

EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the meeting commencing Mr David Farwig of Digital UK gave a short presentation on the ramifications of the digital switchover due in March 2010. A number of questions were asked at the conclusion of which he departed from the meeting.

There then followed a representation from two villagers who asked what position the Parish Council intended to take in respect to Hinkley Point C and the consultation on the proposed route of the pylons, They said they were concerned that the parish council appeared not to as proactive on the issue as they thought it should be. The response given was that the parish council would have taken some action had it not been for the fact that December meeting had been cancelled due to illness.

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council held in the Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on Monday 18th January 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 Bennett K Cooke G Hendy Messrs G Boyer F Kidner N Litton R Puddy and the clerk Mr B Poole

Additionally four members of the public were present together with County Councillor Mr Mark Healey and District Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton

Councillor Mrs G Hendy left the meeting at this juncture

64.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

None other than the early departure of Councillor Hendy from the meeting

64.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
64.6.2/00001	F Kidner	Prejudicial	Personally known to the applicant
64.8.1	T J Salway	Personal	Trustee – New Hall Management
64.8.1	G Hendy	Personal	Committee Member – New Hall Management
64.8.1	R Puddy	Personal	Trustee New Hall Management

64.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th November 2009

Resolved that the Minutes a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th November 2009 as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

64.4 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) | Messrs Crosby & Frost | |
| | Wind Turbine Farm | |
| (b) | Mrs Mary Chorley | |
| | SDC Affordable Housing | |
| (2) | Weight Restrictions | NL |
| | An Update was included in Councillor Litton's Roads & Transport Report | |
| (3) | Village Calendar | VS |
| | Still in the hands of the designer | |
| (4) | Affordable Housing Village Survey | VS |
| | Councillor Shellard was ready to provide an update but was not called upon to do so. | |
| (5) | Police Scheme – "Cold Call" | VS |
| | A report will be given by the beat officer | |
| (6) | Village Web Site | BP |
| | A proposed design has been selected and now is due to be commissioned | |
| (7) | Playbuilder Project New Road Playing Field | BP |
| | Nothing to report | |
| (8) | Letter to SCC – Village HGV Vehicle Movement | NL |
| | Councillor Litton to provide an update in his Roads & Transport Report | |
| (9) | Playground – Cars | KC |
| | Council to consider what steps they wish to take to stop this unacceptable behaviour | |
| (10) | Hedge Cutting | BP |
| (11) | National Grid Consultation | |
| (12) | Hinkley Point C Consultation | |

Resolved that the clerk should write in respect to the National Grid Consultation to state clearly that the Parish Council does not accept either Route One option or Route Two option but instead supports laying the cables in the Bristol Channel.

Resolved that the Parish Council if possible should hold a Public Meeting.

64.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the past month

(51)	Staples	Stationery	59.96	8.99
(52)	SLCC	Regional Conference	39.00	5.85
(53)	SLCC	Annual Subscription (288.00)	96.00	
(54)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – November	647.52	
(55)	EH Village Hall	Hire of Committee Room – Sep/Nov	24.00	
(56)	Simply Somerset	Regional Conference Travel	26.50	

(57)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – December 2009	682.80
(58)	SDC	Playing Field Rent	56.25
(59)	SLCC	Practitioners Conference	65.00
(60)	Mr B Poole	Audit Costs	23.17
(61)	Mrs V Shellard	Affordable Housing Catering	7.03
(62)	University	Degree Field Trip	163.33

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

64.6 Planning

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

25/09/00015 – Approved 04/12/09 **FK**
 Change of use and conversion of barn to garage store and hobby room and inclusion of agricultural land within the garden area
 Snowdrop Farm New Road East Huntspill

25/09/00018 – Approved 25/11/09 **JS**
 Raising roof height of section of roof
 7 Chapel Lane East Huntspill

25/09/00019 – Approved 04/12/09 **FK**
 Erection of two storey side extension and first floor rear extension
 Mill Farm New Road East Huntspill

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

25/09/00020 – Refused 23/12/09 **VS**
 Erection of single storey rear extension and front porch and conversion of loft to living accommodation
 Spring Haven Watchfield Highbridge

25/09/00021 – Approved 14/01/10
 Conversion of Garage and attic above to living accommodation including installation of two roof lights erection of pergola to South (front) elevation relocation of stable building and formation of new access and turning area
 Long East Barn New Road East Huntspill

25/0900022 – 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

(3) Appeals

25/09/00001 – Target Date 18/06/09 – Appeal Allowed 04/08/09
 Variation of condition 2 of a Planning Permission 25/02/34 to allow occupancy of the log chalets for tourism purposes for 12 months of the year
 Land at Well End Farm New Road East Huntspill – Appellant Mr A Wall

25/09/00002 – Target Date 28/09/09 – Appeal Dismissed 14/12/09
 Erection of an annexe to side elevation of dwelling to form garage/stable with first floor living accommodation as amended by agents e-mail dated 9th April
 Ivy Cottage Catherine Street East Huntspill

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

- (1) Playing Field KB

Nothing to report.

