

EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council that was held in the **East Huntspill Pre-School Hall New Road East Huntspill** on **Monday 16th June 2008** that commenced at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

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

In addition there were three members of the public present two of whom were representing the Pre-School Alliance together with District Councillor Mr M P Herbert and County Councillor Mr M 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 age sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

50.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillor K Cooke and District Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton

50.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
50.6.2 25/08/00016	F Kidner	Personal	Relative of the applicant
50.6.2 25/08/00017	F Kidner	Personal	Relative of the applicant
50.8.1	G Hendy	Personal	Committee Member – New Hall Management
50.8.1	J Salway	Personal	Trustee – New Hall
50.8.1	R Puddy	Personal	Chairman and Trustee New Hall Management

50.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th May 2008

Resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th May 2008 as circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

50.4 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 | BP |
| | None | |
| (2) | Youth Shelter – Update | KB |
| | The Clerk reported that he was still in the process of sourcing further grants monies | |
| (3) | Village Computer | GB |
| | No report | |
| (4) | “East Huntspill” Signs | BP |
| (5) | Weight Restrictions | NL |
| (6) | Deer Signs | BP |
| | It was reported that these matters were still progressing. | |
| (7) | Letter Box | BP |
| | It was noted that yet again a response had not been received. | |
| (8) | Notice Boards – Locking/Organisations | NB |
| | The clerk reported to the meeting what steps he had taken to secure this position. | |
| (9) | Naming of the Commemorative Stones | BP |
| | The clerk reported that he was waiting for a quotation from Burnham Funeral Services | |
| (10) | Rubbish in the ditch – New Road | BP |
| | It was noted that SDC had written back to the Parish Council saying that as the Council leased the playing field they were therefore fully responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. However SDC further advised that they were waiting to hear from SCC regarding the gap between the footpath and boundary hedge. | |
| (11) | “MUGA” Speaker | BP |
| | The clerk advised that he was still attempting to source a suitable speaker. | |
| (12) | Dog Order Legislation | GB |
| | The Parish Council confirmed that they would wherever and whenever circumstances arose robustly through SDC pursue court proceedings to secure prosecutions against people who allowed their dog(s) to foul without picking it up. | |
| | A circumstance was reported and it was | |
| | <u>Resolved</u> that the Parish Clerk should write to the offenders warning them it they were caught in the future they would be prosecuted. | |
| (13) | Ditch slope – New Road | BP |
| | See 50.4.10 above | |
| (14) | Village Calendar | VS |

- (15) Community Projector/Laptop VS
It was reported to the meeting that both matters were being currently progressed.
- (16) Vehicular access to Church Road NL
It was noted that this matter was being discussed with SCC and SCC
- (17) Retirement of the Head Teacher BP
It was confirmed by the clerk that he had written the requested letter
- (18) Provision of Dog Bins – see 50.10.2 BP

50.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of June

(21)	Staples	Stationery	38.85	6.80
(22)	Lansdowne Hotel	NALC Eastbourne Conference	64.96	11.37
(23)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – May	603.15	
(24)	Redstone	Computers (UK) Ltd – Updated Programmes	135.00	23.63
(25)	SPFA	Annual Subscription 2008	10.00	
(26)	Mr D Manley	Cutting and Strimming Grass	154.00	

Resolved that the following accounts as presented be paid.

Duplicate Cheque – Zurich Municipal Insurance - £398.34

Resolved that a duplicate cheque be drawn

It was reported by the clerk that he had secured an agreement from Nat West to reimburse all the recent costs due to being “overdrawn”. They admitted that because they had not carried certain out certain requested actions the Parish Council Account had gone into the red unnecessarily.

50.6 Planning

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

25/07/00049 – Approved 21/05/08

Depositing of soil, obtained from ponds, on paddock
On OS Field No 7786 West of railway line Puriton Road West Huntspill

25/08/00012 – Approved 16/06/08

Erection of Stables
OS Field No 9682 Withy Road East Huntspill

25/08/00021

Use of land for horticultural purposes on a permanent basis, retention of shed, mess room, two poly tunnels, aviary and greenhouse
On land North of Threeways Catherine Street East Huntspill

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

25/08/00016

Renewal of Planning Permission 25/03/00029 for the retention of use of land and buildings as a wildlife hospital removal and resisting of fencing enclosures aviaries sheds retention of surfaced car park and enclosures in paddock and erection of stables
New Road Farm New Road East Huntspill

Agreed that a site visit should be undertaken

25/08/00017

Renewal of planning permission 25/03/00032 for the internal and external alterations to Barns A and C removal of unauthorised windows and replacement by timber cottage style casements to Barn A and New Road Farmhouse

New Road Farm New Road East Huntspill

Agreed that a site visit should be undertaken

25/0800020

Erection of rear conservatory
14 Church Road East Huntspill

GH

The Council had no objections to this application.

