

# EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to meeting commencing Mr D Eckford addressed the meeting and requested that the arrangements for the public participation are changed. After some lengthy discussion it was agreed that the matter would be placed on the agenda for December for further discussion.

Mrs Alison Hamlin reported that the charred wooden surround to the re-cycling area had still not been replaced and that the notice board will not shut and needs a replacement.

**Minutes of a Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council** was held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 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.

**“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”**

#### 44.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Mr B Poole Parish Clerk and District Councillor M Paul Herbert

#### 44.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
44.7.1	R Puddy	Personal	Chair/Trustee - New Hall Management

#### 44.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 15<sup>TH</sup> October 2007 as circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

#### 44.4 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 – Consultation KB  
Currently being progressed

- (3) Village Emergency Policy – Working Party  
 (4) Youth Council
- Matters in abeyance
- (5) Barrier Costings KB
- Subject still under discussion by the Open Space Committee
- (6) Village Computer BP
- Mr Poole was still in discussions with the proprietor of the Crown Stores
- (7) “East Huntspill” village signs BP  
 (8) Weight Restrictions  
 (9) Deer – Signs
- Nothing to report
- (10) Trevor Sandiford Limited
- It was confirmed that the required letter of support had been sent.
- (11) SLCC Conference – Bristol
- It was noted that Councillors Jenny Salway Kay Bennett and Geraldine Hendy would be attending.

**44.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of November**

(50)	Moore Stephens	Audit Fees	160.00	28.00
(51)	Staples	Stationery	55.09	9.64
(52)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – October	749.17	

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

**Resolved** to note that that the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services had reached agreement on rates of pay from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007. It was also noted that the appropriate action had been taken by the Parish Council to pay the back pay in the October Salaries.

**Resolved** to note the revised mileage allowances which would be implemented by the Parish Council with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007

**44.6 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

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

**25/07/00039**  
 Erection of detached bungalow and garage  
 Land south of South View Catherine Street East Huntspill

**25/07/00040 – Approved 26/10/07**

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

**25/07/00041**

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

**25/07/00042**

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

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

**25/07/00043**

**TJS**

Erection of single storey extension to South elevation to form garden room and conversion and extension existing garage to form additional accommodation and garage  
Field View 12 Chapel Lane East Huntspill

**25/07/00044**

**RP**

Erection of double garage partly on site of existing outbuilding (to be demolished)  
Withy Bow Farm Withy Grove East Huntspill

**25/07/00045**

**RP**

Erection of conservatory to NW elevation  
Withy Bank Withy Road East Huntspill

**44.7**

**Open Spaces - To receive reports from the brief holders**

(1) Playing Field

**KB**

It was noted that remedial repairs had been carried to the picnic tables and benches. Repairs were also planned to the spring pedestrian gate once a generator was located.

(2) Footpaths & Bridleways

**GB**

Councillor Gordon Boyer reported that a local farmer had placed a plank of wood across a stream into one of his fields. It was very slippery – who would be responsible if an accident occurred. He also indicated that there were changes of staff at County Council level in respect to Rights of Way.

**Resolved** that Councillor Gordon Boyer be appointed the Parish Liaison Officer

(3) Roads & Transport

**NL**

**(a) Millennium Stones**

**Resolved** that the date the village was first founded should be put on the stones.

It was noted that Mr & Mrs Tripp had made a request that the stone nearest to their home be moved as it scared the horses.

(4) Other

None

**44.8**

**To receive the following Village Reports**

(1) Village Hall

**RP**

It was reported that the Hall was still progressing well

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| (2)  | SALC   |    | BP |
| (3)  | Cluster Group  |    |    |
|      | No report  |    |    |
|      |  | VS |    |
| (4)  | Councillors  |    |    |
|      | (a) <u>Councillor Kathryn Cooke</u>  |    |    |
|      | Advised that the quote she had received in respect to a proposed picket fence around the play area amounted to £1200.00.   |    |    |
|      | (b) <u>Councillor Kay Bennett</u>  |    |    |
|      | Reported that the Harvest Queen Dance was likely to be resurrected   |    |    |
| (5)  | District Councillors   |    |    |
|      | Councillor Jane Moreton warned of the savings to Sedgemoor's 08/09 budget – at least 1.8 million - that will need to be made if not cuts to services would be the outcome. |    |    |
| (6)  | County Councillor  |    |    |
| (7)  | Village Beat Officer   |    |    |
| (9)  | East Huntspill School  |    | VS |
| (10) | The Chairman   |    | JS |
|      | No report  |    |    |
| (11) | The Clerk  |    | BP |
|      | In the absence of the clerk the chairman advised the councillors in the changes relating to the clerk's telephone numbers.   |    |    |
|      | Mobile 07887802922 and Home 01278787687  |    |    |

#### 44.9

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

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|------|-----------------------|--|----|
| (1)  | SDC                   | Safer Place Leaflet                                  | C  |
| (2)  | SAW Ltd               | Somerset Art Week – Fund seeking letter              | C  |
| (3)  | SCC                   | Consultation on Waste Management Somerset            | C  |
| (4)  | SDC                   | Corporate Strategy 2007-2010                         | C  |
| (5)  | SPFA                  | "The Playing Field"                                  | C  |
| (6)  | SDC                   | Parish Charter                                       | C  |
| (7)  | NALC                  | DISExtra Issue 668 – 22 October 2007                 | C  |
| (8)  | SDC                   | "Whats On" - Nov/Dec                                 | C  |
| (9)  | BT                    | Community Connections - £180.00                      | BP |
| (10) | MDC                   | Future Waste Planning in Somerset – Consultation     | C  |
| (11) | Community Council     | Affordable House Survey                              | C  |
| (12) | SCC                   | Future Waste Planning in Somerset – Issues & Options | C  |
| (13) | EH Horticultural Show | Letter seeking financial assistance                  | C  |
| (14) | The Huntspill News    | November 2007  | C  |
| (15) | SLCC                  | Revised Pay Scales 01/04/07                          | C  |
| (16) | NALC                  | DISExtra – Issue 669 - 05/11/07                      | C  |
| (17) | Moore Stephens        | Annual Audit – Auditor's Report                      | C  |
| (18) | Clerks & Councils     | Direct – November 2007 – Issue 54                    | C  |
| (19) | Clerks & Councils     | Direct Update – November 2007 – Issue 97             | C  |
| (20) | Home-Start            | Seeking volunteer trustees                           | C  |
| (21) | Energy Saving         | Article and Poster                                   | NB |
| (22) | Vista                 | Training Courses in Somerset 2007/2008               | C  |
| (23) | SALC                  | Items of Interests                                   | C  |
|      |                       | Clerks Salaries and Mileage Allowances 2007-2008     | C  |
|      |                       | Newsletter – RYP                                     | C  |
|      |                       | Agenda & Minutes 13/12/07                            | C  |
| (24) | SPFA                  | The Playing Field – Autumn 2007                      | C  |

(25) SDC Sedgemoor Area Working Panel C

**Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda**

(26) SDC Reduction in Grant Funding BP

(27) SCC Seeking Funds – 2012 Olympics C

**44.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk**

None

**44.11 Date of next Meeting - Planning Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary - Parish Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007**