

EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council was held in the Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on **Monday 21st November 2005** that commenced at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Councillors Mesdames T J Salway (Chairman) K Bennett V Shellard Messrs M Hunter F Kidner (Vice Chairman) R Puddy N Litton J S B Woolley and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were 2 members of the public present together with County Councillor Mark 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 sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

Declaration of Interests

24.5.2 – F Kidner known to applicant

24.5.2 – J Woolley known to applicant

24.1 Apologies

Councillor D Barlow (Illness) together with District Councillors J Moreton and M P Herbert.

Councillor Woolley arrived at the meeting at 7.35 pm

24.2 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th October 2005 were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

24.3 Matters Arising

(1) Matters Raised by the Public

- (a) Traffic Calming Measures
- (b) Woolavington Bridge – litter
- (c) Withy Road Railway Bridge – Parking of Vehicles
- (d) Withy Road Sign

The Clerk advised the meeting of what action he had taken and of the written response to date.

(2) Millennium Stones

Waiting for delivery of the plaques

(3) Dog Bins

Councillor Woolley agreed to continue to progress this matter by obtaining a trial bin.

(4) Parish Plan

- (a) 4 Newsletters per year
- (b) Website
- (c) Fully elected Council
- (d) Village Surgeries
- (e) Submission to SDC & SCC

The Clerk reminded the Council that having adopted the plan they would now need to ensure continuing progress on the above subject headings. He confirmed that he had submitted the plan to both Sedgemoor District Council and Somerset County Council.

24.4 Financial

(38) Staples	Stationery	34.93	6.11
(39) Mr B Poole	Clerks Salary & expenses – October 05	599.58	
(40) Bruce Poole & Co	Postage – October 2005	10.50	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid.

The Clerk reminded the Council that the invoices in respect to the accounts being presented were always available for inspection on the night of the meeting. He also explained that in the majority of cases the accounts being paid formed part of the agreed budget which had had already formal approval to undertake the expenditure.

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance per Bank Statements as at 31 st October 2005		
Current Account		1564.48
Business Account		8926.20
Consolidated Stock		31.50
Sub Total		10522.18
Less Uncleared Cheques		
869	15.50	
871	760.01	
875	21.00	
876	48.89	
877	138.97	
878	25.99	
879	100.00	1108.36
Total as at 31st October 2005		9413.82
Cash Book		
Opening Balance		3170.39
Add Receipts to date		12618.16
Less Payments to date		6374.88
Closing Total as at 31st October 2005		9413.82

24.5

Planning

(1) Outstanding Applications

25/05/00011

Formation of fishing lake erection of toilet/storage building formation of Car Park and access onto Withy Road
Land to the East of Cedar Shade Withy Road

25/05/00013 – Approved 14/11/2005

Erection of annexe for disabled parent and carer
The Last Homely House New Road East Huntspill

25/05/00015

Erection of stable block and access
OS Field No 1979 South of New Road East Huntspill

25/05/00016 – Approved 15/11/2005

Erection of industrial building to be used for storage
Unit 7 Factory Lane Basonbridge Highbridge

25/05/00017

Erection of single storey rear extension partly on the site of existing (to be demolished)
conversion of garage to living accommodation
34 Church Road East Huntspill

Councillor Woolley handed an item of correspondence to the clerk appertaining to 25/05/00020 and left the meeting.

Councillor Kidner abstained from the discussions.

Standing Orders were suspended.

(2) New Applications

25/05/00020

Erection of toilet/washroom and reception buildings formation of 64 all weather pitches for touring caravans and roadways formation of fenced area to store 40 caravans
Land to the North and East of Phippens Farm New Road East Huntspill

The Chairman invited Mr T Pugh to speak on behalf of Mr Pugh senior one of the applicants. Mr Pugh read to the meeting a statement of intent and thereafter answered a number of questions.

Standing Orders were restored.

The clerk read to the Council the letter he had just received that supported the application but with some reservations as to the speed limit currently in place. The Council recommended approval of the application but suggested that the Highways authority should be asked to extend the 30 mph sign beyond the boundary of the site.

Councillor Woolley returned to the meeting

24.6 Open Spaces

- (1) Playing Field JW

Some damage was experienced during the November 5th period.

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways MH

Nothing to report

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

Councillor Nigel Litton gave a report on a number of matters of correspondence. He also advised the meeting of the number of favourable comments received in respect to the "Slow Down" Flashing Sign which appeared to have had some effect by slowing down the traffic.

