

EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman Mrs T J Salway invited Mrs Jane Clarke to address the meeting on a proposal that her client had which was to develop the land to the rear of the village hall for two 2 bedroomed house and car parking spaces. Councillors asked a number of questions – Mrs Clarke was thanked for her attendance at the meeting and thereafter retired.

The young people present elected Brad Erich to be their spokesman. He indicated that they were at the meeting as a result of a presentation that was made on their behalf by SYRP. What they were seeking was additional facilities in the village such as increased street lighting in the more vulnerable parts of the village and a youth shelter on the recreational area. It was explained to them that Parish Council had been attempting to seek for the last two years sufficient funding in order to provide such a piece of equipment and indeed had obtained a quotation. The young people were shown a pictorial outline of a proposed scheme and were asked if it was on the lines of what they were seeking. They confirmed that it was. A number of questions were asked which resulted in the members giving an assurance that they the Parish Council would provide the equipment by no later than the summer of 2009. They were thanked for their well presented case.

Finally the Chairman invited PCSO Pauline Dixon to speak who introduced to the meeting PCSO Sheila Dickenson who was due to take over the beat. She subsequently distributed to the Councillors her calling card which gave full details for contact purposes and laminated posters for posting around the village which gave details of future village surgeries.

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council held in the Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on Monday 19th January 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 G Hendy Messrs F Kidner N Litton R Puddy and the clerk Mr B Poole

There were seven members of the public present that included Kayleigh Pomeroy Stephen May Brad Edrich Ellis Manley Greg Walters who were representing the young people of the village. In addition were Mrs Jane Clarke Architect PCSOs Pauline Dixon and Sheila Dickenson together with District Councillors Mrs Jane Moreton Mr M Paul Herbert and County Councillor Mr Mark Healey.

55.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Kathryn Cooke (work commitments)

55.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
55.6.3	K Bennett	Prejudicial	Planning Application Applicant
55.8.1	T J Salway	Personal	Trustee – New Hall Management
55.8.1	G Hendy	Personal	Committee Member – New Hall Management
55.8.1	R Puddy	Personal	Trustee New Hall Management

55.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2008

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2008 as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

55.4 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) | Play Equipment

It was noted that all the required repairs as recommended in the 2008 RoSPA Report had been completed. | KB |
| (3) | Village Computer

Councillor Boyer confirmed that the Village Computer at the Crown Stores was now in place and fully connected to the internet | GB |
| (4) | “East Huntspill” Signs

Confirmed that they were now in place | BP |
| (5) | Weight Restrictions

Councillor Nigel Litton outlined what had taken place at a recent meeting with Woolavington Parish Council and SCC in respect to the experimental weight restriction scheme. He indicated that he was looking for volunteers who would be willing to keep a log for a set period in order to check on the heavy vehicular movement through the village. Councillor Ray Puddy advised the meeting of some of the difficulties he said that drivers visiting his farm were having. Indeed one appeared to have been summonsed with 3 penalty points and a fine. It was agreed that Councillor Puddy should provide the clerk with full details so that he could carry out an investigation with the appropriate authorities. | NL |
| (6) | Deer Signs

Not concluded | BP |
| (7) | Rubbish in the ditch – New Road

Confirmed that no further action would now be taken in respect to this matter | BP |
| (8) | Dog Order Legislation

No progress | GB |
| (9) | Village Calendar

Councillor Valerie Shellard reported on what progress she was making and hoped to be in a position soon to obtain quotes. | VS |
| (10) | Provision of Dog Bins

The clerk explained to the meeting where he was currently with this subject matter | BP |
| (11) | Affordable Housing Village Survey | BP |

Resolved that Mesdames Salway Shellard and Bennett would form the working party together with District Councillor Jane Moreton.

