

EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a **Meeting** of **East Huntspill Parish Council** was held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Monday 15th October 2007** commencing at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

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

In addition there were five members of the public present together with District Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton and 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 age sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

43.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillor Miss G Hendy and District Councillor M Paul Herbert

43.2 To receive any declarations of interest

43.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17TH September 2007

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 17TH September 2007 as circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

42.4 Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

(1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting BP
None

(2) Youth Shelter – Update KB

Resolved that a consultation exercise will be carried out with the young people in the village to ascertain what type of shelter they would prefer

(3) Stones BP

The Clerk confirmed that the stone had been replaced upon its plinth

(4) “New Road” Sign BP

Matter still being progressed by SCC Highways

(5) Village Emergency Policy – Working Party

(6) Youth Council

Nothing to report

- (7) Barrier Costings KB
To be discussed at a future Open Spaces Meeting
- (8) Village Computer BP
Discussions with the owner of The Crown Stores still proceeding
- (9) "East Huntspill" village signs BP
Matter still being progressed by SCC Highways
- (10) Weight Restrictions
Councillor Nigel Litton reported on the current situation with SCC and their consultation process
- (11) Deer – Signs
Nothing to report
- (12) State of the Churchyard
Councillor Mrs Valerie Shellard reported that a parishioner had recently donated a sum of money in order to ensure that the grave edges could also be cut. It was agreed that the cemetery was looking much tidier.
- (13) Archiving of Council Records
Currently being progressed by the Clerk
- (14) Movement of HGV's
See 43.4.10

43.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of September/October

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| (44)* | UofG | 9 th Payment | 30.00 | |
| (45) | SDC | Playing Field Rent | 56.25 | |
| (46) | EH Village Hall | Hire of Hall | 21.00 | |
| (47) | Telecomm | Broadband – 01/10/07 – 31/12/07 | 18.45 | 3.24 |
| (48) | Mr B Poole | Salary & Expenses – September | 565.32 | |
| (49) | B Poole & Co | Postage – September | 3.74 | |

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

43.6 Planning

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

25/07/00029 **JS**
Erection 21 dwellings garages and formation of access
Smithy Farm Chapel Lane East Huntspill

25/07/00035 **GH**
Erection of two flats with parking and associated works
Land to the rear of 36 Church Road

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

25/07/00037
Retention of use of land to store caravans
Land at Pike Hill Farm New Road East Huntspill

The Parish Council recommended approval of this application

25/07/00039

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

The Council noted that to date the application details had not been received

Resolved that due to an enforced delay in receiving the following three planning applications (postal strike) it was agreed that they would dealt with as an emergency item

25/07/00040

Work to trees – Reduce crown by 2m (spread) and crown lift Walnut Tree (T1)
2 Withy Road East Huntspill

The Council had no objections to this application

25/07/00041

Erection of building to form double garage and garden store
Kings Farm Withy Road

The Council had no objections to this application although they wished to draw SDC attention to the fact that the drawings showed a new access on to withy road together with a new driveway which presumably permission for such had not been sought nor as yet granted

25/07/00042

Installation of metal flue to west elevation
Snowdrop Farm New Road East Huntspill

The Council recommended approval of this application

Resolved to take the following item of correspondence under the heading of planning as an emergency item

25/07/00023

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as a lorry park and operating centre for heavy goods vehicles
Meade Farm New Road East Huntspill

Firstly it was noted that contrary to the application being stated in the September Minutes 42.6.1 as being approved it was actually refused by SDC on the 02/08/07. The clerk advised the meeting that Mrs D Sandford was in the public area attending the meeting and through Councillor Ray Puddy a letter had been handed in earlier in the evening. The clerk then read the letter to the meeting in which Trevor Sandiford Limited was seeking the Parish Councils support against any possible enforcement action by SDC.

Resolved that the clerk write to Trevor Sandiford Limited expressing their support for the Company's present business activities in the village endorsing the premise that the Parish Council support wherever possible employment within the parish.

The Chairman Councillor Mrs T J Salway retired from the meeting during which time Vice Chairman Councillor Mrs V Shellard assumed the chairmanship

43.7 Open Spaces - To receive reports from the brief holders

- (1) Playing Field

KB

Councillor Kay Bennett reported on the recently held site meeting where a number of concerns were noted and would be dealt with over the next couple of months.

