

# EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the commencement meeting the Chairman invited PC Sheila Dickenson to address the meeting. She indicated that the "Cold Calling" initiative appears to be working satisfactorily. She also asked what the Council's views were in regards to having the "shortcut" between the A39 and Edithmead taken off the 'sat navs'? The members present confirmed their acceptance of this suggestion and also asked that regular checking of speeding in the village be given a high priority. PC Dickenson then left the meeting.

The Chairman suggested as the question of HGV's and local access was of concern to many present at the meeting that time be given over for a general discussion to take place. This she indicated would allow the members of the public present to also participate in the discussion. On drawing the discussions to a conclusion she asked Councillor Litton if he had sufficient information in order to now respond to SCC on the view of the parish council.

**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council held in the Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 that commenced at 8.00 pm when the following business was transacted.**

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

Additionally two members of the public were present together with County Councillor Mr Mark Healey and District Councillor Mr P Herbert

## **65.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance**

Councillors Mrs K Bennett (illness) Ms G Hendy (work commitment) and District Councillor Mrs J Moreton (Other Meetings)

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

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
65.7.3	R Puddy	Personal	Farmer
	G Boyer	Personal	Farmer
	F Kidner	Personal	Farmer
65.8.1	G Hendy	Personal	Committee Member – New Hall Management
65.8.1	R Puddy	Personal	Trustee New Hall Management
68.8.1	TJ Salway	Personal	Trustee New Hall Management
65.9.14	G Boyer	Prejudicial	Farm is subject to the potential erection of a wind turbine

**65.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

Resolved that the Minutes a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010 as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

**65.4 Past Subject Matters**

**For the purpose of report only**

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| (1)  | Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting  | BP |
| (a)  | Digital Switchover<br><br>Nothing further to report  |    |
| (b)  | National Grid Consultation – Public Meeting<br><br>It was agreed subsequently by the Chairman in consultation with the Clerk that as nothing could be substantially gained by holding a public meeting after the close of the consultation period that it not be held. A number of Councillors stated that they were unhappy with that decision and in their view the public meeting should still have been held. It was noted that a strongly worded letter had however been sent stressing the need to place the cable underwater. |    |
| (2)  | Weight Restrictions<br><br>Councillor Litton to report – see 65.7.3  | NL |
| (3)  | Village Calendar<br><br>Nothing to report  | VS |
| (4)  | Affordable Housing Village Survey<br><br>The clerk reported on a message from SDC that matters were making slow but steady progress.   | BP |
| (5)  | Police Scheme – “Cold Call”<br><br>Nothing to report – see commencement of the meeting   | VS |
| (6)  | Village Web Site<br><br>Councillor Valerie Shellard reported that she had enlisted to help of a volunteer and that she and the clerk were arranging to meet.   | BP |
| (7)  | Playbuilder Project New Road Playing Field<br><br>It is anticipated that ground works will commence on the 6 <sup>th</sup> March   | BP |
| (8)  | Hedge Cutting<br><br>Councillor Kathryn Cooke reported that the works will be undertaken in the next week or so  | KC |
| (9)  | Tree Donation<br><br>Noted that the transplant was still to take place   | JS |
| (10) | Computer Equipment<br><br>It was noted that the equipment was due to be delivered in the next week.  | VS |

SDC have been advised of the 2010/11 Precept requirements

### 65.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the past month

(63)	BT	Broadband Services	94.84	
(64)	Mr B Poole	UofG Residential	69.84	
(65)	Mr B Poole	Broadband Services	20.99	
(66)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – January	654.64	
(67)	Staples	Filing Cabinet	84.53	14.79

**Resolved** that the accounts as presented be paid

### 65.6 Planning

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

**25/09/00022 – Target Date 06/01/10** **GB**  
Erection of two storey side and rear extension  
7 Factory Lane Basonbridge

**25/09/00023 – Target Date 27/01/01** **FK**  
Erection of building to form workshop units, reception, offices and disabled WC facilities for people recovering from and undergoing rehabilitation following brain injury, alterations to access, turning, parking and landscaping  
On land at Wall Eden Farm New Road East Huntspill

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

**25/10/00003 – Target Date 28/01/10 – Full Planning Permission**  
Change of use, conversion and extension of barn to form meeting room  
Secret World New Road East Huntspill

The Council recommended approval of this application

**25/10/00004 – Target Date 28/01/10 – Listed Building Consent - alterations**  
Change of use, conversion and extension of barn to form meeting room  
Secret World New Road East Huntspill

The Council recommended approval of this application

**25/10/00005 – Target Date 01/02/10** **FK**  
Erection of extension to agricultural building  
Barn B Westhill Farm Catherine Street

The Council recommended approval of this application

**25/10/00006 – Target Date 01/02/10** **FK**  
Erection of extension to agricultural building  
Barn A Westhill Farm Catherine Street