24.7 Reports

- (1) Village Appraisal

It was agreed that this report heading could now be removed from the agenda.

- (2) Village Hall

Bookings were still continuing well. Some concern was expressed at the recent theft of approximately 50 gallons of heating oil.

- (3) SALC

- (4) Cluster Group

No meetings

- (5) Councillors

- (i) New Road – Speed Limit

Concern was expressed at the apparent speed of buses along New Road and close to the school. It was agreed that the Council should request that the whole length of this road should be reduced to 40 mph.

- (ii) Police Representation

It was recommended that the clerk write to Avon & Somerset Police to ask why the visit of the local policeman namely Paul Hockin was very intermittent. At this point he arrived at the meeting and confirmed that his work shifts dictated when he could attend but when he didn't he e-mailed his apologies to the clerk and whenever a possible it was accompanied with a report. He was thanked for attending.

- (6) District Councillors
Not present
- (7) County Councillor
Councillor Healey gave a verbal update as to a further meeting to be held by representatives of SCC and Mr Cicone.
- (8) Village Beat Officer
See 24.7.1.ii
- (9) East Huntspill School
The Chairman advised the meeting that the school were waiting to receive the Ofsted Report.

She also reported on her attendance with Councillor Shellard at SDC's annual parish reception where amongst other matters discussed was the Parrett Sluice Gate Scheme. She suggested that it would be beneficial if a joint meeting could be arranged with West Huntspill Parish Council to hear the same speaker speak on the subject and how it would affect the two villages. Agreed
- (10) The Clerk
He indicated that he had received a letter of complaint concerning a Councillor and he asked that the matter be treated as exempt business under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972. Agreed.

In view of the fact that the public would not be present when this matter was discussed it was agreed it would be left to the end of the meeting.

24.8

Correspondence

(1)	SDC	Planning Applications 06/10/2005 to 12/10/2005	C
(2)	LAMP	Minutes 13/10/05	JW
(3)	SDC	"What's On" November & December	C
(4)	SCC	Council Tax Consultation	C
(5)	SCC	Temporary Weight Restriction – Withy Grove	NL
(6)	SDC	Parish reception – 17 th November	JS
(7)	SCC	Copy Correspondence to Mr Cicone	NL
(8)	SDC	Planning Applications 13/10/05 to 19/10/05	C
(9)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> – Issue 618 – 31/10/05	C
(10)	SALC	November Newsletter	C
		Notice of AGM 15 th December 2005	C
(11)	SDC	Formal receipt of Parish Plan	BP
(12)	SLCC	Regional "One Day" Conference – Bristol 09/12/05	BP
(13)	Wyvern Waste	Minutes – Walpole Liaison Group	C
(14)	The Huntspill News	November 2005	C
(15)	SDC	Planning Applications 20/10/2005 to 26/10/2005	C
(16)	SDC	Buxton Farm New Road	KB
(17)	Inland Revenue	Employer's Bull <i>Etin</i> – October 2005	BP
(18)	SCC	The Peat Study – Transport	NL
(19)	Clerks & Councils	Direct – November 2005	C
(20)	SLCC	The Clerk – November 2005	C
(21)	Redlynch leisure	Brochure	JW
(22)	Age Concern	Seeking Funds	BP
(23)	SCC	Your Guide to Winter Services in Somerset	C
(24)	Somerset Waste	Presentations	C
(25)	SDC	Planning Applications 27/10/2005 to 02/11/2005	C
(26)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 619 – 14/11/05	C

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(25)	SDC	Planning Applications 27/10/2005 to 02/11/2005	C
(26)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 619 – 14/11/05	C
(27)	Community Council	Countryside Agency "Vital Villages" – Parish Plan	C

(28)	Mr & Mrs Birt	Nut Tree Close – Telegraph Posts & Grass Cutting	JS
(29)	SCC	Statement of Community Involvement	C
(30)		Parish Survey 04/05 Highway related Services	NL
(31)	Somerset	Drug & Alcohol Action Team – Poster	NB
(32)	SCC	Agenda – 23 rd November 2005	C
(33)	SDC	Planning Applications 03/11/2005 to 09/11/2005	C
(34)	Hamlin & Shellard	Letter of Complain against Councillor Woolley	

24.9 Other Business referred to the Clerk

None other than the letter referred to under 24.7.10 & 24.8.34

24.10 Date of next Meeting

**Planning Committee – 5th December 2005 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary
Parish Council Meeting 19th December 2005**

Standing Orders were suspended in order to allow Public Participation.

Standing Orders were restored once the members of the public had left the meeting.