

EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman invited Mr R Stenning to provide the Councillors with a model of how the pavilion might look when completed. He explained how the interior might look with a small Meeting Room Two Changing Rooms toilets/showers and a disabled toilet facility. A number of questions were asked at the conclusion of which Mr Stenning then retired from the meeting. Thereafter Mrs Mary Chorley addressed the meeting by giving the Members an update on the Affordable Housing Development currently taking place in Church Road. Again a number of pertinent questions were posed. At the conclusion of her presentation she was warmly thanked for her attendance at the meeting. She also subsequently retired from the meeting.

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council that was held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Monday 21st November 2011** commencing at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) Mesdames L Birt K Cooke H Dixon V Shellard together Messrs G Boyer N Litton R Prowton and the clerk Mr B Poole

District Councillor Bob Filmer was also in attendance as was three members of the public

81.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillor Francis Kidner County Councillor Mark Healey and PC Sheila Dickenson

81.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
81.4.3 81.9.1	Mrs T J Salway	Personal	Chairman Trustee Village Hall
81.8.1	Mrs K Cooke	Personal	Play Area
81.7	Cllr Bob Filmer	Prejudicial	Chairman SDC Planning Chairman

81.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th October 2011

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th October 2011 that had been duly circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

81.4 Past Subject Matters

For the purpose of report only

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting BP
None
- (2) Weight Restrictions NL
Councillor Nigel Litton reported that in excess of 100 forms had been completed by residents and were now hands of the Parish Clerk for personal delivery scheduled for the 6th December
- (3) Chairman's Collarette BP
This matter was deferred to the conclusion of the meeting. *See post 81.11*
- (4) Village Ranger BP
Now in post and contract of employment issued
- (5) Additional Village Play Equipment KC
Councillor Kathryn Cooke reported that she had almost completed the required documentation and when it was completed it would be submitted to SDC.
- (6) Internal Auditor Quotation BP
See 81.6.2
- (7) Overgrown Hedge BP
Matter reported to SDC and Councillor Liz Birt confirmed she would see visit to see if the requested work had been carried out
- (8) Fly Tipping GB
Councillor Gordon Boyer reported that the matter had been satisfactorily resolved

81.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for past month

(47)	SLCC	Regional Conference (VS & LB)	130.00	26.00
(48)	Jimas	Newsletter Printing	494.00	
(49)	SLCC	Regional Conference	21.66	4.34
(50)	Cider Press	Councillor Expenses	16.95	
(51)	Staples	Stationery	53.14	10.63
(52)	Huntspill News	Advert	25.00	
(53)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses	686.91	
(54)	EH Village Hall	Hall Hire	27.00	
(55)	CRM	IT Support – October	29.99	6.00
(56)	Mrs L Birt	Travel Expenses – Regional Conference	32.40	
(57)	SLCC	Regional Conference (JS)	65.00	13.00
(58)	Mrs V Shellard	Travel Expenses & Stationery	49.86	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid.

81.6 Resolutions

- (1) To consider and resolve to approve the Parish Council's Delegated Powers

Resolved to approve

- (2) To resolve to appoint IAC Internal Audit & Compliance as the Parish Council's Internal Auditors at the quoted sum of £185.00 plus vat

Resolved to wait to receive an expected quotation from Polden Accountants.

- (3) To appoint an additional Councillor to the Planning Committee and Open Spaces Committee in place of Mrs K Bennett

Resolved that Mrs Heather Dixon be so appointed

- (4) To resolve to be a pilot council with SDC in respect to electronic planning consultations

Resolved to be a pilot council with SDC

81.7 Planning

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

52/10/00018 – Council Date 31/12/10

A wind energy development comprising four wind turbines each with a maximum overall height of up to 120 m together with access tracks hard standing areas information board electricity sub station temporary construction compound and amended vehicular access Land to the south of Poplar Farm Puriton Road West Huntspill

54/11/00004 – Council Date 24/06/11

Erection of five turbine wind farm AS AMENDED BY RADAR STUDY RECEIVED ON 23/05/11. Amended by Ecological Survey Date received 31/05/2011 Land at Withy Farm Withy Road East Huntspill

25/11/00013 – Approved 10/11/11

Change of use of land from agricultural to part garden area On land to the rear of Roselea and Tamarisk Withy Road East Huntspill

RP

25/11/00018 – Council Date 06/10/11

Erection of five poultry buildings and feed bins to replace existing (to be demolished) Newbridge Farm New Road East Huntspill

