

EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council was held in the Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill on **Monday 17th January 2005** commencing at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

“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 sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman asked the clerk to announce the result of the ad hoc meeting that had taken place prior to the Council Meeting when those present interviewed two prospective candidates to fill the casual vacancy. It was announced that Mr Mark Hunter had been successful and was invited by the Chairman to make a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. This was duly completed and Mr Hunter took his seat as a Councillor.

Declaration of Interests

15.7.1

N Litton - Village Appraisal Group

15.7.2

K Bennett - Village Hall Member

D Barlow - Village Hall Member

R Puddy - Village Hall Member

PRESENT Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) F Kidner (Vice Chairman) Mesdames K Bennett W Chinnock Messrs D Barlow M Hunter N Litton R Puddy J S B Woolley and the clerk Mr B Poole.

In addition there were 5 members of the public present together with District Councillor Mrs J Moreton.

15.1 Apologies

County Councillor Mark Healey and District Councillor M Paul Herbert.

15.2 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th December 2004 were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

15.3 Matters Arising

(1) Matters Raised by the Public

(a) 30 mph repeater signs

Councillor Nigel Litton agreed to look into this matter and report back.

(b) Bus Shelter Cleaning Contracts

To be reviewed in April

(c) Insurance of Contractors

The Clerk confirmed that he would be asking all contractors who worked for the parish Council to provide details of their Public Liability Insurance Cover and their health & Safety Strategy/Protocol.

(2) Millennium Stones

Councillor Bennett agreed to speak to the proposed contractor to proceed with all haste.

(3) Playing Field

(a) Bye Laws

No progress as yet

(b) Improvements

It was noted that the contractor had been instructed to proceed in accordance with the minuted agreement.

- (4) Portable Speed Check Camera
- (5) Young Persons Sub-Group
- (6) Garden at School

Nothing to report

- (7) Casual Vacancy

Matter concluded – see commencement of meeting.

- (8) RoSPA – DDA requirements

Telephoned verbal comments noted.

- (9) First Bus

It was noted that the Bus Stop Sign had been re-erected.

- (10) Precept 2005/2006

The Clerk confirmed that Sedgemoor District Council had been notified accordingly.

15.4

Financial

(66)	SLCC	Annual Subscription	30.33	
(67)	Mr D Manley	Grass Cutting	72.00	
(68)	SDC	Playing Field Rent	56.25	
(69)	Staples	Stationery	27.21	4.76
(70)	Mr B Poole	Clerk's Salary – December	187.68	
		PAYE	52.80	
		Office Expenses – December	50.00	
(71)	Bruce Poole & Co	Postage – December	6.16	
(72)	Staples	Stationery	84.17	14.73
(73)	Miss L Salway	Bus Shelter Cleaning	77.00	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid.

15.5

Planning

(1) Outstanding Applications

25/03/00036

Use of existing integral garage as living accommodation
Oakdene Withy Road East Huntspill

25/04/00037

Erection of outbuilding to replace existing sheds and outbuildings
Sunningdale Cote East Huntspill

25/04/00038 - Approved 11/01/2005

Erection of single storey rear extension
7 New Road East Huntspill

11/04/00040

Installation of 2.4m high security fencing surrounding car park
3 Evercreech Way Walrow Industrial Estate Highbridge

(2) New Applications

25/04/00041

Retention of unauthorised building and alterations to form building to be used as agricultural implement barn and store.

Barn Withy Bow Farm Withy Road East Huntspill

The Council had no objections to this proposal whatsoever and indeed recommended that it be approved. It would fully support the submitted letter dated the 8th December 2004 in which it states that the building has stood on the site for some 150 years.

The use of the building as an agricultural store is entirely consistent with its rural setting and function. It was also noted that permission had recently been given to a property opposite where a two storey garage had been constructed.

25/04/00039

Change of use from grazing land to touring caravan site for 10 caravans between 01/03 and 15/11 winter storage of caravans and use of existing buildings as toilets and one letting unit.
Knoll View Mark Road Walrow

To be considered on the 7th February. Clerk to secure an extension for its response.

25/05/000001

Erection of extension to side elevation to include integral garage partly on site of existing garage (to be demolished) and conversion of loft to living accommodation.
5 New Road East Huntspill

The Council recommended approval as the proposals would not adversely impact on adjoining properties neither is it visually intrusive upon the street scene. The proposal therefore accords with Policy BE2 of the Sedgemoor District Local Plan.

