

# EAST HUNTSPELL PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council** held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009** that commenced at **7.30 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

There were seven members of the public present that included five young men led by their spokesman Brad Edrich together with District Councillors Mrs Jane Moreton Mr M Paul Herbert and County Councillor Mr Mark Healey.

**57.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance**

None

**57.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
57.8.1	T J Salway	Personal	Trustee – New Hall Management
57.8.1	G Hendy	Personal	Committee Member – New Hall Management
57.8.1	R Puddy	Personal	Trustee New Hall Management
57.10.2 Good Companions	V Shellard	Prejudicial	Member
	T J Salway	Prejudicial	Member
57.10.2 Pre-School	R Puddy	Prejudicial	Related to the Leader
	T J Salway	Prejudicial	Committee Member
57.10.2 Garden Club	K Bennett	Prejudicial	Committee Member
57.10.2 Church Hall	V Shellard	Prejudicial	Committee Member

**57.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**57.4 Past Subject Matters**

**For the purpose of report only**

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

Representation from a group young people – Youth Shelter and Increased Street Lighting

It was formally noted that this group of young people had raised the sum of £61.00 and that the Clerk had written acknowledging receipt of same.

- (2) Weight Restrictions NL

Councillor Nigel Litton reported on the outcome of the recent meeting held between representatives of East Huntspill and Woolavington Parish Councils together with SCC.

- (3) Deer Signs BP

- (4) Dog Order Legislation GB

No progress to report

- (5) Village Calendar VS

It was reported that two quotes had been received.

- (6) Provision of Dog Bins BP

**Resolved** that Dog Bins be installed in the following locations:

1. Withy Road/BW13/7
2. Recycling Area – Church Road
3. Merry Lane/Church Road
4. Newmans Lane

- (7) Affordable Housing Village Survey BP

A report was given to the meeting of the gathering that had taken place the previous week in respect to the scheme where a number of potential building sites in the villages were identified.

- (8) New Road – Bus Stop BP

- (9) Bridleway Sign – Gold Corner GB

No progress to report

- (10) Police Scheme – “Cold Call” VS

It was noted that the Police Beat Managers had indicated their intention to attend the APM to provide a presentation on the scheme.

- (11) Mr R Stenning BP

The Clerk advised the Council on the content of his response to Mr Stenning’s request for information under the FOI Act.

**57.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of January**

(67)	Mr B Poole	Salary & Expenses – February 2009	659.51
(68)	SCC	Road Signs	380.54
(69)	Crown Stores	Installation of Broadband	94.84

**Resolved** that the accounts as presented be paid

**57.6 Planning**

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

**25/09/00001 – Target Date 27/02/09 – Refused 13/03/09**

Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 25/02/34 to allow occupancy of log chalets for tourism purposes for 12 months of the year.  
Land at Walleden Farm New Road East Huntspill

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

**25/09/00002 – Target Date 23/03/09**

**FK**

Erection of annexe to side elevation of dwelling to form Garage/stable with first floor living accommodation  
Ivy Cottage Catherine Street East Huntspill

The Parish Council agreed to recommend approval of this Planning Application.

**25/09/00003 – Target Date 31/03/09**

**GB**

Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission 25/07/00009 and condition 5 of Planning Permission 25/99/00008  
Land to the South and West of Cripps Farm Merry Lane East Huntspill

The Parish Council agreed to recommend approval of this application as it was fully consistent with other such applications in the village that had been approved.

**(3) Appeals**

**APP/V3310/A/09/2093938/WF - 25/08/00034**

Erection of detached bungalow and garage  
Land South of South View Catherine Street East Huntspill

**APP/V3310/A/09/2094180/WF – 25/0800045**

Erection of conservatory to North elevation  
The Last Homely House New Road East Huntspill

**57.7 Open Spaces – To receive reports from the following brief holders**

- (1) Playing Field KB

**Resolved** that a Horse chestnut Tree to be donated by Councillor Mrs T J Salway be accepted and planted in the Playing Field.

Councillor Hendy asked that the Parish Clerk write to the Football Club to request that they litter pick the field after their matches. She more often than not found all sorts of litter left after their matches especially tape.

- (2) Footpaths & Bridleways GB

Nothing to report

- (3) Roads & Transport NL

Councillor Nigel Litton reported on the recently demolished wall opposite his home.