RP

25/11/00019 – Approved 20/10/11

Retention of vehicle repair ramp Land to the rear of 36 Church Road East Huntspill

LB

25/11/00021 – Refused 02/11/11

Change of use of land to be included within existing touring caravan site Land to the North of Westhill Farm Catherine Street East Huntspill

FK

25/11/00020 – Approved 10/11/11

Erection of conservatory to rear elevation Durstons Farm East Huntspill

25/11/00025 – Council Date 07/11/11

Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling Barn to the west of Model Farm Withy Road East Huntspill

RP

The Parish Council recommends approval of this application as it will assist the renovation of the immediate locale

Councillor Bob Filmer retired at this point from the Meeting

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

25/11/00023 – Formal Application not required

Erection of Hay Barn Kings Farm Withy Road East Huntspill

RP

25/11/00024 – Council Date – 21/11/11

RP

Erection of a Stable Building
Kings Farm Withy Road East Huntspill

The Parish Council recommends refusal of this application on the grounds of it conflicting with a previous application and that it would be used for commercial use

25/11/00026 – Council Date 11/11/11

FK

Removal of condition 4 of planning permission 25/04/17 to allow units to be occupied between 31st December and 1st March
Land at New House Farm Mark Road Walrow

The Parish Council recommends approval of this application providing that the units are only used for 11 months of the year. It should be noted that the units were built with the intention of 9/10 months use in each year and may not be up to building regulation for continuous use.

25/11/00027 – Council Date 11/11/11

RP

Use of land to form an all-weather arena and parking/turning area
OS Field No 1979 to the west of Alma Cottage New Road

The Parish Council recommends approval of this application as it will cater for people with a variety of educational and social needs. The Parish Council welcomes such a worthy project into its community.

25/11/00028 – Council Date 14/11/11

RP

Erection of single storey extension to form toilet block partly on site of existing (to be demolished)
Secret World New Road Farm New Road

The Parish Council recommends approval of this application as the present toilet block appears to be in danger of falling down and it could be considered as unsafe

25/11/00029 – Council Date 21/11/11

VS

Installation and operation of a solar photovoltaic array and associated equipment with a maximum array height of 2.6m and a maximum installed capacity of 50kW
Malthouse Farm 127 Church Road Basonbridge Highbridge

The Parish recommends approval of this approval of this application on the basis that it improves the use of green energy. We would ask that the 3 row design is used as shown on the submitted layout and that a screening hedge is planted around the installation.

25/11/00031 – Council Date 26/11/11

FK

Installation and operation of a solar photovoltaic array and associated equipment with a maximum array height of 2.6m and a maximum installed capacity of 50 kW
Land to the east of Westhill Caravan Park Catherine Street East Huntspill

The Parish recommends approval of this approval of this application on the basis that it improves the use of green energy. We would ask that the 3 row design is used as shown on the submitted layout and that a screening hedge is planted around the installation.

(3) Enforcement

E25/00100

Land to the north of Smithy Farm Church Road East Huntspill
Change of use of land for car park sales office and site office portacabins

District Councillor Bob Filmer agreed to make enquiries of SDC to ascertain the latest position.

Councillor Bob Filmer returned to the meeting

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

- (1) Playing Field KC

It was noted that a fun Cricket Match would be held on 28th December 2011 at 10.30 am

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

Nothing to report

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

Councillor Litton referred to a letter received from Amy Griffin in which she stated that she and her family had been recently involved in some small but concerning incidents which were solely down to the unnecessary speed of vehicles.

Resolved that the matter of speeding in the village would be reported to the beat officers and raised as a subject matter at the next scheduled Cluster Group Meeting

81.9 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall HD

It was reported that the management Committee were considering the installation of solar panel and car park lighting. It was also noted that future management committee meetings would take place on a Wednesday.

- (2) SALC BP

In the pack

- (3) Councillors

Resolved that this subject matter would be withdrawn from future agenda and in its stead an agenda item entitled "Topic of the Month" would be introduced

- (4) Village News Letter RP

- (5) Web Site HD

Verbal updates were provided to the meeting

- (6) District Councillors BF/AG

Nothing to report

- (7) County Councillor MH

No report due to the Councillor's unavoidable absence

- (8) Village Beat Officer SD

The Clerk read to the meeting a message sent from PC Sheila Dickenson which also included her apologies

- (9) East Huntspill Pavilion Project LB

See commencement of the meeting

- (9) East Huntspill School VS

- (10) Chairman JS

The Chairman advised the meeting that some 10 Applications had been received in regards to the Head Teacher vacancy.

