed that the PCC had been advised accordingly

56.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of January

(65)	Staples	Stationery	36.88	5.53
(66)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses	704.61	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid.

The Council noted and agreed the action taken by the Parish Clerk earlier that day to transfer £9,000 from Nat West Reserve Account to the Nat West Current Account in order to subsequently withdraw that sum and pay it into the Co-operative Bank.

56.6 Planning

- (1) To receive an update on the following outstanding applications
- (2) To consider and respond to the following planning applications

Councillor Francis Kidner retired from the meeting

Due to the importance of the following item and that SDC would require a response prior to the March Parish Council Meeting it was **resolved** to take the following subject matter as an emergency item

25/09/00001 – Target Date 27/02/09

Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 25/02/34 to allow occupancy of log chalets for tourism purposes for 12 months of the year.
Land at Walleden Farm New Road East Huntspill

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to seek a refusal on the following grounds:

- That due to the chalet buildings being built primarily for holiday accommodation and therefore at a lesser building standard to that of permanent accommodation all year occupation was not therefore considered appropriate
- Likely to set an unnecessary precedent if approved to other owners within the village of which there are a number of limited occupation holiday accommodation units
- That the case for additional affordable housing within Policy H31 is not proven as a recent affordable housing survey carried out in September 2008 by the Community Council for Somerset only showed a need for six families. This requirement is likely to be satisfied in the near future by appropriate and suitably built permanent accommodation
- That the proposal contravenes the requirements of Policy H3

Councillor Francis Kidner returned to the meeting

(3) Appeals

APP/V3310/A/09/2093938/WF - 25/08/00034

Erection of detached bungalow and garage
Land South of South View Catherine Street East Huntspill

APP/V3310/A/09/2094180/WF – 25/0800045

Erection of conservatory to North elevation
The Last Homely House New Road East Huntspill

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

- (1) Playing Field KB

A consensus report was given to meeting by Councillors Shellard Bennett and Cooke on the outcome of the recent meeting between the Parish Council and representatives of the village Cricket Club.

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

It was noted that the “Bridleway” sign at Gold Corner was still lying in the grass verge.

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

Councillor Nigel Litton reported that despite the obvious problems that some contractors were experiencing legitimate access problems the amount of HGV's using the village had drastically reduced.

56.8 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall RP

Councillor Ray Puddy reported on a very successful social and money raising week-end

- (2) SALC JW

Details of Councillor & Clerk training in the pack

- (3) Councillors

- (a) Nigel Litton

Asked the Clerk what training was necessary to carry out the work of a Parish Clerk to a satisfactory level and what Training had the Parish Council supported the clerk in over the last couple of years.

The Clerk explained that there were certain minimum levels of training required such as WWYC and CiLCA as well as specialised training from time to time in order for a Clerk to keep abreast of new and amended legislation. With the past support of the Parish Council in partnership with Bleadon & Puriton Parish Councils the Clerk was in his own view suitable trained and qualified.

- (b) Valerie Shellard

Reported on the Police Seminar attended by herself the Chairman and the Clerk last week where one interesting initiative was portrayed entitled "Cold Call". It was agreed that an invitation should be extended to the beat managers in order that they might explain in more detail at the Annual Parish Meeting.

- (c) Ray Puddy

Reported on an instance in recent weeks where the Police were called to deal with a civil commotion within the village and he wished to express his thanks for a speedy response.

- (4) District Councillors

- (a) Paul Herbert

Explained the future of the BCL Site in Bridgwater and the expected advantages to be had from the proposed redevelopment

- (b) Jane Moreton

Gave details to the partnership programme entitled "Pioneer Somerset"

- (5) County Councillor

Mark Healey advised the meeting that Somerset County Council percentage budget increase would be 2.74% Fire Rescue 3.9% and the Police 4.00%

- (6) Village Beat Officer

Apologies for non attendance had been given

- (7) East Huntspill School VS
 Councillor Valerie Shellard gave details to meeting on the discussions she had had with the Headteacher in respect to parking problems outside the school at the beginning and at the end of school. She also gave details of the current grass cutting contract.
- (10) The Chairman JS
 Nothing to report that had not been reported on by others
- (11) The Clerk
 Gave details of the Training Day planned for Bleadon on the 5th March – the proposed visit to Portishead on the 19th March – the Code of Conduct Training on the 31st March and the fact that he was taking some annual leave from the 17th to the 24th February. The Council also resolved the following:

Resolved that the 2009 Annual Parish Meeting due to take place on the 20th April would now be held on the 27th April and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for the 18th May be held in the New Village Hall

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

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| (1) | SDC | Local Plan Policies for Outdoor Sport (Policy RLT3) | BP |
| (2) | SCC | Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – New Road | BP |
| (3) | SCC | Communications and Marketing | C |
| (4) | Rural Services | Newsletter | C |
| (5) | NALC | DISExtra Issue 701 26/01/09 | C |
| (6) | Huntspill News | February 2009 | BP |
| (7) | SALC | Various items of information | C |
| (8) | SALC | “Power of well-being” – Training Seminar | BP |
| (9) | SDC | E-Mail – Code of Conduct Training Session – 31/03/09 | BP |
| (10) | NALC | DISExtra Issue 702 - 09/02/09 | C |
| (11) | Environment Agency | Parrett Estuary Flood Risk Management Strategy | C |

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

Due to the importance of the following item and that under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act the correspondent was entitled to a response prior to the March Parish Council Meeting it was resolved to take the following subject matter as an emergency item

- (12) Mr R Stenning Freedom of Information – Requesting information BP
 The Clerk provided full details of the contents of the letter and the information that was sought. He then went on to explain how he intended to respond such proposed action was fully endorsed by the Parish Council.
- (13) SCC Transporting Somerset – Issue No 2 February 2009 C
 (14) Viridor Credits Acknowledgement of Grant Funding Application BP

56.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

56.11 Date of next Meeting - Monday 16th March 2009 commencing at 7.30 pm.