



EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Vice Chairman invited Police Sergeant Ian Kennet to address the meeting when he thanked the meeting for the opportunity to do so. He set out what currently was the main police priorities within the district. He answered an number of questions was thanked for attending and then sought permission to leave the meeting.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of East Huntspill was held in The Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on **Monday 15th April 2013** commencing at 7.30 p.m. when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT Councillor G Boyer (Chairman) deputising for the Chairman Mrs V Shellard who was undergoing a hip replacement and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were four members of the public present together with the following Parish Councillors Mesdames K Cooke H Dixon T J Salway and Messrs G Boyer N Litton and R Prowton and District Councillor Mr A Gilling and County Councillor who arrived after attending two other Parish Council Meetings.

APOLOGIES Mrs V Shellard and District Councillor Mr B Filmer

MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2012 were read by the clerk.

Resolved by the meeting that the Minutes as read out by the Parish Clerk be approved as a true and correct record and be signed as such by the Vice Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I must start by thanking each and every Councillor for their dedication and hard work during the past year also our village ranger Shaun for his efforts to keep the village neat and tidy at times going the extra mile. My personal thanks are also given to our Clerk Mr Bruce Poole and our Vice Chairman Councillor Boyer for their support to me in recent months.

The changes to our playing field must be the jewel in the crown of this Parish Council. Our Council achieved funding for two extra pieces of play equipment for the under fives and with a lot of hard talking from our Clerk we were successful in obtaining the full amount from Sedgemoor District Council using RLT2 and RTL3 monies for the MUGA. Or as Marco likes to call it F.I.S.A. this stands for Family Inclusive Sports Arena. As a small village we should be very proud for we are the first Council anywhere to have Street Pool. Four other Councils have now followed in our footsteps. I hope next year to see a team to join the National League for Street Snooker, we will need a team coach, any offers? PlayInnovation are willing to provide training.

At the grand opening in March Marco presented me with a signed snooker cue with the instructions it was to be auctioned and the money raised must be used to the benefit of the village. Our Vice Chair Council Boyer has suggested the auction takes place at the Harvest Home after all we will have a captive audience but first we must seek the permission of the Harvest Home Committee.

The relationship between the Parish Council and the school goes from strength to strength, Mr Peate Head Master is eager to arrange inter school competitions using the MUGA, This year has

solved the question of school land on the playing field, I am delighted to say the missing land map has been found and is in Mr Peate's safe hands.

I could not go on with out saying well done to the team responsible for the Sports Pavilion they are doing a lot of the work them selves in order to keep the cost down as well as taking on the massive task of fund raising, Roy Stenning has been an active leader but ill health has stopped him being active in the project but his interest continues thank you Roy.

Due to the hard work of both Councillors and villagers alike we have a Playing Field to be proud of. The improvements to the village continues with the Parish Council presenting the P.C.C. with a new notice board known as the Jubilee Notice Board this also honours Queen Elizabeth's 60 years on the throne. The village's wooden bench seat had to be replaced and securely fitted thus not being able to walk away again. It is hoped to be able to give prominence to our defunked Railways Station this is a project for the future.

When Rector Geoffrey Walsh retired we were with out a Rector but now have a Priest in Charge Rev. Tonya Nixon. Tonya is very eager to learn about our village and the people living here at the moment along with her other duties she is spending time visiting the various clubs and activities within the village. On behalf of the village I say a very warm welcome Tonya.

During my year as Chairman I have attended various Seminars these I have always found interesting and beneficial an excellent way of net working. On those occasions it was my pleasure to travel with members of Puriton and Bleadon Parish Councils not forgetting our clerk Bruce.

We have all been told of a super fast Broadband Highway coming to the village a date for the end of March was given. I am delighted to say Openreach Superfast Broadband vans have been seen work on our junction boxes. Broadband is now available in the Church Hall with a Laptop and Printer for the use of everyone it is part of the village library.

I am finishing on a sad note, Councillor Liz Birt has tendered her resignation, Liz you have become a well respected Parish Councillor we are very sorry to loose you but wish you all the very best. Thank you.

2013/2014 PRECEPT

The clerk Mr Poole gave a short pictorial presentation in respect to the 2013/2014 Council Precept a copy of which is attached to the minute book.

A number of questions were asked and were duly answered.

REPORTS

A number of other reports were presented to the Meeting in respect to Councillors and their particular role and responsibility all of which will subsequently form part of the Parish Council's Annual Report.

OPEN FORUM

None

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending she also thanked the ladies who had provided the refreshments and then closed the meeting at 8.15 pm