- (11) Parish Clerk BP

The Clerk advised the meeting that he was writing to the Community Council for Somerset in respect to advice required in relation to the proposed pavilion and its subsequent legal relationship with the Parish Council. Likewise he wished to establish with the Village Hall Management Committee what their future intentions were in the same regard.

It was noted that a supply of bulbs had been received and were currently in the process of being planted out by the Village Ranger

He reminded Councillors that a Finance Committee would soon need to meet in order to preliminary discuss the 2012/13 Budget

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

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| (1) | Community Council | Oil Scheme | C |
| (2) | SDC | Mrs Elaine Oliver – Affordable Housing Scheme | C |
| (3) | SCC | Planning Application – 1/41/11/012 | C |
| (4) | SLCC | 37 th National Conference Brochure | C |
| (5) | Police | Police Authority Meeting – 09/11/11 | C |
| (6) | Environment Agency | Comments sought – Hinkley Point C | C |

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| (7) | Mr R Hampson | Weight Restriction Order Form | BP |
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The Clerk conveyed to the meeting the contents of the correspondence that had taken place.

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| (8) | National Grid | Hinkley Point C Connection Project | C |
| (9) | NatWest | Fixed Rate deposits | C |

Matter to be placed on a future Finance & Personnel Committee agenda

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| (10) | RBS Software Solutions | Fees & Charges for April 2012 | BP |
| (11) | The Huntspill News | November 2011-11-01 | C |
| (12) | SPFA | The Playing Field – Autumn 2011 | C |
| (13) | SALC | North Area Agenda – 01/12/11 | C |
| | | Parish Matters | C |
| (14) | Clerks & Councils | Direct – November 2011 Issue 78 | C |
| (15) | SCC | Consultation – Draft Countrywide Parking Strategy | C |
| (16) | SCC | Replacement of defective paving with tarmacadam | C |
| (17) | SDC | Parish Council Precept request | BP |
| (18) | Fire Service | Automatic Fire Alarm Consultation & Focus Groups | C |
| (19) | Kevin Baker | Hinkley Point C – Environment Agency Consultation | C |
| (20) | SDC | Training Seminar – Planning | C |

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| (21) | EH Sports Pavilion | Questions – Custodial Trusteeship | BP |
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The Clerk referred the meeting to his comments under 81.9.11

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| (22) | SDC | Sedgemoor Core Strategy | BP |
| (23) | NALC | DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 771 04/11/11 | C |
| (24) | SCC | Waste Core Strategy | C |

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| (25) | Mr & Mrs Moth | Play Area Car Parking | BP |
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The Clerk referred to points raised and answered in the correspondence

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| (26) | Co-operative Bank | Bank Mandate Signatories | BP |
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It was noted that the Clerk was waiting for confirmation that all was now satisfactorily concluded

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| (27) | SDC | Planning Newsupdate | C |
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(28)	Mr R Hampson	Weight Restriction Order – 2012/13 Precept	BP
		<i>See 81.10.7</i>	
(29)	SLCC	Regional Conference – Employment Update	C
(30)	SDC	Electronic Planning Consultations	C
(31)	SDC	Scheme of Delegation – Planning	C
(32)	NationalGrid	Hinkley Point C Connection Project – Response to Consultees	C
(33)	SCC	“Your Guide to Winter Services in Somerset 11/12”	C
(34)	Age UK	Activities Update	C
		Christmas Carol Service	C
		Santa Stroll	C

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(35)	SLCC	“The Clerk” November 2011	C
(36)	SCC	Waste Core Strategy	BP
(37)	Mendip Transport	Letter seeking financial assistance	BP
(38)	Public-Money	Deposit Rates	C
(39)	SDC	Affordable Housing Project update	C
(40)	SALC	Update	C
(41)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 772 18/11/11	C

81.11 Other Business referred to the Clerk

- (1) Concern was expressed regarding the overgrown hedge bordering the pre-school. Clerk agreed to investigate the problem.
- (2) Similar concern was expressed at the intensity of some security lighting in the village which was so bright that it could often appear to be oncoming vehicles or indeed to be of sufficient intensity to dazzle,
- (3) **Resolved** that pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of item 81.4.3 Chairman’s Collarette which was deferred from the start of the meeting.

The Chairman Mrs T J Salway retired from the meeting at this point.

The clerk advised the meeting as to the costings involved and indeed the members were shown two alternative designs. He then made a suggestion as to how this could be purchased and it was subsequently agreed that he should follow up on the idea put forward.

81.12 Date of next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting 19th December 2011