(12) New Road – Bus Stop

Unable to progress this matter until a meeting had been held with the appropriate SCC Officer

(13) Directional Sign – Church Hall

Resolved that the Church Hall Committee should be advised of the potential cost which was £300.00

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

(52)	Staples	Stationery	28.92	5.06
(53)	SLCC	Regional Conference	150.00	26.24
(54)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – November	600.95	
(55)	Mr B Poole	UofG – Stationery	7.33	
(56)	Simply Somerset	Transport to regional Conference	75.00	
(57)	EH Village Hall	Hall Hire – Sep/Oct/Nov	21.00	
(58)	Mr D Manley	Grass Cutting	132.00	
(59)	SDC	Playing Field Rent	56.25	
(60)	SLCC	Annual Membership Fee	94.00	
(61)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – December 2008	591.81	
(62)	SLCC	Practitioners' Conference	63.33	9.50
(63)	Mr B Poole	Broadband Services – Jan to Mar 2009	30.00	
(64)	BT	Village Broadband Services	138.59	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid.

55.6 Planning

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

25/08/00042 – Approved 17/12/08

VS

Change of use and conversion of the stable building to provide holiday accommodation
Stables at Heath House Farm 129 Church Road Basonbridge

25/08/00044 – Refused 08/12/08

FK

Erection of dwelling garage and formation of access
Land to the East of Ivy Cottage Catherine Street East Huntspill

25/08/00045 – Refused 19/12/08

FK

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

District Councillor M Paul Herbert questioned as to what phrasing had been used by the Parish Council to support this application. He re-emphasised that it was imperative that all future responses to SDC by the Parish Council should state what planning policies are being quoted to support or not support a particular application.

He asked that the clerk should write to SDC to question their particular actions in respect to this application.

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

None

Councillor Mrs Kay Bennett retired for a short while

(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

Resolved that the clerk should write to Planning Inspectorate setting out the arguments it had made when supporting the original application.

Councillor Mrs Kay Bennett returned to the meeting

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

- (1) Playing Field KB

Councillor Gerry Hendy indicated that the Cricket Club were planning to set out their new pitch on the 3rd February. It was agreed that the Parish Council should meet with them prior to that date to ensure that the new pitch did not potentially interfere with where it was hoped the MUGA would be sited.

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

Councillor Gordon Boyer advised the meeting that he was in discussions with the SCC Rights of Way Officer to ensure that all paths in the village were both usable and passable.

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

See 55.4.5

Discussion then ensued in respect to the problems with parking outside the school at the beginning and end of the school day. A number of car users pay no attention to the yellow lines especially when a car park was available nearby.

55.8 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall RP

A successful Christmas Fayre was reported to have been held and in the future it is planned to hold a Valentine Evening at £30.00 per double.

- (2) SALC

Nothing to report

- (3) Councillors

- (a) Councillor Gerry Hendy

She referred to a recent meeting she attended of the Coastal Cluster Group when a suggestion was made as to whether East Huntspill Parish Council would wish to participate in a "Lengthsman Scheme".

Resolved that the Parish Council would agree to participate at this stage in the exploratory discussions.

- (b) Councillor Ray Puddy

He said that he was reporting on behalf of one of his grandsons a scout who was concerned at the possibility of SDC "selling off" the Scout Hut in Highbridge.

Resolved that the clerk write to SDC to express the Council's concerns of disposing of such a building when there was certainly a need to provide such a facility for young people.

- (c) Councillor Kay Bennett

She gave details of the East Huntspill Horticultural Society's proposed events for 2009. Film Show 19/05/08 and Summer Show on the 01/08/09

- (d) Councillor Francis Kidner

He reminded the Council of the need to have the Play Area hedges cut before the end of February.

Councillor Francis Kidner departed from the meeting – lambing – 9.15 pm

(4) District Councillors

(a) Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton

She indicated that SDC budgeting process had been a challenge and it was noted that there had been quite a drastic reduction of staff

Still looking for land in either East or West Huntspill for the provision of allotments

Very concerned at the persistent speeding over the two railway bridges.

It was vital that East Huntspill take an active part in the Cluster Group because this is where in future decisions will be made in respect to RTL3 money

(b) Councillor Mr M Paul Herbert

Indicated that SDC had to deal with a 3% saving against an inflation rate of 4% and a 1.8 million Settlement Rate from the Government.