Councillor Cooke asked the meeting to seriously consider taking early steps to fence the car park at the playing field in order to prevent damage being caused to the cricket square and other parts of the field by car being wantonly driven over the area. See 64.10.1

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

Councillor Boyer reported on the potential problems that might ensue if animals injured people whilst they were traversing prescribed village footpaths. He agreed to look into the insurance aspects of the problem and then report back.

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

Councillor Litton gave details of the county's recent speed camera readings and overall speeding was in each of the villages recorded.

64.8 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall RP

It was reported that a very successful December had been achieved but due to adverse weather conditions a number of events had to be cancelled in January,

- (2) SALC BP

Details in the pack

- (3) Councillors

- (i) Councillor Kathryn Cooke

Advised that she hoped a regular Rounder's Night would be held in the summer months on the playing field

- (ii) Councillor Kay Bennett

Asked the Chairman if the offered tree was still a possibility to which the reply was yes.

- (iii) Councillor Valerie Shellard

Asked County Councillor Mark Healey when he thought the computer equipment would be delivered. The answer was in the next couple of weeks.

- (iv) Councillor Nigel Litton

Asked if anyone had noticed the number of e-mails that had been circulated by the clerk in the last few weeks.

- (v) Councillor Francis Kidner

Asked when the hedge cutting was going to take place.

Resolved to accept the offer of the cricket club that they should make the first cut as a gesture to the parish.

- (4) Village News Letter and Web Site

It was noted that the commissioning of the web site was due any day.

Resolved that the Parish Council would continue to place items of interest into the joint West and East Huntspill magazine.

Resolved that a single Village Report would be printed in April 2010 and then duly circulated to the whole of the village.

The Councillors present were reminded of their responsibility in producing written reports in respect to their own individual briefs

- (5) District Councillors

Councillor Jane Moreton gave a short synopsis of some of her recent activities as District Council Chairman.

- (6) County Councillor

Councillor Healey underlined the need to seriously address the village precept as this was likely in the future to be the only source of money that could be spent locally to improve village services.

- (7) Village Beat Officer

It was noted that PC Sheila Dickenson had submitted her apologies and that she had supplied a number of copies of the force's newsletter.

- (9) East Huntspill School

VS

- (10) The Chairman

JS

- (11) The Clerk

Nothing to report

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

(1)*	EH Village Hall	Annual Accounts 31 st December 2008	C
(2)	SDC	Precept Requirement 2010/11	BP
(3)*	SDC	Scheme of Delegation to the Group Manager Development	C
(4)	Age Concern	Various Posters	NB
(5)*	SLCC	"The Clerk" November 2009 Vol41 No 6	C
(6)*	ecotricity	Proposed Black Ditch Wind Farm – Drop in session	C
(7)*	Police	Police Authority Newsletter – October 2009	C
(8)*	SCSN	Newsletter Autumn 2009 Issue 10	C
(9)	Lower Brue	South Drain area Water Level Management Plan	BP
(10)	Viridor	Youth Shelter – Project Delivering Statement	BP
(11)	HMR&C	Notice to file online	BP
(12)*	NALC	DISExtra Issue 723 30/11/09	C
(13)*	Huntspill News	December/January	C
(14)	EH New Village Hall	Application for Grant Funding	BP
(15)*	RCC	"Thatch" Magazine – Autumn 2009	C
(16)*	SALC	Items of Interest to Councillors and Clerks – December 2009	C
(17)*	SDC	EDF New Build at Hinkley Point – Meeting 06/01/10	C
(18)*	NALC	DISExtra Issue 724 – 14/12/09	C
(19)*	National Grid	Hinkley Point C Connection Project	C
(20)*	SDC	Burnham-on-Sea – Tourist Information Centres	C
(21)*	SDC	Minutes – Coastal Strategic (Parish) Cluster Workshop	C
(22)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 725 – 11/01/10	C
(23)	SALC	Items of Interest to Councillors and Clerks – January 2010	C
(24)	Notts Sports	Advertising Material	C
(25)	Sedgemoor	Community Support	C

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(26)	PB	Proposed Wind Farm – Withy End Farm	C
(27)	Clerks & Councils	Direct – January 2010 – Issue 67	C
(28)	EH Pre-School	Grant Funding Application	BP
(29)	SCC	Experimental Weight Restriction – Exemption Certificate	C
(30)	EH Horticultural Soc	Request for Grant Funding	BP
(31)	St Margaret’s Hospice	Letter seeking financial support	BP
(32)	SDC	Amended Date – Burnham-on-Sea TIC – Future 28/01/10	C
(33)	Huntspill Art Group	Letter seeking financial support	BP

64.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To resolve to set a Precept for 2010/11 BP

Resolved that the precept for the 2010/11 be fixed at £23,150.00

Agreed on a vote of 6 votes to nil with two unrecorded abstentions

64.11 Date of next Meeting - Monday 15th February 2010.