The Council recommended approval of this application

**25/10/00007 – Target Date 01/02/10** **JS**  
Erection of five dwellings (amended house types) plots 3,4,11,12,and 13  
Smithy Farm Chapel Lane

**25/10/00008 – Target Date 24/02/10** **KC**  
Remove 479m of hedge on east side of ditch to allow access to water course  
Land to the south of Red House Gold Corner Drove East Huntspill

Removal of 335m of hedgerow to allow access to water course  
Land to the South of Burtle Road East Huntspill

It was agreed that in respect to these three applications that the decisions decided upon should be delegated to the clerk when the appropriate site meetings had been undertaken

**65.7 Open Spaces – To receive reports from the following brief holders**

- (1) Playing Field KB

Councillor Kathryn Cooke gave a brief synopsis as to the progress that had been made with the possible construction of a club building on the playing field.

It was agreed that no further steps would be taken for a few weeks in respect to the proposed fencing to the car park.

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

Councillor Gordon Boyer reported all was currently quiet

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

Following the discussion at the commencement of the meeting it was:

**Resolved** that the Parish Council should re-affirm its commitment to the order and acceptance so long as the access to and from the village in respect of deliveries are allowed by the most direct route subject to any prevailing road weight restrictions.

**65.8 To receive the following Village Reports**

- (1) Village Hall RP

Councillor Ray Puddy reported on the recently held successful events – the Valentine Supper raffle raised £180.00 for click

- (2) SALC BP

Details in the pack

- (3) Councillors

- (a) Councillor Boyer

Raised concerns regarding the indiscriminate use of hydrogen filled balloons and Chinese lanterns the remnants of which create a potential hazard to wildlife and livestock.

- (b) Councillor Shellard

She reported that the beat officer stressed that the parish council should place emphasis on the powers to be the need to have regular tabulated speed checks in the village.

- (4) Village News Letter and Web Site

See 65.4.6

- (5) District Councillors

Observed that the Sedgemoor Council Tax would be fixed this following Wednesday

- (6) County Councillor

The meeting was advised as to what the percentages were like to be for the Police and Fire Authorities

- (7) Village Beat Officer

*See commencement of the meeting*

8.55 pm Councillor Francis Kidner left the meeting (lambing)

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| (9) East Huntspill School | VS |
| (10) The Chairman         | JS |
| (11) The Clerk            |    |

Nothing to report

#### **65.9 To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails**

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| (1) Waste Partnership | Changes to Waste Collection Services – Sort it Plus | C  |
| (2) NALC              | DISExtra Issue 726 – 25/01/10                       | C  |
| (3) All Saints Church | Grant Application                                   | BP |
| (4) Church Hall       | Grant Application                                   | BP |
| (5) RoSPA             | 2010 Inspections                                    | C  |
| (6) Mr Will Puddy     | Grant Application                                   | BP |
| (7) Good Companions   | Grant Application                                   | BP |
| (8) SWCAA             | Allotments Leaflet                                  | C  |
| (9) SDC               | Future Funding of Local Services and facilities     | C  |
| (10) SLCC             | “The Clerk” January 2010 – Vol 42 N0 1              | C  |

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| (11) J Callaghan | Fencing quote | BP |
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*See 65.7.1*

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| (12) The Huntspill News | February 2010  | C  |
| (13) SCC                | Consultation – Experimental Prohibition – 7.5 tonnes | NL |

*See 65.7.3*

Councillor Boyer left the meeting

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| (14) EDF Energy | Withy End Wind Farm – Scoping Document | C |
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**Resolved** that when a more formal document is received the Parish Council would call for a public meeting to be held.

Councillor Boyer returned to the meeting

**Resolved** that in the interim period the clerk provides a response

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| (15) NSPCC | Publicity Leaflet                                       | C  |
| (16) SALC  | North Area Meeting 11/3/10                              | C  |
| (17) SCC   | Land at Withy Drove Bridge – Proposed stopping up order | NL |

**Resolved** that the Parish Council approve of the proposed stopping up order

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| (18) NALC | DISExtra Issue 726 25/01/10 | C |
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#### **Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda**

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| (19) Co-operative | Rural Communities               | C |
| (20) SPFA         | The Playing Field – Winter 2010 | C |

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| (21) | HMRC          | New Payment Book 2010/11 – Direct Payments information | BP |
| (22) | Western Power | Playing Field – Electricity Power Lines                | BP |
|      |               | The proposed action by Western Power was noted         |    |
| (23) | SCC           | Temporary Road Closure – New Road East Huntspill       | NL |
|      |               | Details noted  |    |
| (24) | SDC           | Homes in Sedgemoor                                     | C  |

**65.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk**

None

**65.11 Date of next Meeting - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**