

EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the commencement of the meeting PC Alan Alsford and PCSO Sam Haydon addressed the meeting and answered a number of questions from both the Parish Councillors and members of the public present. They then left the meeting.

Minutes of a Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council that was held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Monday 17th December 2007** commencing at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) together Ms G Hendy together with Messrs G Boyer F Kidner N Litton R Puddy and the clerk Mr B Poole

In addition there were two members of the public present together with District Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton County Councillor Mark Healey PC Aland Alsford and PCSO Sam Haydon.

“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”

45.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Mesdames K Bennett (illness) C Cooke (moving home) and V Shellard (illness) and District Councillor M Paul Herbert

45.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
45.8.1	R Puddy	Personal	Chair/Trustee - New Hall Management
45.8.1	G Hendy	Personal	Committee Member – New Hall Management
45.8.1	J Salway	Personal	

45.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th November 2007

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th November 2007 as circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

45.4

Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting BP

Public Participation at Parish Council Meetings

The Chairman asked the clerk Mr Poole to explain to the meeting and to those members of the public present what the current position was with regard to public participation at Parish Council Meetings.

He explained that the Parish Council had re-affirmed their Standing Orders on the 21st May 2007 which set out clearly how the Parish Council would deal with public participation at parish council meetings. See clause 35. He also indicated that members of the public could if they so wished bring matters of interest to the attention of an individual Parish Councillor who then could raise the matter under their own Councillors report. Likewise if the matter was deemed to be a matter of urgency then the chairman could accept it under that heading.

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| (2) | Youth Shelter – Consultation | KB |
| (3) | Village Emergency Policy – Working Party | |
| (4) | Youth Council | |
| (5) | Barrier Costings | KB |
| (6) | Village Computer | BP |
| (7) | “East Huntspill” village signs | BP |
| (8) | Weight Restrictions | |
| (9) | Deer – Signs | |

Nothing tangible to report

- (10) Recycling Area

Concern was expressed at what appeared to be a regular occurrence whereby the recycling receptacles became full and then it took an unacceptable period of time to get them emptied. Councillor Mrs Moreton confirmed that she had had discussions with the appropriate SDC department and was assured that they would see that the receptacles were hopefully emptied more speedily in the future.

- (11) Millennium Stones – Name Plate

It was reported that investigations as to the appropriate inscription was still on going.

- (12) Millennium Stones – Removal of

Resolved that no action would be taken on the re-siting of the Bason Bridge stone.

This resolution was agreed upon on the basis that the site of the stone had been amended once at the behest of Mrs & Miss Tripp who had in fact agreed upon the current location and as a result a licence had subsequently been signed by the Parish Council with SCC.

45.5

To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of November/December

(54)	NALC	Local Leadership in Action Conference	30.00	5.25
(55)	A Criddle	Replacing Millennium Stone	145.00	25.37
(56)	SLCC	Regional Conference x 3	100.00	17.50
(57)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – November 07	679.85	
(58)	B Poole	Postage – November 07	7.82	
(59)	Mr J R Bennett	Bench Seats/Picnic Bench	45.00	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid.

Planning**(1) To receive an update on the following outstanding applications****25/07/00029 – Approved 29/11/07**

Erection 21 dwellings garages and formation of access
Smithy Farm Chapel Lane East Huntspill

JS**25/07/00035 – Withdrawn 25/10/07**

Erection of two flats with parking and associated works
Land to the rear of 36 Church Road

GH**25/07/00037 – Withdrawn 30/10/07**

Retention of use of land to store caravans
Land at Pike Hill Farm New Road East Huntspill

25/07/00039 – Refused 05/12/07

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 – Approved 30/10/07

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

25/07/00042 – Approved 07/11/07

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

25/07/00043– Approved 19/11/07

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

TJS**25/07/00044 – Approved 30/11/07**

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

RP**25/07/00045 – Approved 14/12/07**

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

RP**(2) To consider and respond to the following planning applications****25/07/00046 – Committee 08/01/07**

Retention of use of land as an operating site for 4 vehicles and trailers used in agricultural haulage
Land to the east of Meade Farm New Road East Huntspill

The Council recommended approval of this application for the following reasons:-

East Huntspill as a community is heavily reliant on local employment being provided for its inhabitants and it is understood that currently this business employs four people from the village - a facility that would be lost if this application is allowed to fall.