He also advised of the potential that would soon be available on the British Cellophane site which will be spearheaded by Morrison's

(5) County Councillor Mark Healey

He enquired whether or not the £1,000 cheque had been received from SCC. The clerk confirmed that it had been received that day.

A further explanation was given in regards to the acquiring of the IT equipment.

District Councillors Moreton and Herbert together with County Councillor Mark Healey left the meeting 9.40 pm

(6) Village Beat Officer

See commencement of the meeting

(9) East Huntspill School

VS

Councillor Mrs Valerie Shellard reported that she was experiencing difficulty for various valid reasons in not being able to have a meeting with the School's Head Teacher

(10) The Chairman

JS

Councillor Mrs Salway reported on the fact that the paper bank was yet again filled with cardboard.

(11) The Clerk

He reminded the members that consideration would be given at the February Meeting to grant applications received.

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

(1)	Community Transport Grant Fund seeking letter	BP
(2)	SDC Amenity Grants 2009-2010	BP
(3)	South Somerset Pioneer Somerset: "Devolution of Services" Survey	BP
(4)	NALC DISExtra Issue 697 24/11/08	C
(5)	Cllr Mrs J Moreton Speeding Cars – Withy Road	C
(6)	CPRE "Somerset Matters" – Autumn 2008 Newsletter	C
(7)	ICO The New Publication Scheme	C
(8)	SDC Precept Requirement 2009/10	BP
(9)	Somerset RYP Youth Presentation Evening – 9 th December	C
(10)	SDC New Clean Sweep Programme	BP
(11)	The Huntspill News December/January	C

(12)	SW Employers	Membership Details	C
(13)	Co-op Bank	Confirmation of Account Details	BP
(14)	HMR&C	Mandatory Annual Return On-Line	BP
(15)	Co-operative Bank	Change of Bank	BP
(16)	SALC	Items of Interest – December 2008	C
(17)	SRYP	Newsletter – Autumn 2008	C
(18)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> – 08/12/08	C
(19)	Mr D Manley	Grass Cutting Quotation 2009	BP
(20)	Somerset Archives	Document Lodging Receipt	BP
(21)	DCLG	Consultation	
		Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity	C
(22)	EH Pre-School	Letter seeking Grant Funds	BP
(23)	RCC	“Thatch” – Winter 2008	C
(24)	SLCC	the Clerk Magazine – January 2009 Vol 41 No 1	C
(25)	SCC	Explore Somerset – RoW Website	GB
(26)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> – Issue 700 – 12/01/09	C
(27)	Clerks & Councils	<i>Direct</i> January 2009 - Issue 61	C
(28)	Sage	Payroll Year End Information	BP

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(29)	SAW	Somerset Art Works	C
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55.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To resolve to adopt and approve the new model publication scheme as set out by the Information Commissioner.

Resolved to approve retrospectively that the Parish Clerk had collated the new model publication scheme prior to the 31st December 2008

- (2) To set a Precept for the year 2009/10

Resolved that a Precept of £17,750 be set for 2009/10

- (3) To agree to lobby Sedgemoor District Council to pass a motion resolving to use the Sustainable Communities Act.

Resolved to lobby SDC to use in the future the provisions of the Sustainable Communities Act

- (4) To resolve to set up an Affordable Housing Project Working Party

Resolved that Councillors Salway Shellard Bennett Hendy and District Councillor Jane Moreton together with the Parish Clerk would represent the Parish Council on the proposed working party

- (5) Youth Shelter

Following the deputation to the Parish Council at the commencement of the meeting it was

Resolved that the Clerk proceed immediately to apply for Grant Funding from Veridor and also seek confirmation from Sedgemoor District Council that they would grant the RLT2 monies to support the Parish Council’s objective to install a Youth Shelter on the Play Area.

55.11 Date of next Meeting - Monday 16th February 2009 commencing at 7.30 pm.