25/08/00023

Erection of two story extension to NW elevation on site of existing (to be demolished)
6 Chapel Lane East Huntspill

JS

The Council had no objections to this application

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

(1) Playing Field

KB

Nothing to report

The Chairman asked if the committee would like to receive a Horse Chestnut sapling to which the response was yes.

(2) Footpaths & Bridleways

GB

Nothing to report

(3) Roads & Transport

NL

Councillor Nigel Litton provided the meeting with an update on the proposed weight restrictions consultation.

50.8 To receive the following Village Reports

(1) Village Hall

RP

It was noted that the bookings were still progressing well.

(2) SALC

Details in pack

(3) Councillors

(i) Councillor Kay Bennett

She announced the holding of a Strawberry and Cream Tea this coming Thursday and the Garden Show in August.

(ii) Councillor Francis Kidner

He asked that the subject of Flood Risk Area and Insurance Premiums be placed on the July agenda for discussion.

(iii) Councillor Nigel Litton

He reported on the incidence of an accident recently that took place at Watchfield Corner.

(4) District Councillors

District Councillor Paul Herbert advised the meeting of his new responsibilities on the SDC Executive.

(5) County Councillor

County Councillor Mark Healey outlined his plans whereby he was going to ask all the Parish Councillors within his ward as to how they collectively wished to spend the sum of £15,000 at his disposal. It was his hope that they would consider purchasing lap tops and projectors for their village.

(6) Village Beat Officer

No report

(9) East Huntspill School

VS

It was report that the proposed Federated scheme had been adopted by both school PTA's.

(10) The Chairman

JS

Nothing to report.

(11) The Clerk

He confirmed to the Council that he had recently been successful in securing a pass in the Higher Education Diploma in Local Policy.

9.00 p.m. Councillor Geraldine Hendy arrived at the meeting expressing her apologies for her late arrival.

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

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| (1) | SDC | Local Code of Conduct | NB |
| (2) | BP | ICO – Confirmation of Renewal | BP |
| (3) | Mr R Stenning | Copy correspondence to the External Auditor | BP |

The clerk reported on the response he had provided to the external auditor on behalf of the Parish Council in respect to Mr Stenning's letter.

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| (4) | East Huntspill School | Decision to Federate | C |
| (5) | NALC | DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 684 28/05/08 | C |
| (6) | SDC | Amenity Grant Application | BP |
| (7) | Western Power | Stakeholder Consultation: Our Future – Your Future | C |
| (8) | SALC | Training Dates – Quality Councils – Power of Well Being | C |
| | | Governance and Accountability – 2008 Edition | C |
| | | Training Events – New Clerks | C |
| | | CILCA | C |
| (9) | SDC | E-Mail - New Road – Childrens Play Area Ditch | BP |
| (10) | Mr T Pugh | E-Mail – Defective Fence – East Huntspill Playing Field | BP |

It was agreed that this problem should be investigated when the Open Spaces Committee met to have a site meeting.

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| (11) | The Huntspill News | June 2008 | C |
| (12) | NALC | DIS <i>Extra</i> – Issue 685 – 09/06/08 | C |
| (13) | NALC/SLCC | Governance and Accountability for Local Councils
"A Practitioners' Guide 2008 (England) | BP |
| (14) | SDC | Sedgemoor Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment | C |
| (15) | SCC | Public Rights of Way Newsletter 2007-08 | C |

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(16) SDC
(17) SCC

Corporate Strategy 2008-2013
Somerset Local Initiatives

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50.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To give consideration to providing financial assistance to the Pre-School Alliance to assist them with the replacing of their Hall floor.

Resolved that in the first instance that the Parish Council would commission a surveyor's report on the condition of the building and in the light of that report further consideration would be give to a grant in the light of that report.

- (2) To agree to install Dog Bins in the village

Agreed to provide Dog Bins – potential sites within the village to be selected

- (3) To agree on a procedure for the cleaning of the Village Bus Shelters

Agreed to ascertain whether or not SDC would arrange the emptying of the letter bins located at the bus shelters.

- (4) To consider a Grant Funding application from the Good Companions Club

Resolved to make a grant of £250.00

50.11 Date of next Meeting

Monday 21st July 2008 commencing at 7.30 pm.