The Parish Council is of the view that this application is wholly consistent with the Employment and Economic Development Policies as set out in the authority's Local Plan 1991 -2011 especially Policies E6/7&8

To the Parish Councils knowledge a business of this type and style has been carried out from this location far in excess of ten years

It is the view of the Parish Council that this application should have never been necessary in the first instance due to it being a continuing established business and to now attempt to close a much needed business that employs local villagers is a travesty. It is difficult enough to find sufficient employment for local people and thus avoiding a need for the local villager to seek employment further a field and thus becoming another migrant worker with all the carbon footprint that that would entail.

25/07/00047

Erection of two storey extension to west elevation partly on site of conservatory (to be demolished)
6 Chapel Lane East Huntspill

25/07/00048

Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension
2 Newmans Lane Basonbridge Highbridge

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45.7 Open Spaces - To receive reports from the brief holders

- (1) Playing Field KB

It was announced that County Councillor Mark Healey had made available the sum of £1,000 as a contribution towards the proposed youth shelter.

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

Councillor Gordon Boyer reported on a meeting he had attended on the 16th October in respect to Footpaths & Bridleways.

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

Councillor Nigel Litton asked the clerk if he had received any communications recently from Mr Martin Hills of the SCC to which he replied that he had not.

It was agreed that the clerk should respond to the recently circulated consultation in respect to the proposed weight restrictions experiment they intended to implement.

- (4) Other

None

45.8 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall RP

Councillor Ray Puddy reported that the Management Committee had recently applied for a grant to assist in completing the car park.

- (2) SALC BP
(3) Cluster Group VS

- (4) Councillors

- (i) Councillor Gerry Hendy

She asked whether or not anything could be done regarding the current dilapidated state of the telephone box. The Clerk confirmed that he would endeavour to make contact with BT to see if anything could be done to bring it back up to an acceptable standard.

(ii) Councillor Nigel Litton

He asked what progress if any had been made with the replacement of the destroyed Bus Shelter/Post Box at Watchfield. The clerk explained the background to the Bus Shelter in as much that it had originally been constructed by Burnham Without Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that he would make some enquiries in respect to both the Bus Shelter and the Post Box.

(5) District Councillors

Mrs Moreton gave a short account of the type of cuts that might be made by SDC when it meets on the 16th January in order to achieve 1.8 million round of cuts.

She also gave advance information of a proposed joint meeting with West Huntspill and Pawlett Parish Councillors when members of SDC Development Control would be attending to give advice on how Councils might effectively respond to planning applications.

(6) County Councillor

County Councillor Mark Healey had indicated that he would be arriving late at the meeting.

(7) Village Beat Officer

See commencement of the meeting.

8.15 pm Councillor Francis Kidner retired from the meeting

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| (9) East Huntspill School | VS |
| (10) The Chairman | JS |
| (11) The Clerk | BP |

No reports

8.40 pm County Councillor Mark Healey arrived at the meeting.

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

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| (1) NALC | DISExtra Issue 670 – 19/11/07 | C |
| (2) EH Parish Church | Letter seeking funds for The Organ | BP |
| (3) SDC | Precept requirements for 2008/09 | BP |
| (4) SDC | Mr Duncan Harvey – Affordable Housing | BP |
| (5) Age Concern | Letter seeking funds | BP |
| (6) SCC | Sedgemoor Area Working Panel Supplementary Agenda | BP |
| (7) The Huntspill News | December/January | C |
| (8) Somerset Waste | Refuse & Recycling Arrangements – Christmas | NB |
| (9) Community Foundation | Sports Relief Grants | C |
| (10) NALC | DISExtra - Issue 671 – 03/12/07 | C |
| (11) EH Village Hall Trust | Letter seeking funds | BP |
| (12) SCC | Somerset Strategic Partnership | C |
| (13) SCC | Safer Somerset Awards | C |
| (14) Chamber Choir | Poster | NB |
| (15) Hospice | St Margaret's "The New Build Appeal" | BP |

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

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| (16) SDC | Cleansweep Programme | BP |
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The Parish Council confirmed that they wished to be part of this programme when it visits the village.

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| (17) Somerset NHS | Summary of the Annual Report | C |
| (18) CPRE | Somerset Matters Autumn 2007 Newsletter | C |
| (19) Sedgemoor CAB | Fund Seeking Letter | BP |

45.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk

(1) To set a Precept for the year 2008/09

Resolved that the Councils Precept for 2008/09 should be set at £16,600

45.11 Date of next Meeting - Planning Committee – 7th January 2008 – New Village Hall – if found to be necessary - Parish Council Meeting 21st January 2008.