Resolved to have carried out immediately the repair to the bench seat (replace one piece of timber) new spring catch on the pedestrian gate and re-staining of Benches/Tables

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

Councillor Gordon Boyer reported on a recent meeting he had attended in respect to the village footpaths and their envisaged priority

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

See 43.4.10/11

The Chairman Councillor Mrs T J Salway returned to the meeting and assumed chairing the meeting

43.8 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall RP

Councillor Ray Puddy reported on a successful "Pot Luck" supper where the whole weekend's activities raised £1000. It was also noted that the furnishing of the stage (curtains lighting etc) had been completed

- (2) SALC BP

Nothing to report

- (3) Cluster Group VS

Councillor Mrs V Shellard reported on the recent meeting (10/10/07) and drew the meeting attention to a leaflet entitled "Water Aid" which she would be placing in the October circulation pack.

- (4) Councillors

- (a) Mr R Puddy

He advised the meeting that it would now appear that the Environment Agency were stopping dog walkers from walking along the river

- (b) Mr N Litton

He reported to the meeting on the current insurance cover the Parish Council. This was in reference to a request by the external auditor that the present cover was examined in order to ensure it was adequate

- (c) Mrs V Shellard

Informed that Parish Council that the Church Hall Management Committee were seeking assistance with a possible grant to purchase six more large tables

- (d) Mrs K Bennett

Announced that the AGM of the Gardening Club would be taking place this on coming Thursday at 7.30 pm at the Bason Bridge Inn

- (5) District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs J Moreton informed the meeting that the Somerset Waste Partnership was now working out of Taunton. Furthermore that SCC were now seeking to make savings of some £20 Million and SDC £1.8 Million. She also advised that East Huntspill had been designated a village that could support a "Murga" – Multi Use Recreational Ground Area.

Finally she advised that she had carried out a very successful “walk about” with the local Police Sergeant and PCSO

(6) County Councillor

County Councillor M Healey gave details of a fund granting source entitled Viridor – application forms on line – with the next fund granting meeting to be held on the 17th January 2008

(7) Village Beat Officer

No report

(9) East Huntspill School

VS

Councillor Mrs V Shellard reported on an e-mail received from the Headmistress in which she commented on the progress of the school since the start of the new term.

(10) The Chairman

JS

(11) The Clerk

BP

Nothing to report

43.9

To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails

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| (1) | NALC | DISExtra Issue 666 – 24/09/07 | C |
| (2) | Community Council | “Thatch” Autumn 2007 | C |
| (3) | SALC | Urgent Reminder – AGM | C |
| (4) | SDC | Remittance Advice – Precept 2 nd Half £7,657.50 | BP |
| | | Noted | |
| (5) | The Ramblers | Rights of Way Issues in Somerset | GB |
| (6) | SDC | Remittance Advice – Amenity Grant - £217.85 | BP |
| | | Noted | |
| (7) | SCC | “Foot and Mouth Disease” | BP |
| (8) | Standards Board | Town & Parish Standard – September 2007 | C |
| (9) | SDC | “What’s On” – October 2007 | C |
| (10) | SCC | “Time to Move” Poster | NB |
| (11) | Huntspill News | October 2007 | C |
| (12) | defra | Ways to tackle climate change | C |
| (13) | Community Council | IT Training – 08/11/07 | C |
| (14) | SDC | Coastal Cluster Meeting Minutes & Agenda 10/10/07 | VS |
| (15) | SCC | Somerset Heritage Roadshow | NB |
| (16) | SDC | Changes to the Sedgemoor District Local Plan | C |
| (17) | Somerset Waste | Information Letter | C |
| (18) | NALC | DISExtra – Issue 667 08/10/07 | C |

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

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| (19) | SLCC | South West Regional Conference – Bristol 07/12/07 | C |
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A number of Councillors indicated their willingness to attend this Conference

43.10

Other Business referred to the Clerk

None

43.11

Date of next Meeting - Planning Committee – 5th November 2007 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary - Parish Council Meeting 19th November 2007