## 57.8 To receive the following Village Reports

- (1) Village Hall RP  
Councillor Ray Puddy reported on a successful weekend on the 28<sup>th</sup> March.
- (2) SALC JW  
Details in the pack
- (3) Councillors
- (i) Councillor Gerry Hendy  
She reported that the village Computer was still not operating. The Clerk confirmed that he would chase the repairer.
- (ii) Councillor Kay Bennett  
She announced that the Gardening Club were holding their potato night at the next meeting.
- (iii) Councillor Valerie Shellard  
She asked the Clerk to ascertain when the recently stolen Letter Post Boxes were to be replaced
- (iv) Councillor Ray Puddy  
Asked why it appeared that West Huntspill's Rates in respect to the Precept appeared to be less than East Huntspill's.  
  
The Parish Clerk reminded the Parish Council that when they approved the Precept for 2009/10 it included a budgeted figure for grants of £4,000.00. He went on to explain that it was not possible to compare Precepts due to the fact that like for like cost centres were not known. On referring to the information recently sent out by SDC it was noted that in fact East Huntspill's Precept for 2009/10 was in fact lower than West Huntspill's. Furthermore it was noted that the projected increase per property was 4pence per week.
- (4) District Councillors  
Councillor Mrs Jane Moreton outlined the proposals for the Northgate Regeneration Scheme.
- (5) County Councillor  
Councillor Mark Healey provided details of the IT Equipment Scheme
- (6) Village Beat Officer  
The Clerk read to the meeting a letter received from the Police indicating the changes due to take place with the Beat sergeant.  
  
She also expressed concern about the condition of Mill Lane Rhynes. As Mr Matthew Wall the village representative on the Drainage Board was present at the meeting the Chairman agreed to suspend Standing Orders in order to allow him to speak.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

Mr Matthew Wall confirmed that the rhynes to which Councillor Shellard was referring too were in fact termed to be "viewed rhynes" and as such would receive the Drainage Board's attention in due course. The Chairman thanked Mr Wall for this information.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders.

(9) East Huntspill School VS

*See 57.10.1*

(10) The Chairman JS

Nothing to report

(11) The Clerk

He reminded the Councillors of the arrangements regarding the proposed visit to the Police Headquarters on the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **57.9 To receive and consider the following correspondence and e-mails**

(1)	SCC	Footpath addition BW13/13	C
(2)	SPFA	"The Playing Field" Winter 2008-09	C
(3)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 703 – 23/02/09	C
(4)	SALC	Affiliation Fees 2009/10 - £246.66	BP
(5)	SBE	Town & Parish Standard – Issue 4 February 2009	C
(6)	HMR&C	Employer Pack 2009	BP
(7)	Clerks & Councils	Direct – Issue No 62 March 2009	C
(8)	The Huntspill News	March 2009	C
(9)	CPRE	"Somerset Matters" Spring 2009	C
(10)	SAGE	Payroll Year End 2008/2009	BP
(11)	Friends	East Huntspill School – June Fayre 2009	BP

The Clerk was asked to write to confirm the Council's agreement that they might use the playing field for June Fayre.

(12)	SLCC	"The Clerk" March 2009 Vol 41 No 2	C
(13)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 704 09/03/09	C

#### **Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda**

(14)	SALC	Clerks Salaries & Mileage Allowances 2008-2009	BP
(15)	SLCC	Regional Conference – South West 13/05/09	C
(16)	Police	Change of Beat Manager	BP
(17)	Mr A Wall	Request for February 2009 Minutes	BP

The Clerk confirmed that the requested copies had been dispatched

Details on the activities of Wall Eden Farm C

#### **57.10 Other Business referred to the Clerk**

Councillor Mrs Valerie Shellard will move

(1) That East Huntspill Parish Council considers a request from East Huntspill School that the Parish Council write to First Bus Company regarding the bus fare charges of £3.20 to travel from East Huntspill School to West Huntspill School.

**Resolved** that the Parish Council should write accordingly.

(2) The Council agreed to approve the following Grants as recommended by the Finance Committee

Age Concern	25.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	25.00
Air Ambulance	80.00
Good Companions	300.00
Pre-School Alliance	100.00
Garden Club	100.00
Church Hall	500.00
Churchyard	500.00
New Village Hall	900.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>2530.00</u></b>

57.11 Date of next Meeting - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Annual Parish Meeting.