(3) Appeals

APP/V3310/C/04/1166509

WC

Against Enforcement Notice
Withy Bow Farm Withy Grove East Huntspill

(4) Other

25/03/00007 – Amendment

WC

Change of use and conversion of redundant barn to dwelling
Barn on land at Buxton Farm New Road East Huntspill

Noted

15.6 Open Spaces

(1) Playing Field

Councillor John Woolley notified the meeting of the problems recently perpetrated in the Playing Field by cars being driven round and round on the field thereby causing ruts. It was agreed that this physical damage should be repaired weather permitting and further consideration should be given to the erection of fencing around the Car Park.

(2) Footpaths & Bridleways

It was agreed that Councillor Mark Hunter should take on this brief.

(3) Roads & Transport

Councillor Woolley raised the question of the problems that Mr & Mrs Hallet were experiencing from lorries visiting a temporary site adjacent to their property. Both Councillor Mrs Moreton and the Clerk advised the Meeting of the action they had taken.

15.7 Reports

(1) Village Appraisal

It was noted that the minutes of the recent meeting were in the circulation pack. Councillor Kay Bennett urged to the Council to become more proactive in a Village Plan and also to support financially a Village Newsletter. She also referred to a meeting that she and Mesdames Hamlin and Monaghan had attended in Bleadon last Saturday when they held their first Public Meeting on the Village Plan.

(2) Village Hall

Councillor David Barlow indicated that they had experienced the same problems as the Playing Field with vehicles driving over the garden areas although they believed that they had some thoughts as to the perpetrators.

- (3) SALC
- (4) Cluster Group

No meetings

- (5) Councillors

Councillor Kay Bennett announced that an open evening on the Village Plan would be held at The Village Hall on the 15th April 2005 from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

- (6) District Councillors

Advised the meeting that District Councillor Paul Herbert had been appointed to the District Development Committee and as such could not comment or assist in the future with local planning issues. However Mrs Moreton said that she would obviously do all that she could to assist.

Councillor Mrs Moreton left the meeting at 8.20 pm

- (7) County Councillor
- (8) Village Beat Officer
- (9) East Huntspill School

No Reports

- (10) The Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting that he was attending a Parish Plans Seminar this oncoming Wednesday at Clevedon.

15.8

Correspondence

(1)	SLCC	The Clerk – Vol 34 No 5 December 2004	C
(2)	SDC	Planning Applications – 09/12/2004 – 15/12/2004	C
(3)	SDC	The Future of Council Housing in Sedgemoor	C
(4)	Somerset <i>Direct</i>	Contacting Council Services <i>in Somerset</i>	C
(5)	SCC	Parish Survey 2003/04	C
(6)	SDC Highways	Temporary Road Closure – 38 Main Road W Huntspill	NB
(7)	SDC	Your Guide to Winter Services in Somerset	C
(8)	SDC	Planning Applications – 16/12/2004 to 22/12/2004	C
(9)	SDC	Planning Application – 23/12/2004 to 29/12/2004	C
(10)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> – Issue 597 – 10 th January 2004	C
(11)	Village Appraisal	Committee Minutes	C
(12)	SDC	Events 2005	C
(13)	SDC	Sedgemoor Charter for Local Councils	BP
(14)	Plus Services	Local Councils Update	C
(15)	FOI	Poster – Your Right to Know	NB
(16)	Clerks & Councils	“Direct” January 2005 Issue 37	C
(17)		Suppliers Guide & Year Book	BP

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(18)	SRYP	Autumn 2004 Newsletter	C
(19)	SALC	Celebration of Civic Service Wells 10/04/2005	C
		Items of Interest to Councillors & Clerks	C
(20)	SDC	Planning Applications – 30/12/2004 to 05/01/2005	C
(21)	SCC	Agenda & Minutes – 19/01/05	C
(22)	Mr J Woolley	Motorway Bridge Yard & Mr & Mrs Hallett	BP

Noted see 15.6.3

(23)	Mindline Somerset	Leaflets	NB
(24)	CIFIRS	Business Directory 2004	C
(25)	SDC	A Grand Charity Ball – 4 th March 2005	

(26) ODPM FOI Act 2000 – Authorisation of the Qualified Persons BP

(27) CIFIRS Notice Boards BP

The Council agreed to adopt the two CIFIRS Boards located in the village.

15.9 Other Business referred to the Clerk

(1) To sponsor/underwrite a Village Newsletter

It was agreed that costings should be prepared before the Council could reconsider the subject.

Date of next Meeting

Monday 21st February 2005 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Planning Committee – 7th February 2005 – New Village Hall

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 pm